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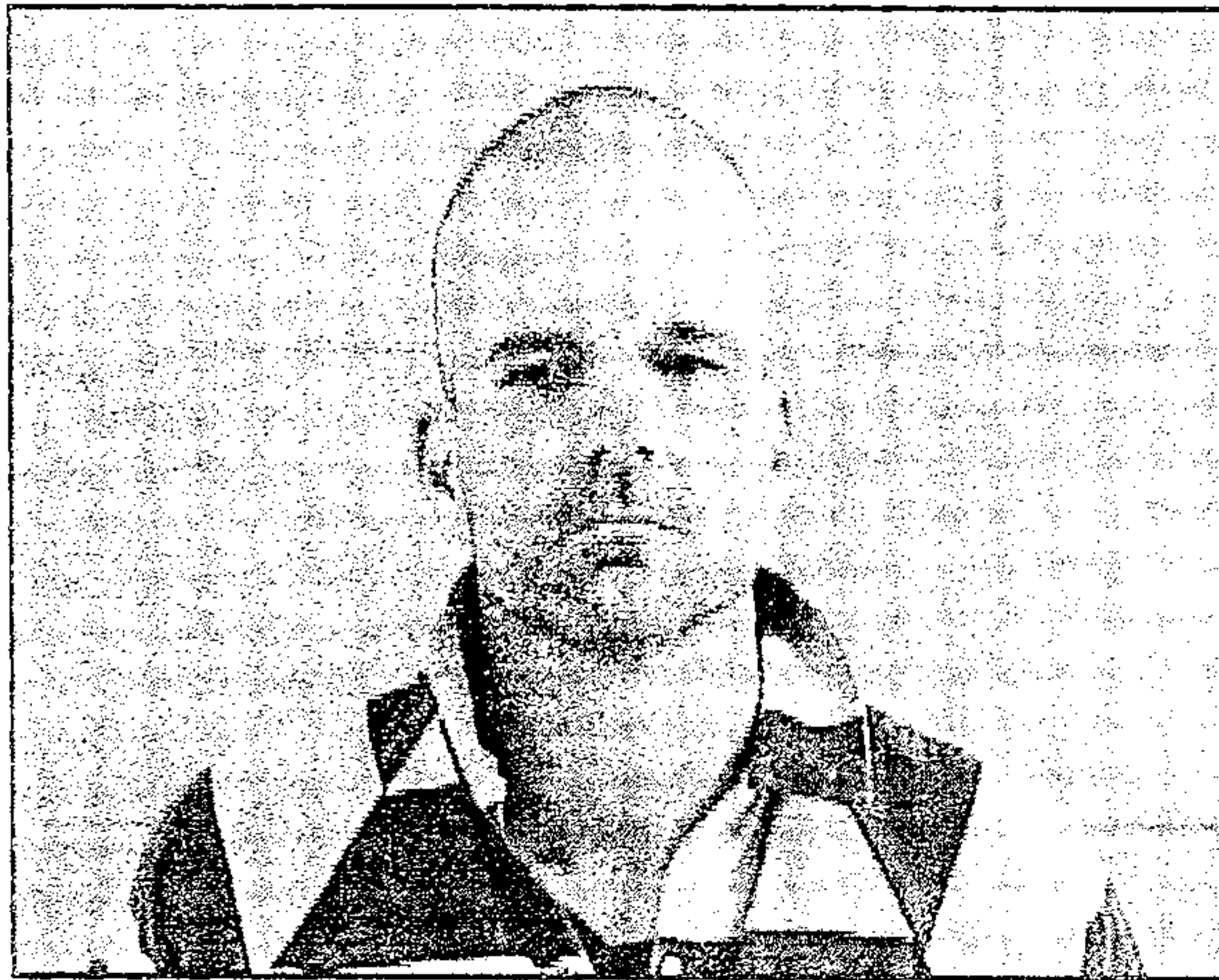
Thursday, April 13, 2017

## Meth charge in traffic stop; meth for resale found

Jeremy Elmore, 38, Get Good Hollow Road Loudon, was charged with MFG., Delivery, Sale or Poss. of Meth, and Poss. of Drug Para.

Deputy Cody Fritts LCSO, observed a black vehicle at the intersection of Corinth Church Road and Steekee Road. The vehicle pulled out in the intersection and stopped in the middle of the road-

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Jeremy Elmore

## 75mph in a 30mph zone; meth for resale charge follows stop



Christy Whisenhunt

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## Forging Papers to Sell Fake Art

Many Victims May Unknowingly Own Phony Works

Eric Ian Hornak Spoutz offered fake works like these for sale, accompanied by forged paperwork to make them appear authentic. Spoutz offered works attributed to (clockwise from top left) American artists Arthur Dove, Willem de Kooning, Joan Mitchell, and Franz Kline.

Michigan art dealer Eric Ian Hornak Spoutz grew up in a family of artists. His namesake uncle, Ian Hornak, was famous among Hyperrealist and Photorealist

painters, and his mother was a gifted painter as well.

Spoutz became an artist in his own right—a con artist peddling fakes. His specialty was forging the paperwork that he used as proof of authenticity to sell bogus works.

His deceit finally caught up to him on February 16, when he was sentenced in New York to 41 months in prison on one count of wire fraud for defrauding art collectors of \$1.45 million.

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## Comptroller's Office Releases Glossary of Audit Terms

The Tennessee Comptroller's Office is making it easier to understand the most common terms used in the audits of Tennessee's state and local government entities.

Defining Tennessee Audit: A Glossary of Audit Terms is a useful tool for government leaders, policymakers, government employees, and Tennessee citizens who are interested in government accountability.

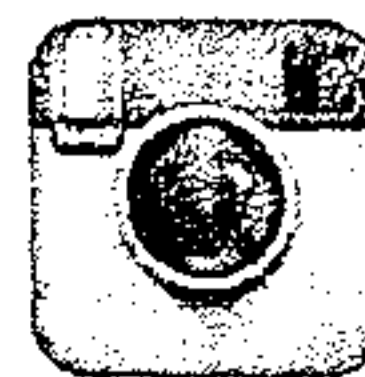
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## Teen charged with DUI and more after wreck with injury



Breana Clark

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### Verse of the Day

By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain. — 1 Corinthians 15:2

### Obituaries

see inside **Wazzup**

Airlines are getting worse and worse on service. United is now offering Red Eye and Black Eye flights.

### Weather

Today: Cloudy early with partial sunshine expected late. High 78F.  
Tonight: Clear skies. Low 51F.  
Thursday Partly cloudy skies in the morning will give way to cloudy skies during the afternoon.

Slight chance of a rain shower. High near 80F.  
Thursday Night A few clouds. Low around 55F.

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## Meth

way almost being hit by a vehicle traveling on Steekee Road. The vehicle backed up out of the intersection. The vehicle attempted to pull out again while a vehicle was coming. Upon stopping the

vehicle the driver was identified as Laura Duncan and passenger Jeremy Elmore. Ms Duncan was crying and stated she did not want to go to jail. Upon running Duncan her license were

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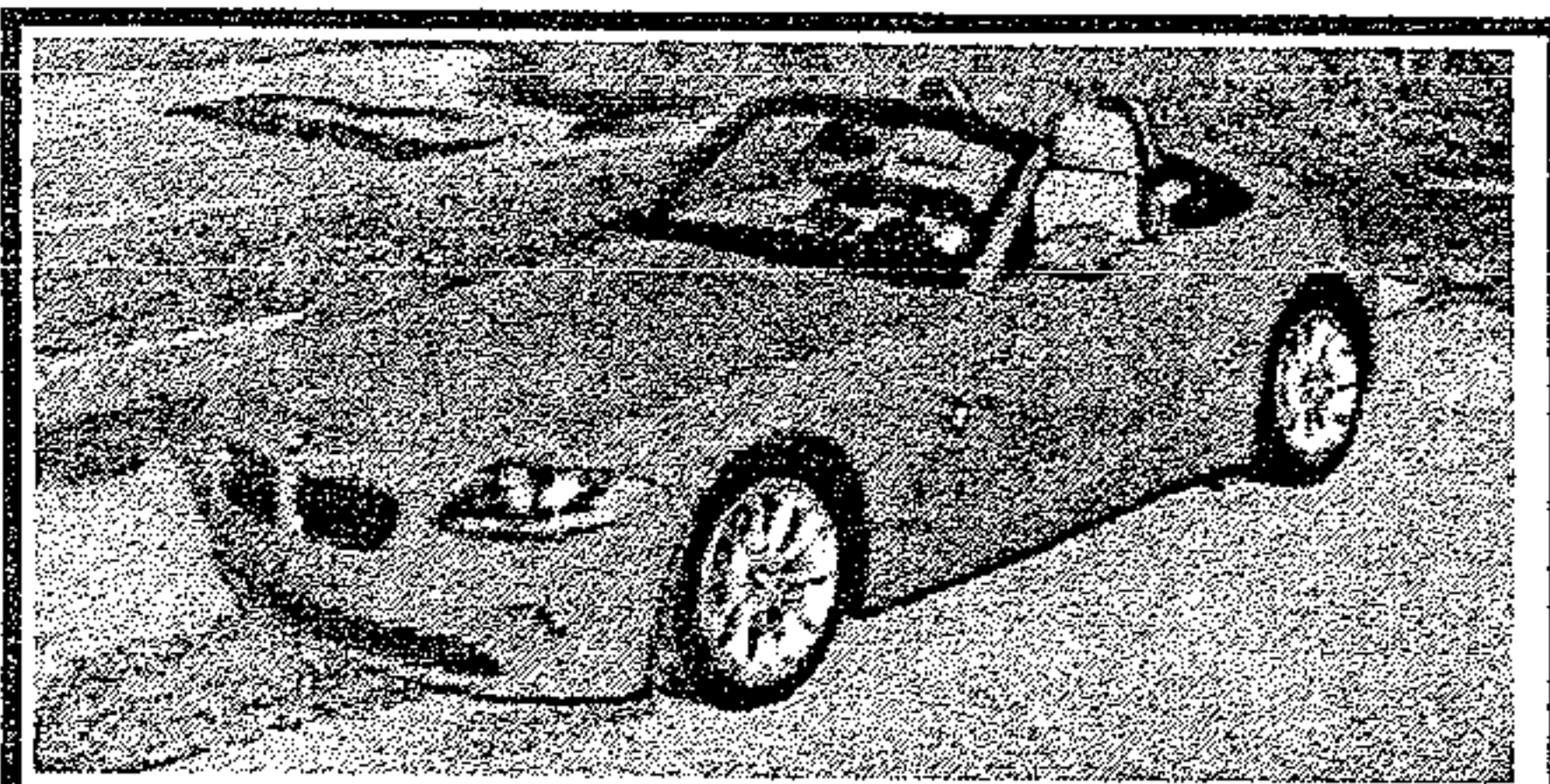
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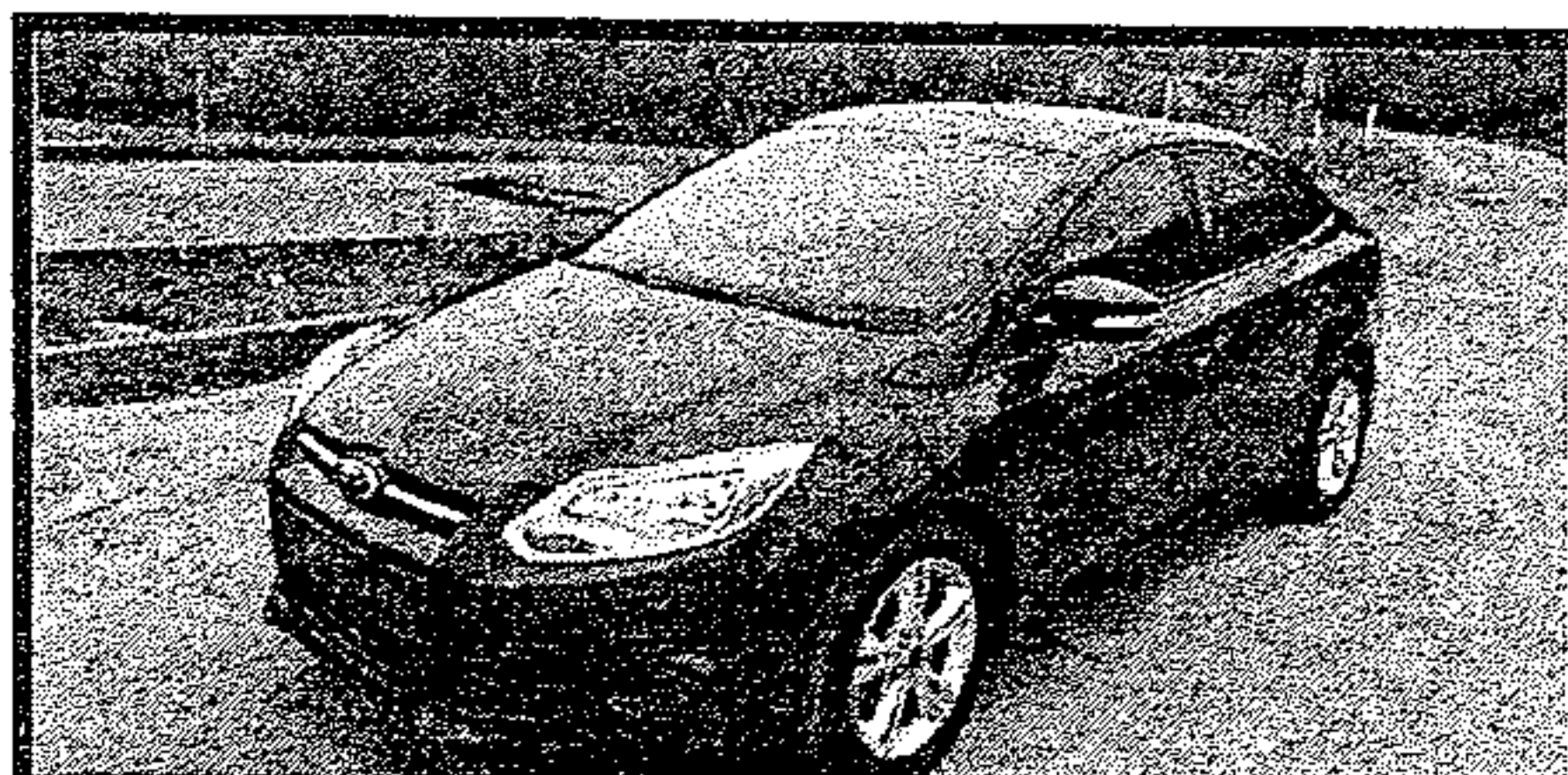
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### Reckless

Christy Whisenhunt, 36, Gateway Circle Philadelphia, was charged with MFG, Delivery, Sale or Poss. of Meth, Poss. of Drug Para., Speeding over 21 MPH, and Assisting other Agency. Deputy Cody Fritts LCSO, observed a red vehicle sitting at

the stop sign at the intersection of Washington Pike and Spring Street. The passenger was not wearing a seatbelt and the driver appeared to be looking at the floor board. Deputy observed the vehicle turn from Hwy. 11 on to Fork Creek. The vehicle then accelerated to a high rate of

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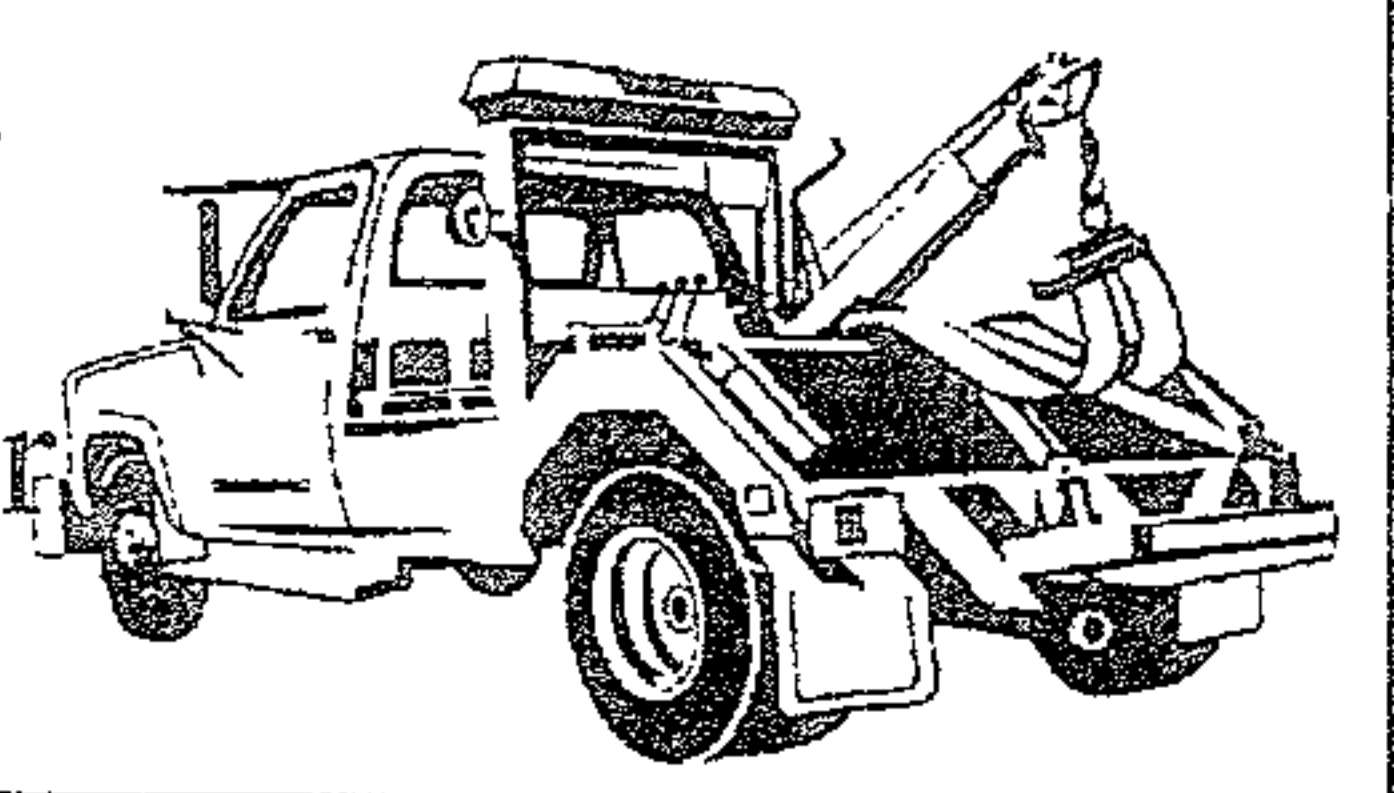
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**DUI**

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Officer Benny Houser LPD, was dispatched to a wreck with injuries on Mulberry Street and Highland Ave. Upon arrival Officer made contact with Breana Clark, who stated she was nodding in and out and didn't see the light was red. Clark stated she tried to avoid hitting the vehicle at the light but was unable to avoid the collision. Officer could smell an odor if marijuana coming from the vehicle. Clark stated she had smoked a mar-

ijuana cigarette 30 min. prior to wreck. Officer ask if there was any marijuana in the vehicle she stated if there was it was in the lunch bag in the back. Officer then

opened the lunch bag and there was a marijuana pipe and grinder in the lunch bag. Clark performed poorly on sobriety test.

Clark was placed under arrest.

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speed. Deputy in car radar registered the vehicle traveling 75 in a 30 mph zone. Upon stopping the vehicle Deputy made contact

with the driver Christy Whisenhunt and the male passenger. Running Whisenhunt through dispatch she was fond to be driving on a revoked license and had a warrant out of Monroe Co. Deputy ask if there was anything illegal on her she stated no. Whisenhunt removed several items from her pockets. One of the items she retrieved from her pocket was a baggy of Crystal Meth, a search of her vehicle Deputy located in her purse was a syringe and 2 baggies. Whisenhunt was placed under arrest.

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Art

The judge also ordered Spoutz, 34, of Mount Clemens, Michigan, to forfeit the \$1.45 million and to pay \$154,100 in restitution.

Spoutz's scam was straightforward but well

executed. He contacted art galleries or auction houses and offered for sale previously unknown works by artists such as American abstract impressionists Willem de Kooning, Franz Kline, and Joan Mitchell. The art did not appear in any

catalogs or collections of the artists' known works, said Special Agent Christopher McKeogh from the FBI's Art Crime Team in our New York Field Office.

"He was selling lower-level works by known artists," explained McKeogh, who worked the case for more than three years with fellow agent Meridith Savona and forensic accountant Maria Font. "If it's a direct copy of a real one, the real one is going to be out there and the fraud would be discovered."

Before paying thousands of dollars for works of art, collectors and brokers want assurance the work is real—especially if the work is previously unknown, McKeogh said. Among other things, they look at the provenance—the paper history of an item that traces its ownership back to the original artist—for proof.

Spoutz, who also owned a legitimate art gallery, understood the value of provenance. He forged receipts, bills of sale, letters from dead attorneys, and other documents. Some of the letters dated back decades and looked authentic, referencing real people who worked at real galleries or law firms. Spoutz also used a vintage typewriter and old paper for his documentation.

The old typewriter—see art ctd. pg. 7

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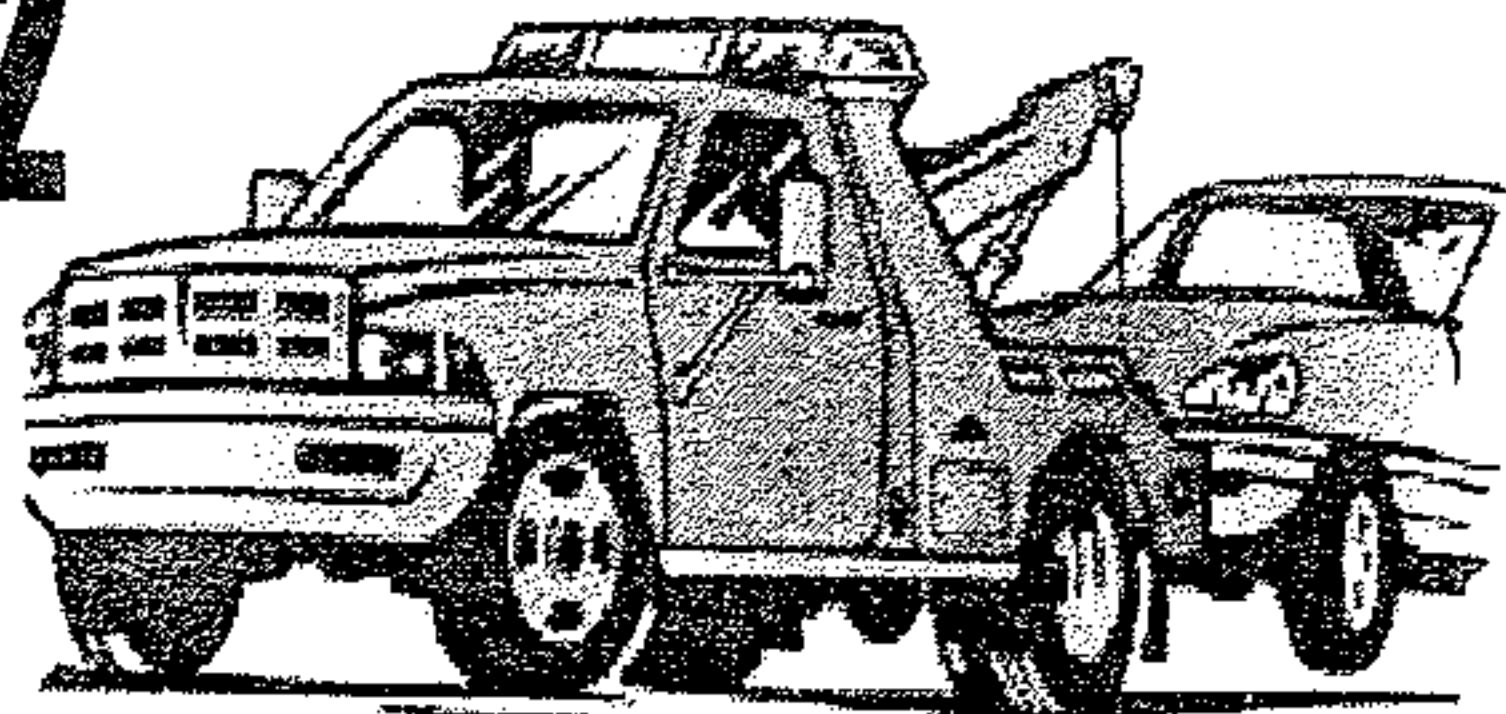
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**Public Notice**

The Loudon County Jail Construction Committee will meet on Wednesday, April 19, 2017 at 12:00 PM at the Justice Center to discuss plans for the jail addition.



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er turned out to be the smoking gun in the case. "We could tell all of these letters had been typed on the same typewriter," McKeogh said. The type of a letter allegedly sent from a business in the 1950s matched the type in a letter allegedly sent by a firm in a different state three decades later. Spoutz also mistakenly added a ZIP Code to the letterhead of a firm on a letter dated four years before ZIP Codes were created.

Another red flag was that many of the people referenced in the letters were dead. And some of the addresses were in the middle of an intersec-

tion, or didn't exist at all. "All these dead ends helped prove a fraud was being committed," McKeogh said.

When marketing his fakes, Spoutz stopped just short of saying the works were authentic. "He tried to give himself an out and said they were 'attributed to' an artist," McKeogh said.

Spoutz used sellers all over the country to move his forgeries, some of them fetching more than \$30,000. "He looked for people that were not as familiar with a particular artist. Spoutz came across as very scholarly and knowledgeable," McKeogh said.

He also used a num-

ber of aliases in the roughly 10 years he ran his scam, and he moved around, from Michigan to Florida to California. He changed the scam over time, selling the works of one artist, then switching to a different artist using a different alias. He was arrested in Los Angeles and charged in February 2016, and pleaded guilty to a single charge of wire fraud in June.

Spoutz produced the fake provenance, but not the fake art. "Spoutz was not known as an artist. He had a source he kept going back to," McKeogh said. The FBI used experts in the field and artist foundations to determine the works Spoutz sold were forgeries.

Many of the fakes passed through auction houses in New York City, McKeogh said, and a suspicious victim eventually contacted the FBI. McKeogh inherited the case about three years ago, when another agent retired.

Although Spoutz has been sentenced, McKeogh and Savona do not believe they have seen the last of the fakes he peddled. The FBI recovered about 40 forgeries; there could be hundreds more that were sold to unsuspecting victims. "This is a case we're going to be dealing with for years. Spoutz was a mill," McKeogh said.

Protecting the integrity of America's art—in all its forms—is a special priority for the FBI and our dedicated

Art Crime Team. "It's our heritage; it's who we are. We have to protect it," McKeogh says. "Fake art and fraud schemes like this damage that heritage."

Did You Buy a Fake?

The New York Art Crime Team believes there may be more victims of Eric Ian Hornak Spoutz who unknowingly bought fake works. Spoutz forged documents using historical names such as the "Betty Parsons Gallery," "Larry Larkin," "Henry Hecht," and "Julius or Jay Wolf." His known aliases include "Robert Chad Smith" and "John Goodman."

If you believe you are a victim and purchased a fraudulent painting, please call the New York Art Crime Team at (212) 384-1000 or submit a tip at tips.fbi.gov.

Terms

The glossary contains more than 200 entries relevant to the audit work conducted in the State of Tennessee.

Sample terms include:

- Audit
  - Internal Control
  - Financial Statements
  - Material/materiality
  - Finding
  - Questioned Costs
  - GAAP
  - Reasonable Assurance
  - Going Concern
  - Single Audit
- "Auditing terms can seem technical and

confusing, but it's vital that those entrusted with Tennessee's public resources understand their meaning and importance," said Comptroller Justin P. Wilson. "We believe this glossary will be helpful for anyone who is interested in making government work better."

The Tennessee Audit Glossary can be found at [www.comptroller.tn.gov/sa/glossary](http://www.comptroller.tn.gov/sa/glossary)

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suspended and had a warrant out of Monroe. Deputy Hamilton ask Elmore if he could search his person for weapons and drug and Elmore agreed. Deputy Hamilton retrieved a black film canister from Elmore right pocket. The canister contained 2 baggies of Crystal Meth weighing approx. 1 gram. Elmore had a syringe inside his backpack. Both were placed under arrest.

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