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Wednesday, April 19, 2017

## Revoked driver charged with altered tag in Kelly Lane traffic stop

Richard Morgan, 47, Kelly Lane Lenoir City, was charged with Driving on Revoked License, and Altering, Falsifying or Forging Auto Title. Officer /Jordan Samuels LCPD, was patrolling on Kelly Lane, when he observed a dark colored vehicle run the stop sign from the in-gles parking lot. Officer traffic stopped the



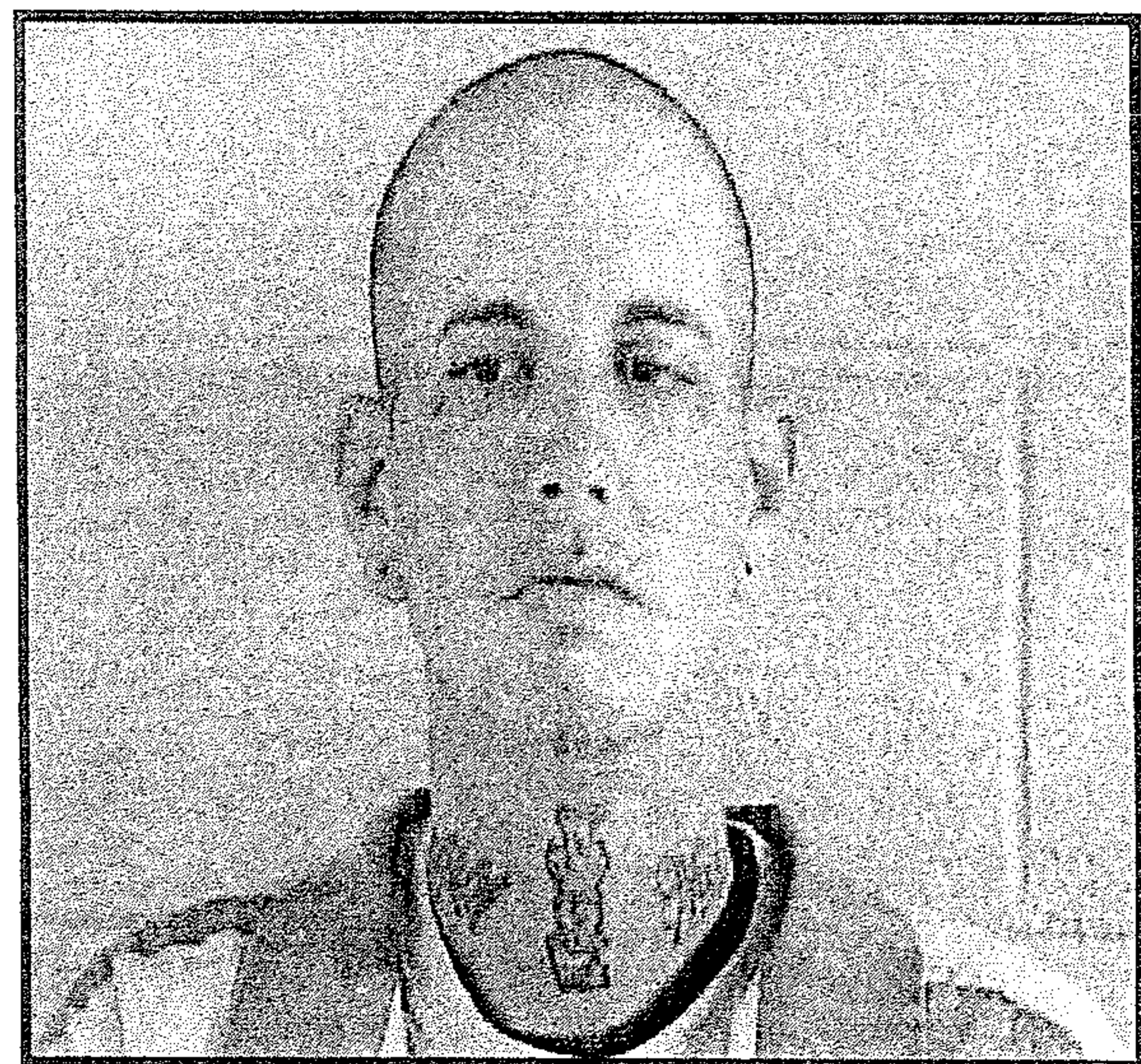
(see revoked pg. 2) Richard Morgan

## Passed out on the ramp; sometimes they just make it easy



Thomas Leach see passed out pg. 3

## Already wanted nabbed for stealing at Food City



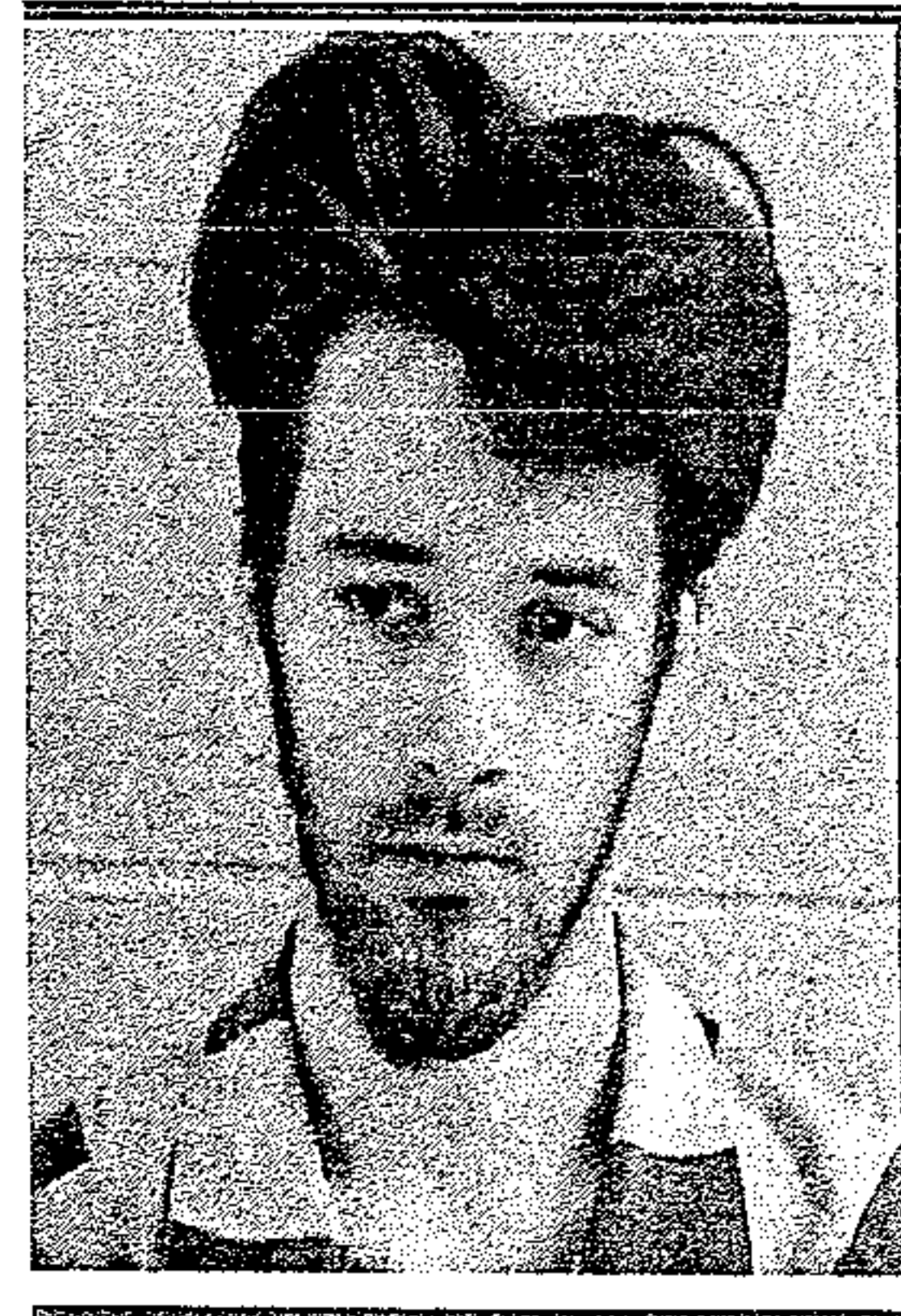
Kingman Tuck see theft pg. 5

## Reckless driver charged in Loudon



Hector Martinez Jr. see LPD pg. 7

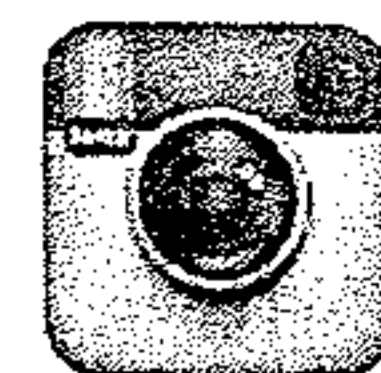
## Daytime use only for Melton Hill overlook gets LCSO 2 arrests



Gage Moorehead



Joey Wright (see LCSO pg. 4)



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### Verse of the Day

For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. — 1 Corinthians 15:25-26

### Obituaries

see inside **Wazzup**

It appears that Lisa Niles may be getting some competition in the next election. Just word through the grapevine...

### Weather

Today: A few showers in the morning with scattered thunderstorms arriving in the afternoon. High 81F. Tonight: Scattered thunderstorms during the evening, then partly cloudy

overnight. Low near 60F. Thursday Generally sunny despite a few afternoon clouds. A stray shower or thunderstorm is possible. High 84F. Thursday Night Partly cloudy skies. Low 61F. (Continued on page 6)



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## Revoked

vehicle in front of building 11. Upon contact with the driver Richard Morgan, it was determined he did not have his driver license. Officer ran Morgan through dispatch which they advised

Morgan license were suspended, out of several counties for failure to appear. Officer noticed a drive-out tag and it had been altered from its original issue. Morgan was placed under arrest.

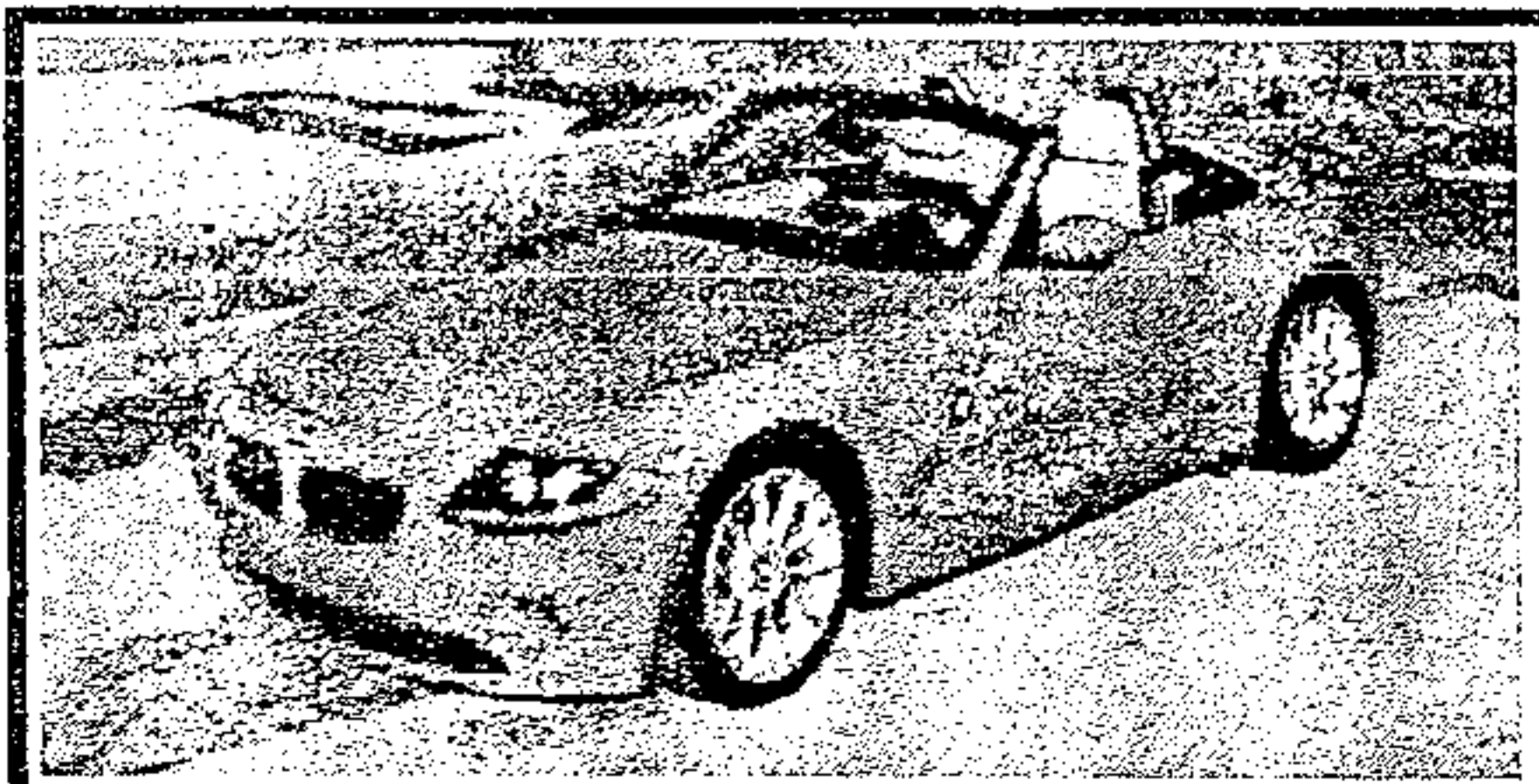
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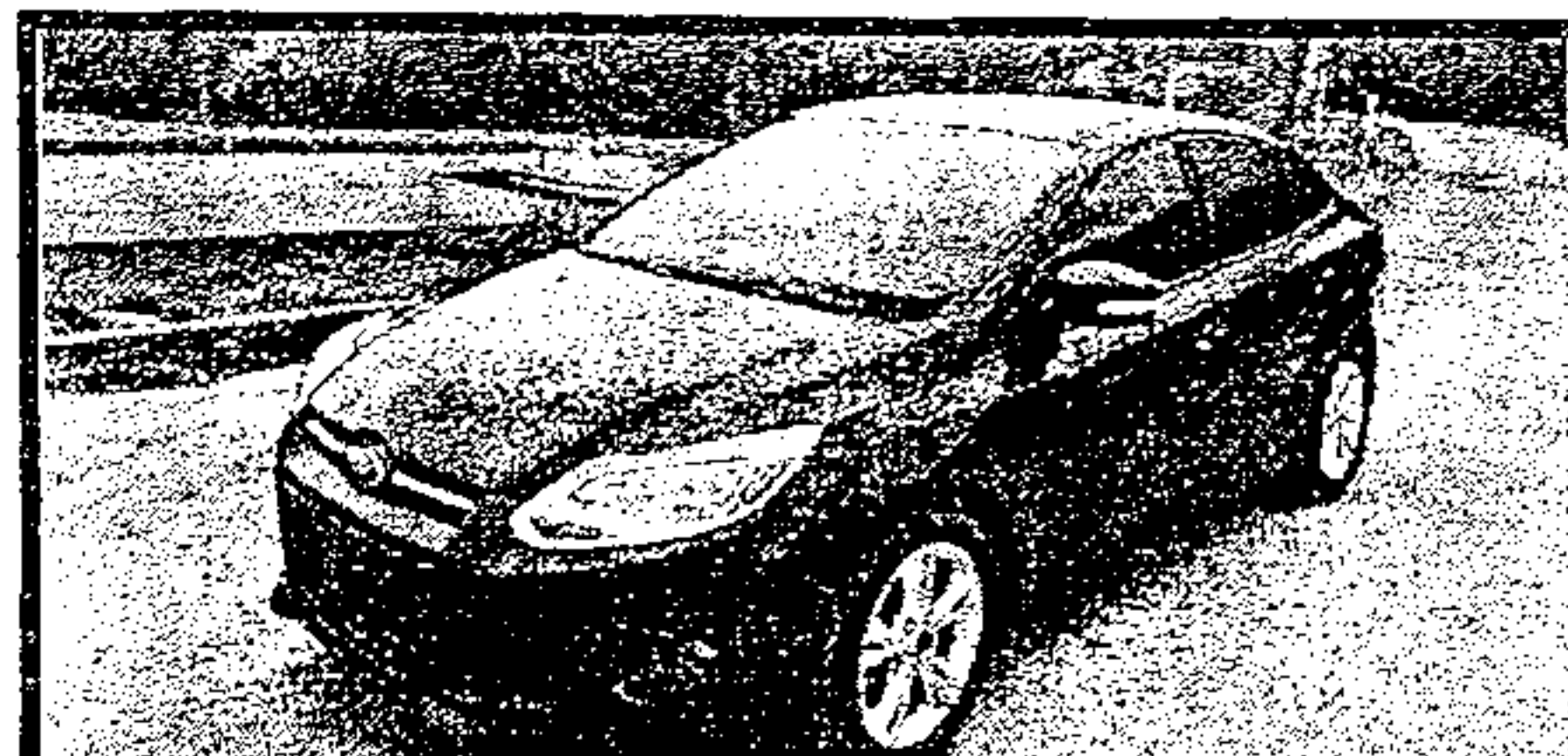
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passed out

Thomas Leach, 32, South Main Street, Sweetwater, was charged with Driving on Revoked/Suspended License, Ignition Interlock Devices, Prohibited Weapon, and Parking on an Exit/Entrance Ramp. Deputy

Lance Anderson LCSO, observed a white vehicle parked on the off ramp of exit 68. Deputy observed the vehicle running and a white male unresponsive and sweating profusely in the vehicle. The male was sitting in the driver seat,

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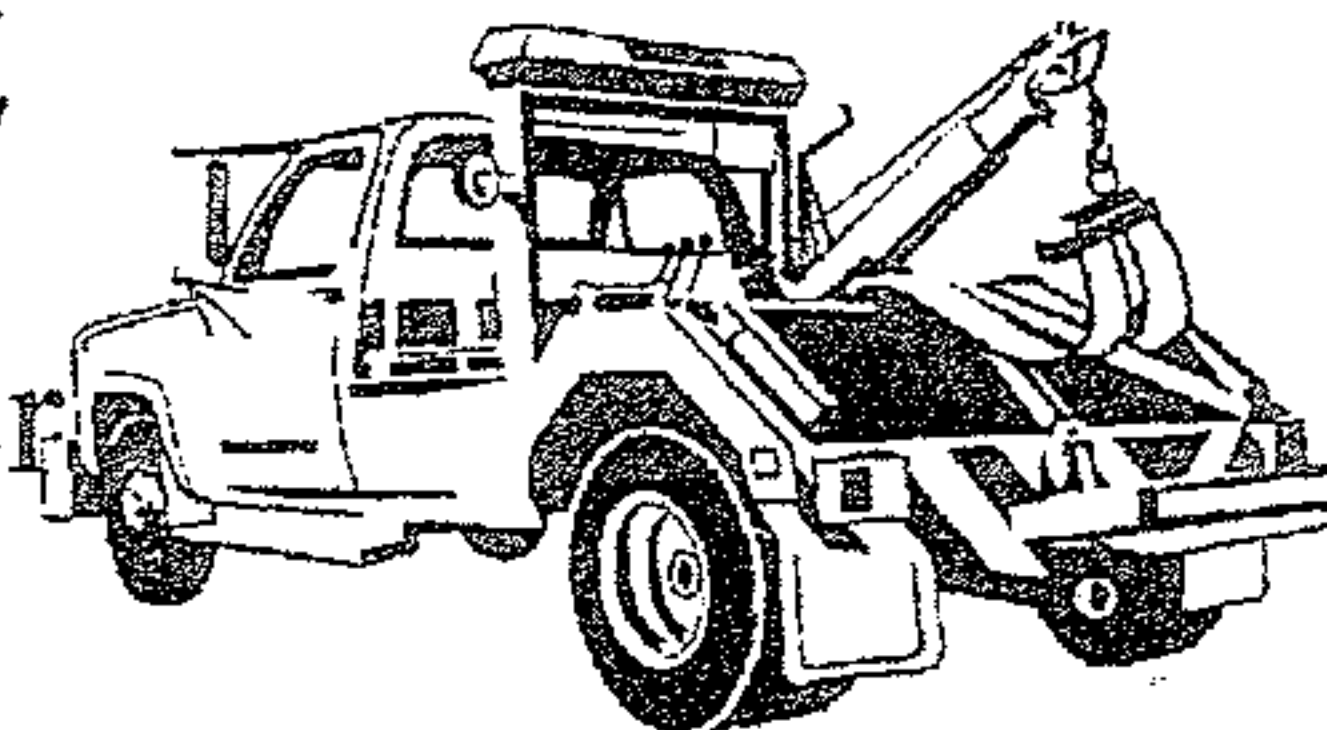
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**LCSO**

Gage Moorehead, 18, Friendsville Road Lenoir City, was charged with Underage Consumption.

Joey Wright, 18, Rock Springs Road Lenoir City, was charged with Underage Consumption.

Sgt. Jerramie Bowen LCSO, traffic stopped a Ford vehicle at the overlook at Melton Hill Dam which is a daytime use area only. Deputy made contact with the driver identified as Joey Wright who had an odor of marijuana about his person. Deputy ask Wright to exit the vehicle and perform sobriety test which he did poorly on. Wright stated he had 2 alcoholic drinks and smoked marijuana. Deputy then made contact with another silver vehicle and the driver was identified as Gage Moorehead who also had an odor of marijuana about his

person. Moorehead also admitted to having 2 shots and a bowl if marijuana.

Moorehead did poorly on sobriety test. Both were placed under arrest.

**Tennessee Broadband Accessibility Act Heads to Governor**

*Second piece of Haslam's NextTennessee legislative agenda approved by General Assembly*

Tennessee Gov. Bill Haslam today praised the passage of the Tennessee Broadband Accessibility Act, the governor's legislation to increase broadband access to Tennessee's unserved citizens.

The House of Representatives passed HB 529/SB 1215 93-4, and it now heads to the governor's desk for signature. The Senate passed the legislation 31-0 on April 3. Tennessee currently ranks 29th in the U.S.

for broadband access, with 34 percent of rural Tennessee residents lacking access at recognized minimum standards.

"More than 800,000 Tennesseans don't have access to broadband, and one in three businesses identified it as essential to selecting their location. Spurring deployment in our rural, unserved areas will open them up to economic investment and growth," Haslam said. "I want to thank the General Assembly for its overwhelming support, particularly Senate Majority Leader Mark Norris, Sen.

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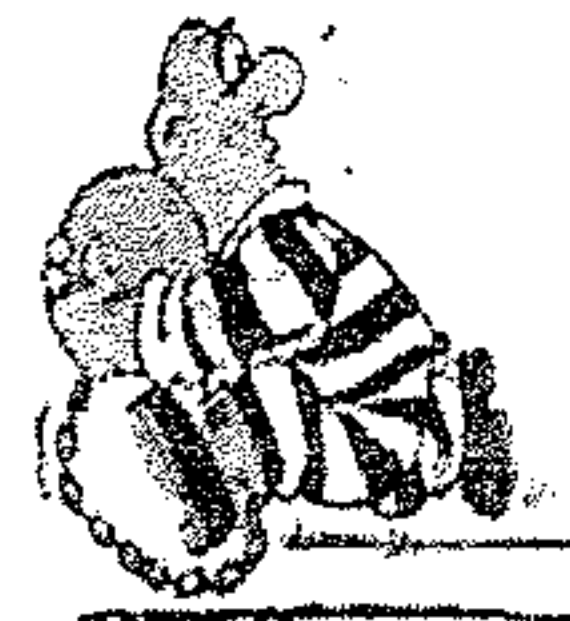
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theft

Kingman Tuck, 36, Riverview Drive Loudon, was charged with Theft of Property, Illegal Possession/Fraudulent use of a Credit Card, and Fail-

ure to Appear. Officer Brandon Nix LPD, identified Kingman Tuck as he shoplifted several items from Food City. Value of loss estimated \$50.00 dollars. Tuck had active warrants out of

General Session.

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Deputy tried several minutes to wake the male up by knocking on the window. The male finally woke up

and stated he had been sleeping for about an hour. Deputy identified the driver as Thomas Leach, who stated that he did not have a valid license. Dis-

patch advised Leach license were revoked for DUI, and had an ignition interlock restriction. The vehicle sis not have a ignition interlock system installed. Leach stated the device was at home. Leach gave permission to search vehicle. Deputy located a wooden club with a leather strap handle, in passenger door a smoking pipe with residue in the bowl, with a marijuana smell about it. Leach was placed under arrest.

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Mike Bell (R-Riceville) and Rep. David Hawk (R-Greenville) for carrying this legislation, which provides a reasonable, responsible path to improve broadband access through investment, deregulation and education."

The Tennessee Broadband Accessibility Act provides \$45 million over three years in grants and tax credits for service providers to assist in making broadband available to unserved homes and businesses. In addition, the plan will permit Tennessee's private, non-profit electric cooperatives to provide retail broadband service and make grant funding available to the state's local libraries to help residents improve their digital literacy skills and maximize the benefits of broadband.

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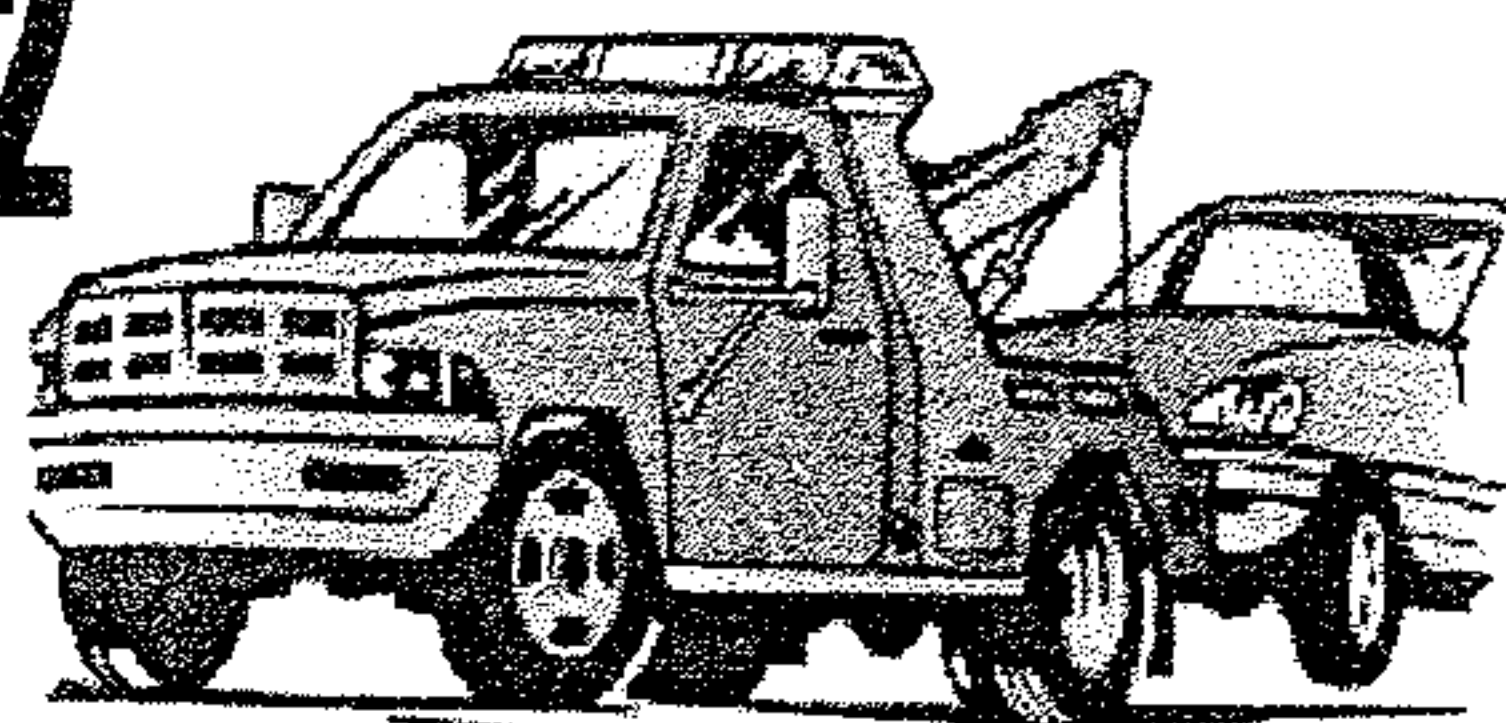
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LPD

Hector Martinez, 40, Steekee Street Loudon, was charged with Reckless Driving, and Driving on Suspended/Revoked License. Officer Jonathan Yates LPD, observed a Camry traveling on Hwy 72, the vehicle crosses the center line several times while Officer was behind it. The vehicle completely crossed the center line in a curve with a vehicle coming. Officer stopped the vehicle at Queener Road and identified the driver as Hector Martinez. Hector license were found to be revoked for DUI. Martinez had been drinking but could not determine the level of intoxication due

to either his refusal to follow direction or inability to comprehend. Martinez driving was dangerous and erratic and put other motorist in danger. Martinez was placed under arrest.

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The legislation came after a year of study and stakeholder conversations by the administration. In July 2016, the Department of Economic and Community Development released a commissioned study assessing broadband in Tennessee and options for increasing access and utilization. In addition, a report issued by the Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations (TACIR), which

completed extensive work on the subject of broadband accessibility and adoption, significantly contributed to Haslam's broadband proposal.

The Tennessee Broadband Accessibility Act is part of Haslam's NextTennessee legislative plan aimed at building and sustaining economic growth and the state's competitiveness for the next generation of Tennesseans.

- See more at: <http://tn.gov/news/49691#sthash.bGfhigkr.dpuf>

**New Top Ten Fugitive Help Us Capture a Murderer**

A 26-year-old wanted for the 2015 murder of his wife in Maryland is the newest addition to the FBI's Ten Most Wanted Fugitives list, and a reward of up to \$100,000 is being offered for information leading to his capture.

Bhadreshkumar Chetanbhai Patel, a native of India, had been traveling in the U.S. with his 21-year-old wife. At the time of the murder, both were working the night shift at a donut shop in Hanover, Maryland, owned by a relative of Patel's.

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Just before midnight on April 12, 2015, while customers were in the front of the shop, Patel stabbed his wife, Palak Patel, multiple times in the back of the shop and left by a rear door.

Investigators theorize that Palak Patel wanted to return to India—their visas had expired the month before—and her husband was against the idea. "The best guess is that he didn't want her to leave," said Special Agent Jonathan Shaffer, who is investigating the case from the FBI's Baltimore Division. "It's possible that he thought he would be disgraced by her leaving and going back to India."

Although the motive remains unclear, and there is no way to know if Patel planned the murder, Shaffer noted that "after the crime, his actions show a very cool and calculated mentality about escaping the scene and fleeing the area."

After leaving the donut shop, Patel walked across the street to the apartment he shared with his wife, retrieved a few items and some cash, and then hailed a taxi. The cab driver took him to a hotel in New Jersey near Newark Liberty International Airport. "He checked in about 3 a.m. with no bags, just the clothes on his back," Shaffer said. "He checked out around 10 a.m., and took a hotel shuttle to Newark Penn Station. That's the last anyone has seen of him."

"It was horrific what had been done to this young woman." -Jonathan Shaffer, special agent, FBI Baltimore

After the murder, a customer who entered the shop realized something was wrong when no one came to take his order. He alerted a nearby Anne Arundel County Police Department officer, who discovered Palak Patel's body. "It was horrif-

ic what had been done to this young woman," Shaffer said.

Realizing that Patel was an international flight risk, local police requested FBI assistance, and several days after the murder, a federal arrest warrant was issued charging Patel with unlawful flight to avoid prosecution. He has also been charged with his wife's murder.

"Domestic violence homicides tend to be brutal, and this one certainly was," said Anne Arundel County Police Department Det. Kelly Harding, who has handled many domestic violence cases during her nearly 20 years in law enforcement. "We almost always are able to find the suspects in these cases, and they are usually full of remorse, asking 'What have I done?' They are not taking a taxi cab and crossing state lines to escape."

Investigators believe that Patel could be with distant relatives in the U.S. or that he could have fled to Canada. "Or he could have traveled through Canada back to India," Shaffer said. "Those are among the plausible options we are exploring."

Shaffer believes the \$100,000 reward will help in the capture of Patel. "Somebody out there who either sees the publicity or knows something already but has been reluctant to come forward will be encouraged by that amount of money," he said. "Whether they do it for the right reasons or just for the money doesn't really matter. Patel needs to be apprehended."


If you have information regarding Patel—who should be considered armed and dangerous—contact your local FBI office or the nearest U.S. Embassy or Consulate, or submit a tip on our website.

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