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Monday, March 20, 2017

## Thieves caught in the act; victims in jail

Kaytlynn Degroodt, 23, Springbrook Circle Madisonville, was charged with Aggravated Burglary, and Theft of Property.

Jeremiah Higgins, 24, Gregory Road Greenback, was charged with Aggravated Burglary, Theft of Property, Poss. of Drug Para., Man/Sell/Del/Resale Sch. II & IV, and Sim-

(see theft pg. 2)

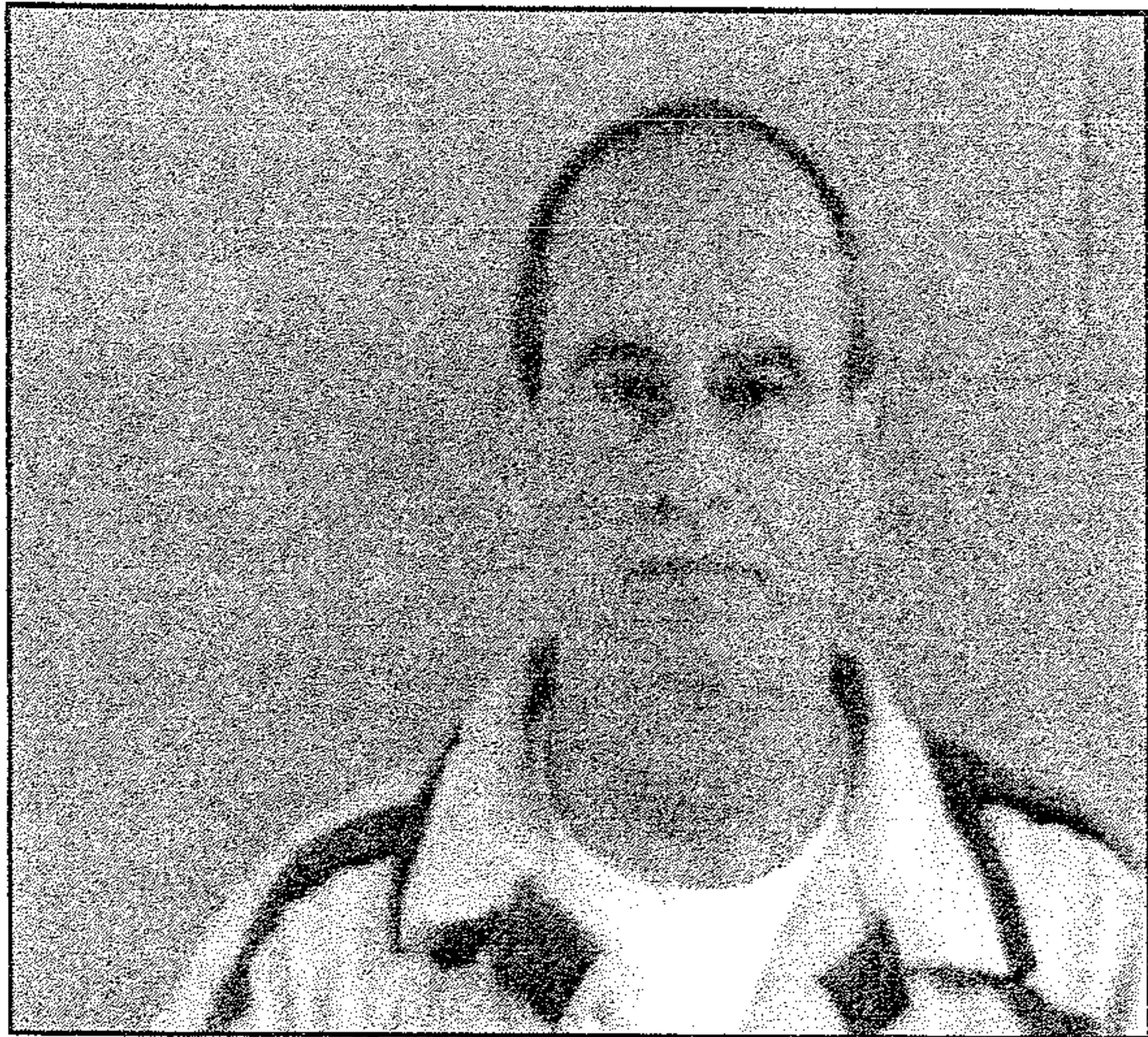


Kaytlynn Degroodt



Jeremiah Higgins

## Geo caching ends in DUI snatching for LCSO



Gary Fogleman

see LCSO pg. 7

## Tennessee resident sentenced to 20 years in federal prison for methamphetamine conspiracy

On Mar. 16, 2017, Steven Dwight Hopkins, aka "Rabbit", 46, of Mooresburg, Tenn., was sentenced by the Honorable R. Leon Jordan, U.S. District Court Judge, to serve 240 months in federal prison for his role in a conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine (meth) in the Eastern District of Tennessee.

According to his plea agreement on file with U.S. District Court, Hop-

kins admitted that he was responsible for at least 1.5 kilograms but less than 4.5 kilograms of actual meth. He admitted to cooking meth since 2000. In August 2014, Hopkins was arrested following a traffic stop in Whitley County, Ga., on his way to obtain a quarter pound of meth. Hopkins was a member of the Chicken Head Mafia, along with a number of the other indi- see Meth pg. 3

## The Good News

by: Rev. Dr. Julius McCarter

Scripture: Psalm 51  
We are hopefully reminded of our own failings when we read of David's sincere repentance for his misbehavior—and it was a pretty serious misbehavior! David wants to make sure he has his bases covered when it comes to his wrongdoing. In the first two verses of this psalm we notice that he asks for forgiveness using three different terms: transgressions, iniquity,

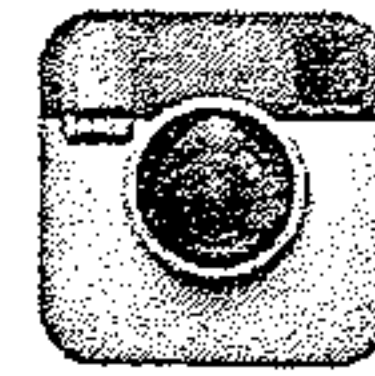
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## More than 40 Campuses Participate in the Statewide Veteran Education Academy

Tennessee Gov. Bill Haslam and Department of Veterans Services Commissioner Many-Bears Grinder addressed more than 100 representatives from more than 40 higher education campuses for the second Statewide Veteran Education Academy hosted at Middle Ten-

nessee State University today.

"Student veterans enrich the campuses across the state with their life experiences, leadership, wisdom, commitment and determination to persevere," Haslam said. "This population is a critical piece of our Drive to 55 initiative (see academy pg. 4)



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## Verse of the Day

"Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him and he will do this: He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn, the justice of your cause like the noonday sun." — Psalm 37:5-6

## Obituaries

see inside Wazzup

Wow what a wild weekend for basketball fans. How 'bout Harriman High School, Wow, wow, wow is all you can say. Pride all around the area.

## Weather

Today: Except for a few afternoon clouds, mainly sunny. High 67F.

Tonight: Partly cloudy in the evening. Thun-

derstorms developing after midnight. Low 53F.

Tuesday Thunderstorms likely. High near 70F.

Tuesday Night Show- (Continued on page 6)



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**Theft**

ple Possession.

Deputy Ron DeLand LCSO, was dispatched to East Lee Hwy. to make a report on a possible Breaking and Entering in progress. Deputies Scarbrough and Deland arrived on scene and

made contact with the complainant. She stated the people living at the residence are in jail and nobody should be in the residence. We noticed two vehicles parked behind the residence and appeared to be loaded with personal belongings from the residence. Inside the residence Depu-

ties made contact with a female "Kaytlynn Degroodt". She stated she had permission to be in the residence and got permission from a friend and that there is another person with her there in the Outbuilding behind the

residence. Deputy made then made contact with a Jeremiah Higgins". He stated the same and said he had a key to get

(see theft ctd. pg. 4)

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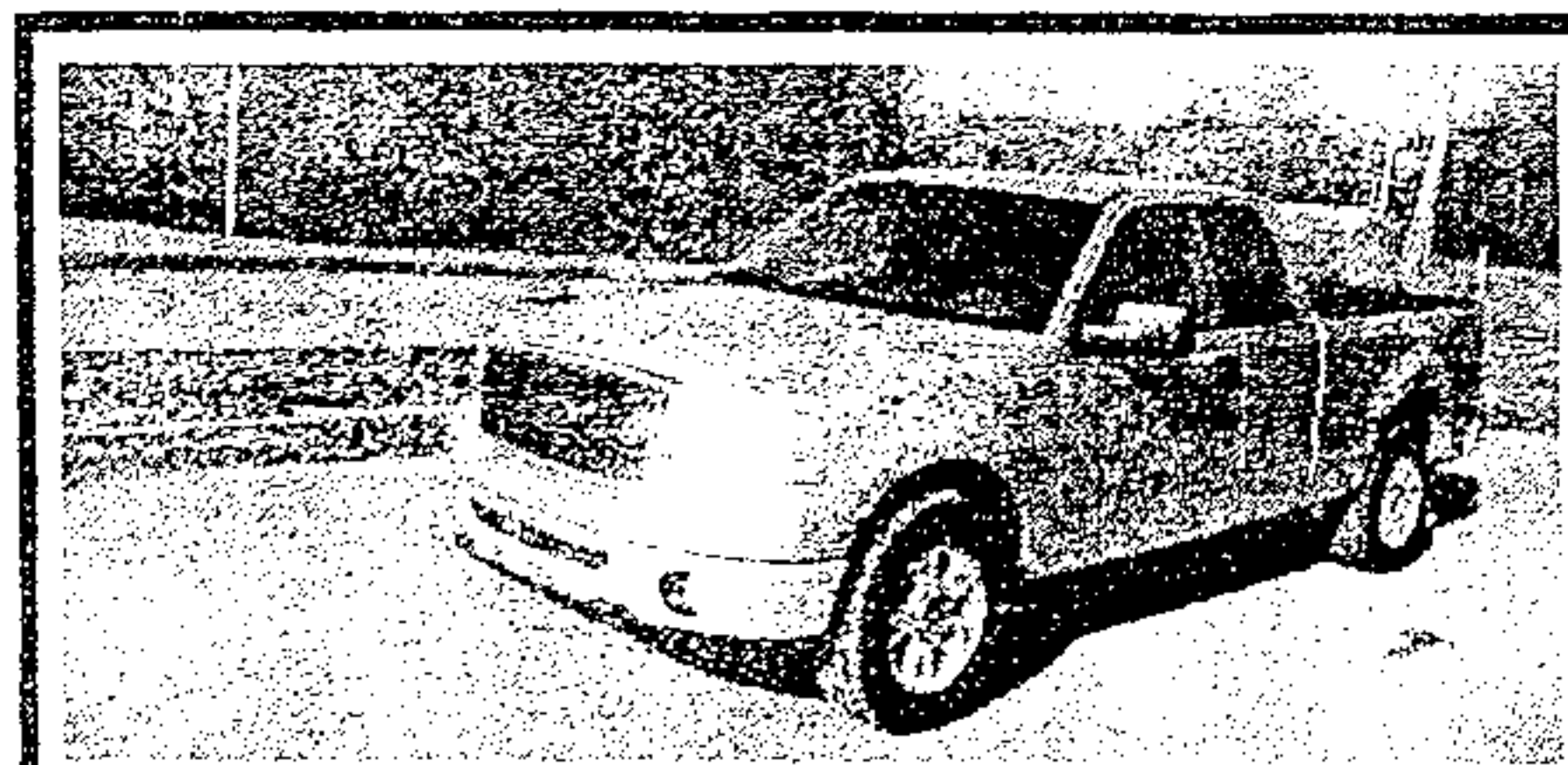
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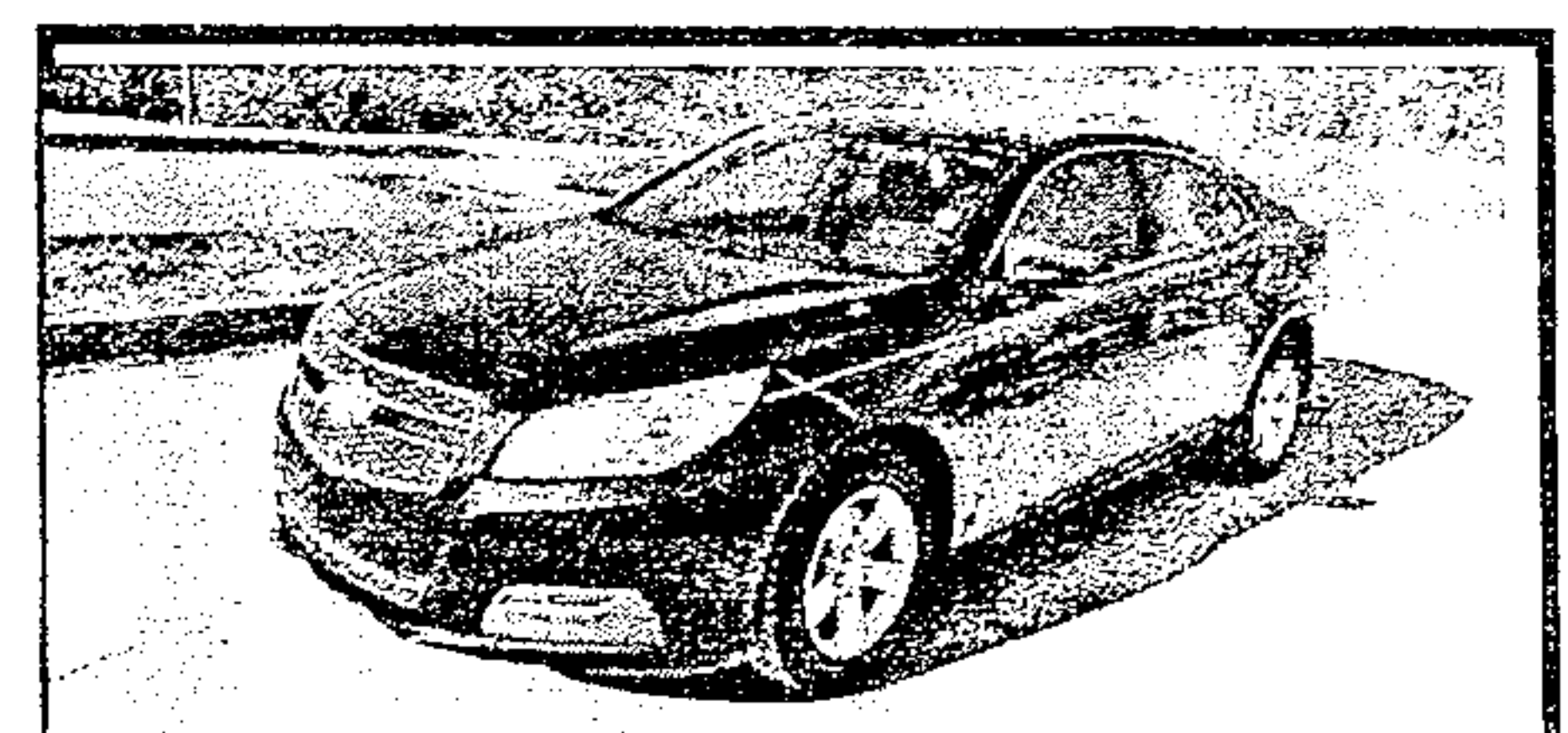
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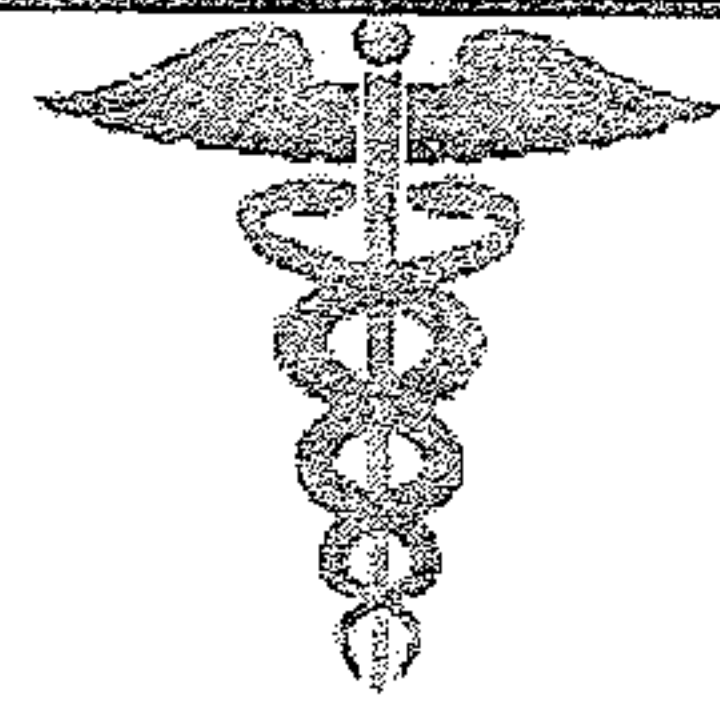
viduals charged in this conspiracy. He and other members of the Chicken Head Mafia looked out and protected each other during the meth trafficking conspiracy. Hopkins also belonged to the Copperhead Motorcycle Club. At times, Hopkins admitted that he obtained eight to 10 ounces of meth per week from co-defendant Rick Munsey, 48, of Del Rio, Tenn. Hopkins sold

meth to a large customer base in and around Hamblen County, Tenn.

Law enforcement agencies participating in the investigation included the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Hamblen County Sheriff's Office, Morristown Police Department and Third and Fourth District Judicial Drug Task Forces. Assistant U.S. Attorney Wayne

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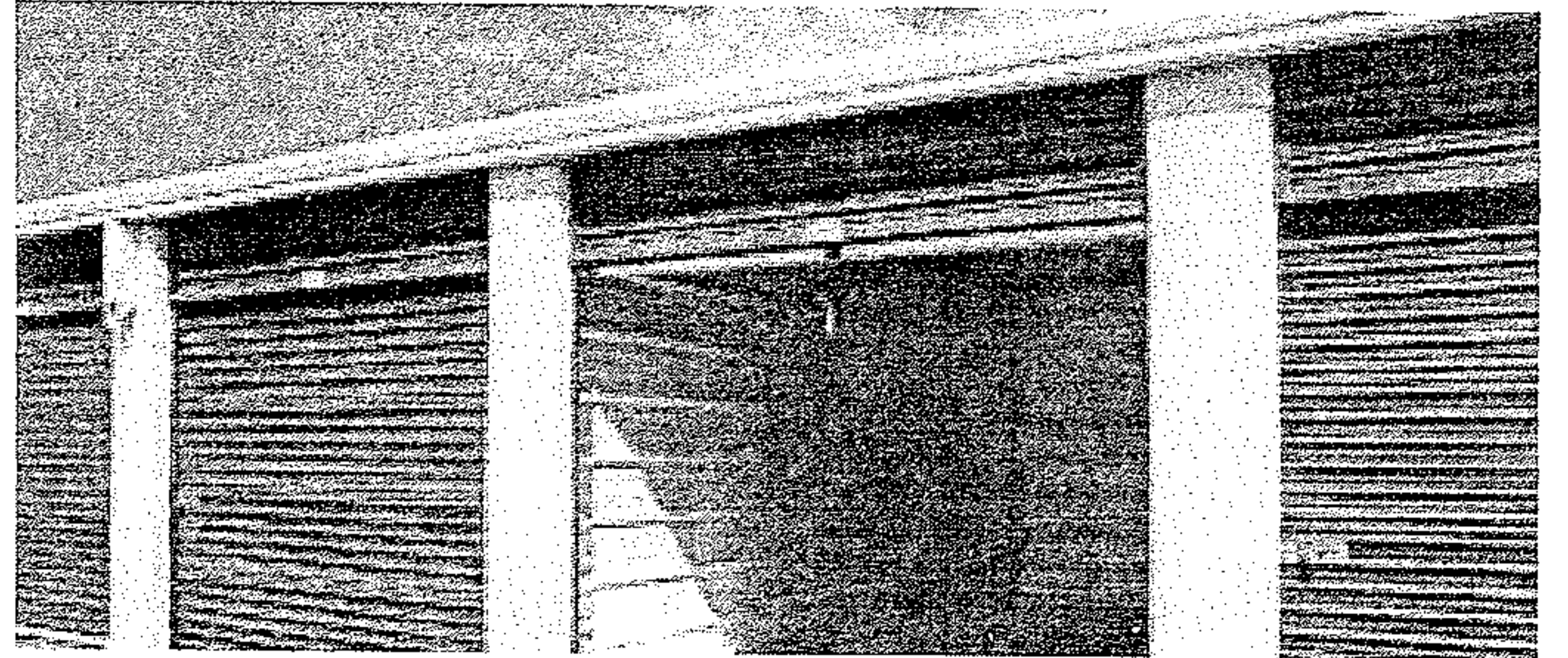
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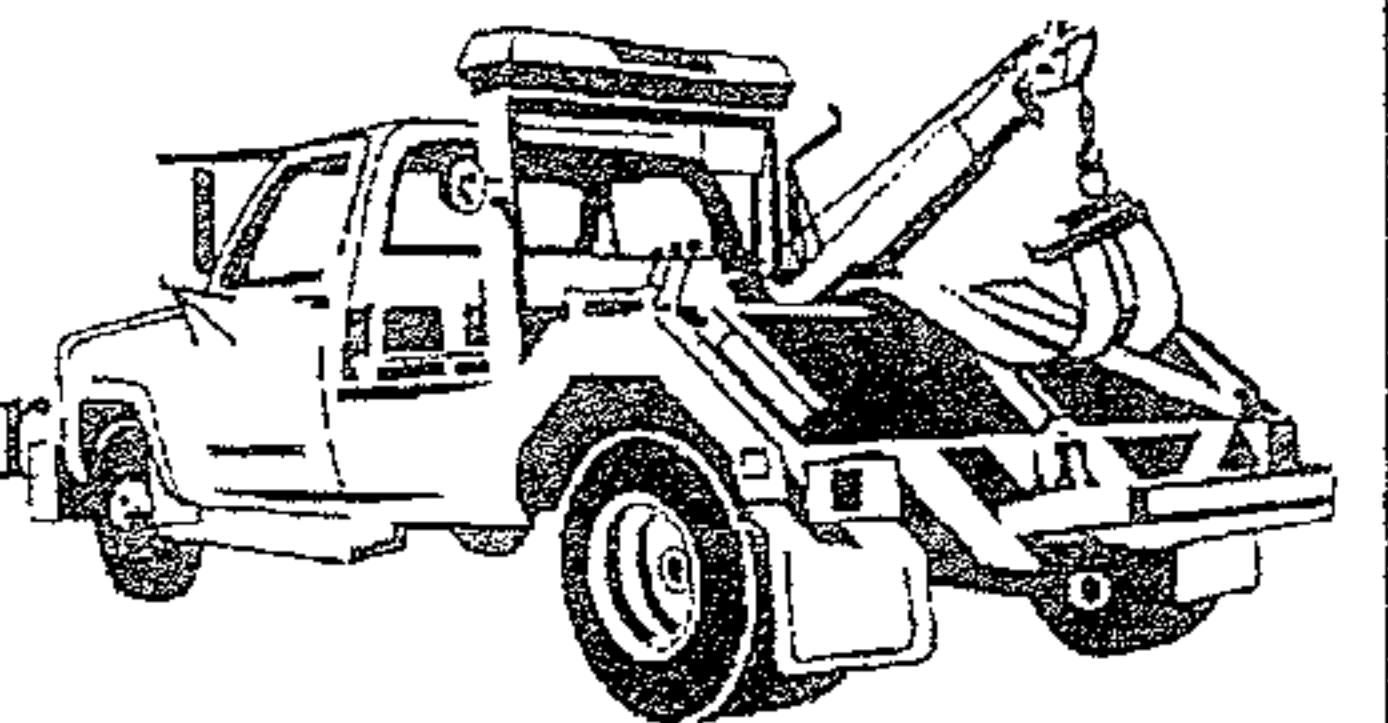
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## academy

to increase the number of Tennesseans with a postsecondary degree or credential to 55 percent by 2025."

Haslam established the Veterans Education Task Force in November 2013. The Veteran Education Academy, Tennessee Veteran Reconnect Competitive Funding Grant and NextChapterTN portal for veteran jobs, education and business resources were the three recommendations from the Task Force approved by Haslam in 2014. The first Statewide Veteran Education Academy was hosted at Austin Peay State University in March, 2015, with regional Veteran Education Academies hosted at University of Memphis in May, 2016, University of Tennessee at Knoxville in August, 2016 and Lipscomb University in October, 2016.

"These events have helped to strengthen the campus network through a shared commitment to student vet-

eran success through improved data collection, information sharing and utilizing best practices to address transitional challenges," Grinder said. "We still have a ton of work to do when it comes

to measuring graduation and persistence rates, but we believe our campus partners see a tremendous value to supporting student veterans through improved data collection."

Attendees also received presentations from Student Veterans of America (SVA), Tennessee Higher Education Commission (THEC), Tennessee Board of Regents (TBR) and the Tennessee Army National Guard.

Grinder also presented the state's first Transformational Award to Middle Tennessee State University Systems Analyst Janae Peterson for the development of the most comprehensive data collection program now being shared across the Volunteer State.

- See more at: <https://www.tn.gov/news/49042#sthash.6WPfVXNO.dpuf>

theft etd. from pg. 2 into the residence.

Deputy spoke with the owner of the residence, She stated their shouldn't be anyone at the residence and gave nobody permission to go into the house.

The on call Investigator "Lt. Upton" was notified and advised to place the two on investigative hold. Kaytlynn Degroodt and Jeramiah Higgins were transported to Loudon County Jail on an Investigative Hold.

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Taylor represented the United States.

This case was a result of the Department of Justice's Organized Crime and Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) program, the centerpiece of the Department of Justice's drug supply reduction strategy. OCDETF was established in 1982 to conduct comprehensive, multi-level attacks on major drug trafficking and money laundering organizations. Today, OCDETF combines the resources and expertise of its member federal agencies in cooperation with state and local law enforcement. The principal mission of the OCDETF program is to identify, disrupt, and dismantle the most serious drug trafficking and money laundering organizations and those primarily responsible for the nation's drug supply.

**Governor Haslam, TN-ECD Announce LG Electronics to Locate New U.S. Manufacturing Operations in Montgomery County**

Leading home appliance manufacturer to invest \$250 million, create 600 new jobs

Tennessee Gov. Bill Haslam, the Department of Economic and Community Development and LG Electronics Inc. officials today announced the company will build a new home appliance manufacturing facility in Clarksville. The global manufacturer, with headquarters in South Korea, is a leader in appliances, electronics and mobile devices. LG will invest \$250 million in the facility, creating at least 600 new jobs in Montgomery County.

The Clarksville facility will be LG's first washing machine manufacturing operation in the United States.

"We are proud to welcome LG to Tennessee

and thank the company for creating 600 valuable, new jobs in Clarksville," Haslam said. "LG's decision to establish new manufacturing operations in Tennessee is a testament to the business-friendly environment, ideal location and highly-skilled workforce we offer to companies around the globe. Tennessee is the top state in the nation for advanced industry job growth, an accomplishment that would not be possible without the many successful companies that choose to do business here. I look forward to building a lasting partnership with LG in the years ahead as we work together to make Tennessee the No. 1 location in the Southeast for high quality jobs."

"Our department has placed a significant emphasis on recruiting international companies, and today's announcement underscores our efforts to expand our reach not just domestically, but

abroad to build upon the success of the Tennessee brand," TNECD Chief Operating Officer Ted Townsend said. "When a company with such a strong, global reputation, like LG, chooses to operate in Tennessee, it speaks volumes to our state's many business advantages, including our thriving manufacturing sector. We greatly appreciate LG's investment in Tennessee and look forward to the positive impact the new facility will have on Montgomery County and its residents."

Tennessee was ranked No. 1 among all U.S. states for foreign direct investment (FDI) job commitments in 2015, according to the 2016 IBM Global Locations Trends report. South Korea is among the top five countries for foreign investment in Tennessee, with Korean companies investing nearly \$1 billion and employing more than 1,700 Tennesseans.

"LG is proud to make

further investments in America, to create jobs and to bring state-of-the-art home appliance production technology to the great state of Tennessee," said Dan Song, president of the LG Home Appliance and Air Solutions Company. "Over the past six years, LG studied eight states for the location of this facility. Tennessee is the clear choice for LG's latest major investment in America, due to the state's excellent business climate, quality workforce and central location for distribution to our U.S. customers."

LG's new Tennessee facility is expected to be the world's most advanced production plant for washing machines. Construction on the 829,000-square-foot facility will begin later this year. Starting in 2019, the factory will initially produce front- and top-load washing machines. Longer term, the 310-acre site offers the potential to expand for production of other home appliances.



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Gary Fogleman, 56, Trout Drive Mascot, was charged with DUI, and Open Container.

Deputy K. Palmer LCSO, observed a white 1995 Pontiac Grand Prix coming off private property where we have had a lot of vandalism and theft. Deputy observed the vehicle was

going down a gravel road that lead to East Coast Tellico Parkway. When Deputy got on the gravel road he observed the vehicle coming out. The vehicle continued past him and turned right onto East Coast Tellico Parkway. Deputy observed the vehicle had a registration violation.

The vehicle turned

into East Coast Tellico Parkway. Deputy made contact with the driver Mr. Gary Lewis Fogleman. Deputy asked Mr. Fogleman what he was doing on the private property at which time he stated he was Geo Cashing and made a wrong turn. While speaking with Mr. Fogleman Deputy could smell a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage emitting from the vehicle. Deputy also observed Mr. Fogleman's eyes were red and glassy. Deputy observed in the passenger seat a six pack of beer with some missing. Deputy asked Mr. Fogleman how much he had to drink at which time he stated one since he got off work and two for lunch way earlier. Deputy asked Mr. Fogleman how many was gone from the six pack. Mr. Fogleman showed me the six pack and four were gone. Mr.

Fogleman stated there were from the other day but they were still very cold. Deputy asked Mr. Fogleman to exit the vehicle. While speaking with Mr. Fogleman Deputy could smell a strong odor of alcoholic beverage emitting from his person. Deputy asked Mr. Fogleman if he was willing to do some field sobriety task at which time he stated yes. Mr. Fogleman did perform poorly on field sobriety task. Mr. Fogleman was placed under arrest for driving under the influence. While inventorying the vehicle Deputy located a open beer can in the console that was cold and half empty. Mr. Fogleman was read the Tennessee Implied Consent Form at which time he agreed. Mr. Fogleman's vehicle was towed from the scene by Malones Wrecker Service. Mr. Fogleman was also

cited for registration violation. This did occur in Loudon County TN.

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and sin. I believe this was on purpose. Even though the words have similar meanings, each adds a different nuance to the total impression. Transgression refers to our presumptuous sin—failing to stay within the limits of what is permitted. Iniquity is more deeply rooted and suggests a premeditated choice-like David planning to seduce Bathsheba. Sin means to “miss the mark”, and is the general term for anything that falls short of the glory of God. As we prepare to enter the season of Lent, we repent of all of the ways we have failed and fallen. Have mercy on me, O God!

Prayer: Dear Lord, the closer we get to your glory, the more

we see the need for your grace. Forgive us, renew us, restore us. For your sake. Amen.

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