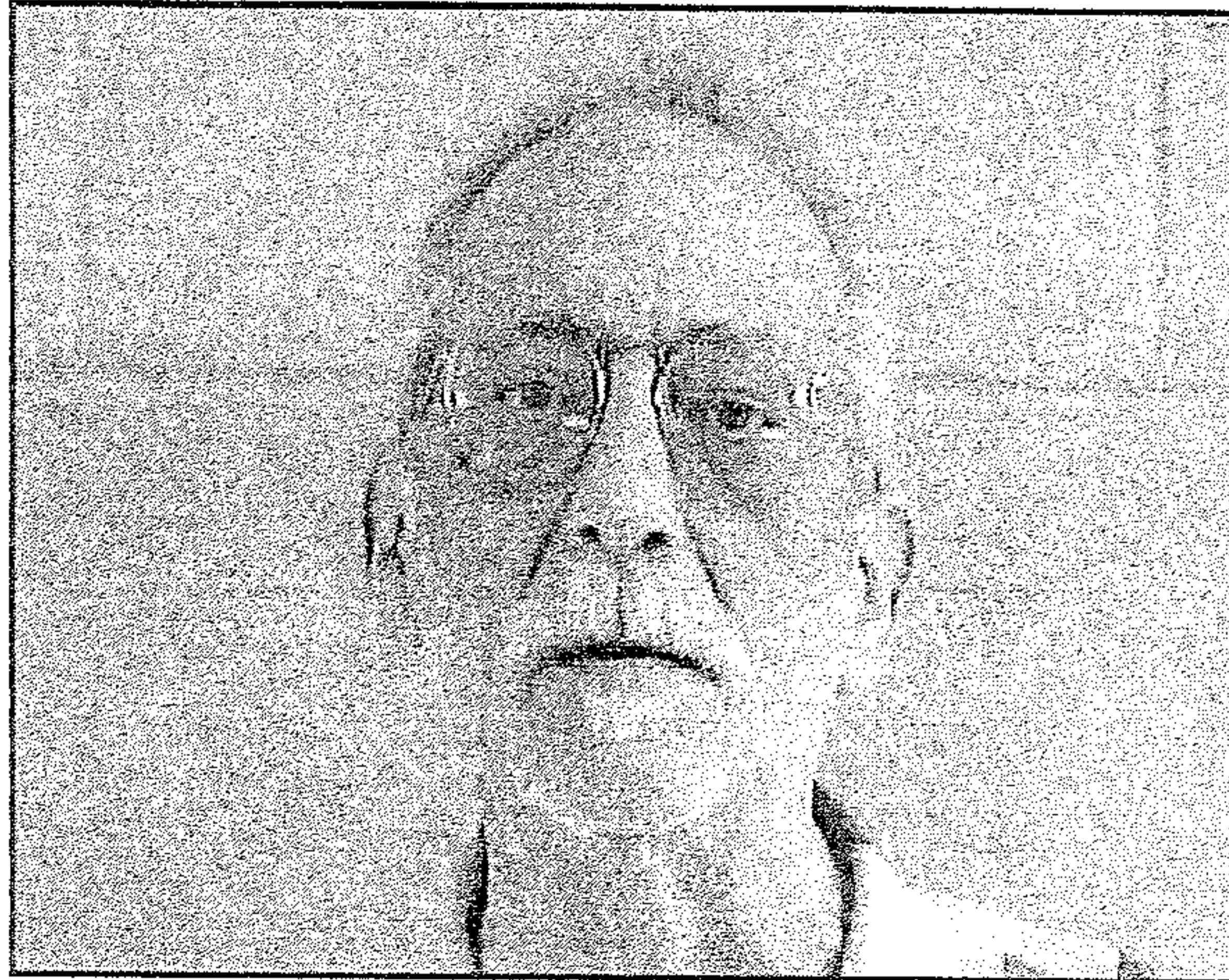


Marijuana grow in plain view after domestic call

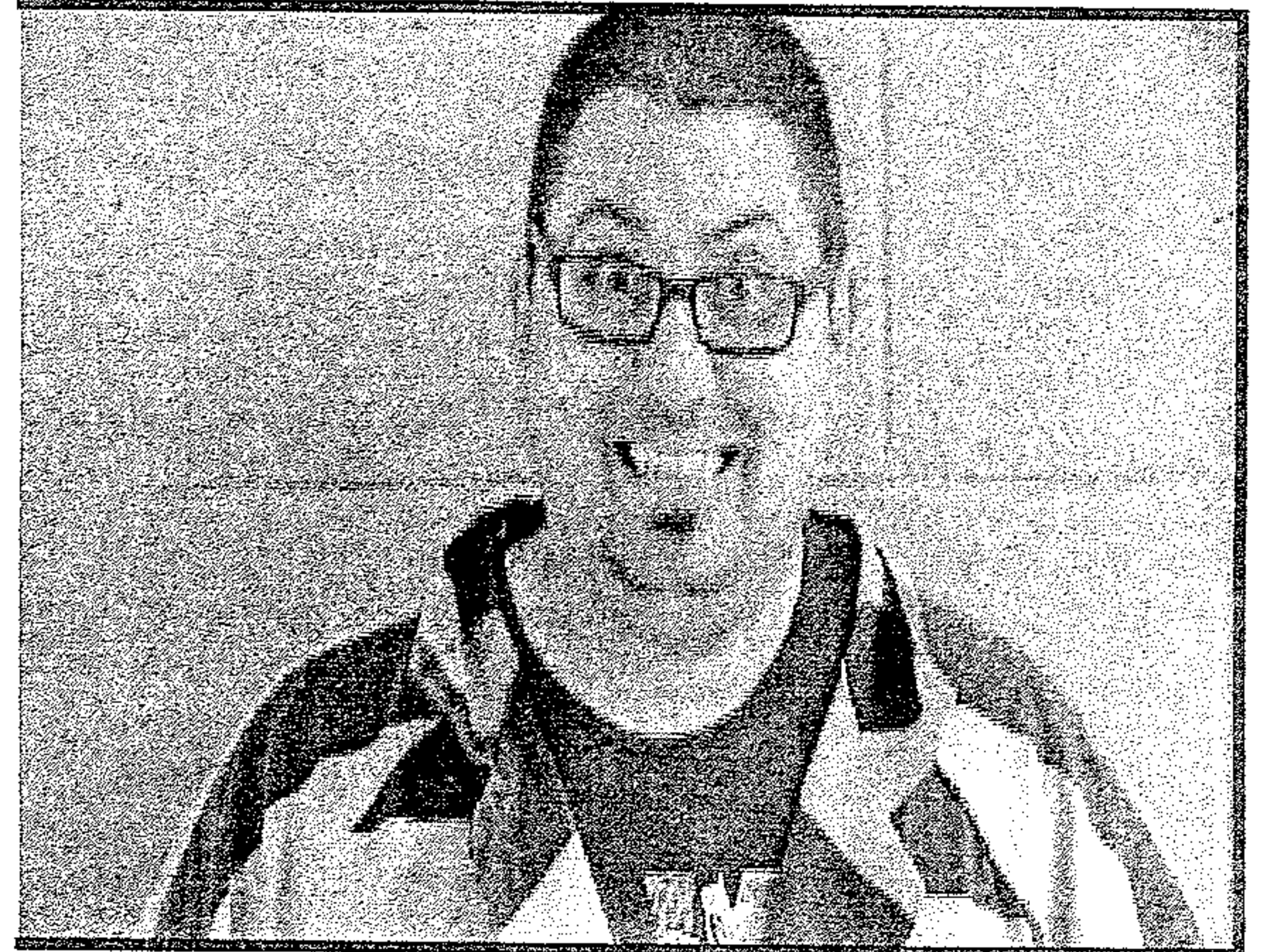
Ian Rush, 56, Hwy 70 West Lenoir City, was charged with Aggravated Assault, and Man/Sell/Poss. of Controlled Substance.

Deputy Jeremy Garland LCSO, was dispatched to Hwy 70 W. in reference to a domestic assault. Deputy and Sgt. Bowen arrived on scene and made contact with the

(see Grow pg. 2) Ian Rush



Man walking calls 911 to report police harrasment gets charged



Ryan Peltz see charged pg. 3

Penny Stock Fraud Nets Millions

Scheme Mastermind Among Those Sentenced to Prison

It was a fraud scheme involving penny stocks, but the scheme's mastermind ended up making millions of dollars from unsuspecting investors around the country.

California resident Zirk de Maison, a self-described merchant banker, devised a plan to make himself some easy money off the backs of hard-working folks. From about 2008

to 2013, he created nearly a half-dozen small public shell companies — entities that do no actual business and have no assets. He then offered public shares in the company's penny stocks, which are financial instruments generally worth less than \$5 a share.

Why would de Maison deal in penny stocks? Primarily because public information about these stocks and the

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Suspended driver charged



Jamie Carroll

see suspended pg. 7

Domestic charge filed after call to police



Jodi McDonald (see domestic pg. 4)

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tered thunderstorms later on. A few storms may be severe. Low around 50F. Thursday Windy with rain showers. High 53F. Thursday Night Mostly cloudy skies early, then

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Verse of the Day

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! —

Philippians 4:4

Obituaries

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Wazzup

Wow that was the worst NCAA National Championship Game Ever! How did they ever get there shooting like that? They musta all had the under in that one for sure!

Weather

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victim. The victim stated that her

husband became irate after she woke him up for Dialysis and hit her with a cooking skillet. Victim did have a

large laceration on her left leg due to the impact of the skillet. She did refuse medical treatment several times. Deputy did locate a broken black skillet that she had

(see Grow ctd. pg. 5)

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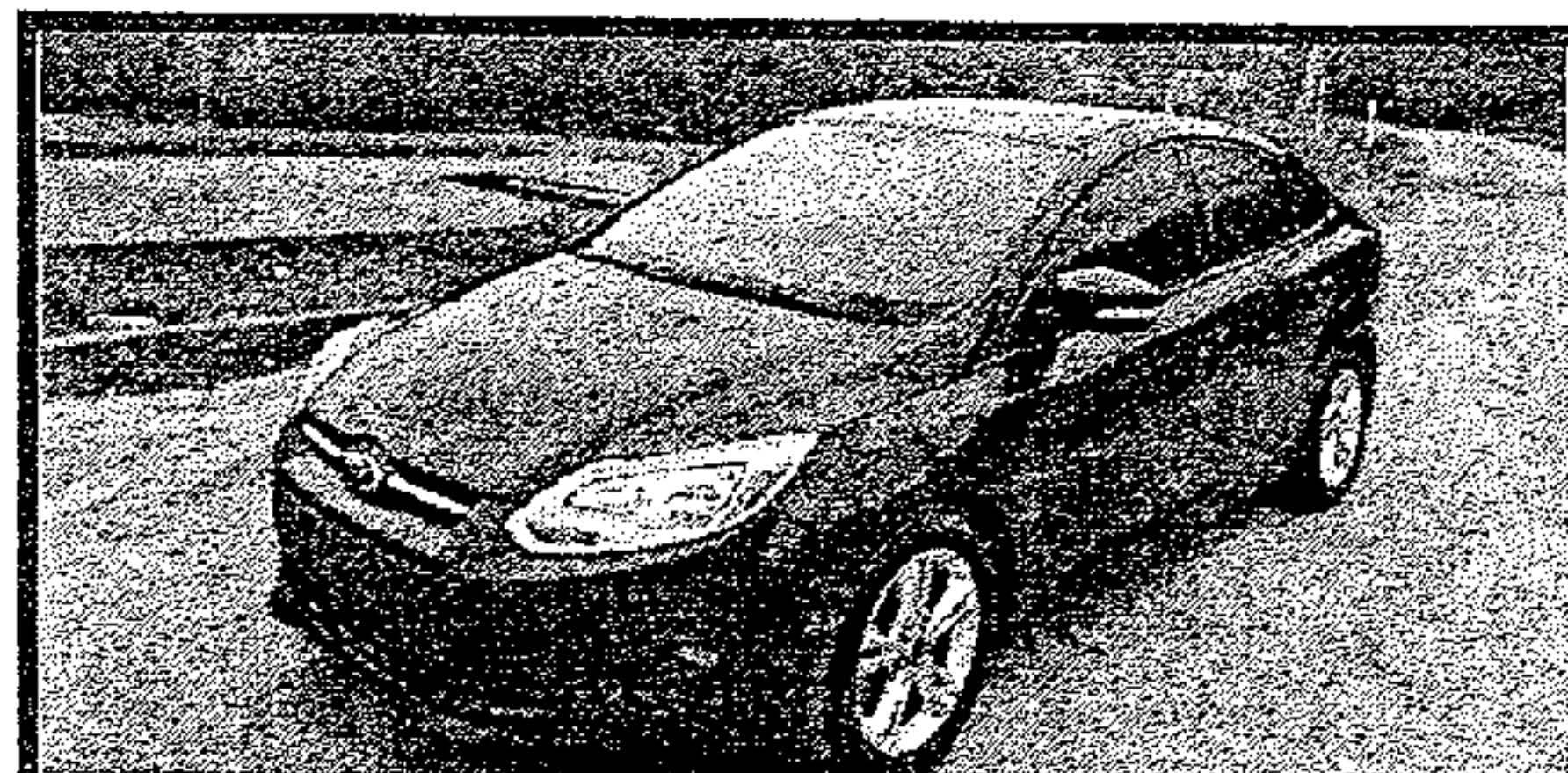
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Charged

Ryan Peltz, 40, Quapaw Loudon, was charged with Misuse of 911 Emergency System.

Deputy Charles Huskin LCSO, was dispatched to a suspicious person at the wood line of Okmulgee Circle. When Deputy arrived on

scene he made contact with a subject in a burgundy shirt which match the description, and when he approached the subject he stated that it is not crime to walk the neighborhood and carry a stick and Deputy stated, no it isn't but for him to come to him so he could identify him and he stated F--K NO and wanted

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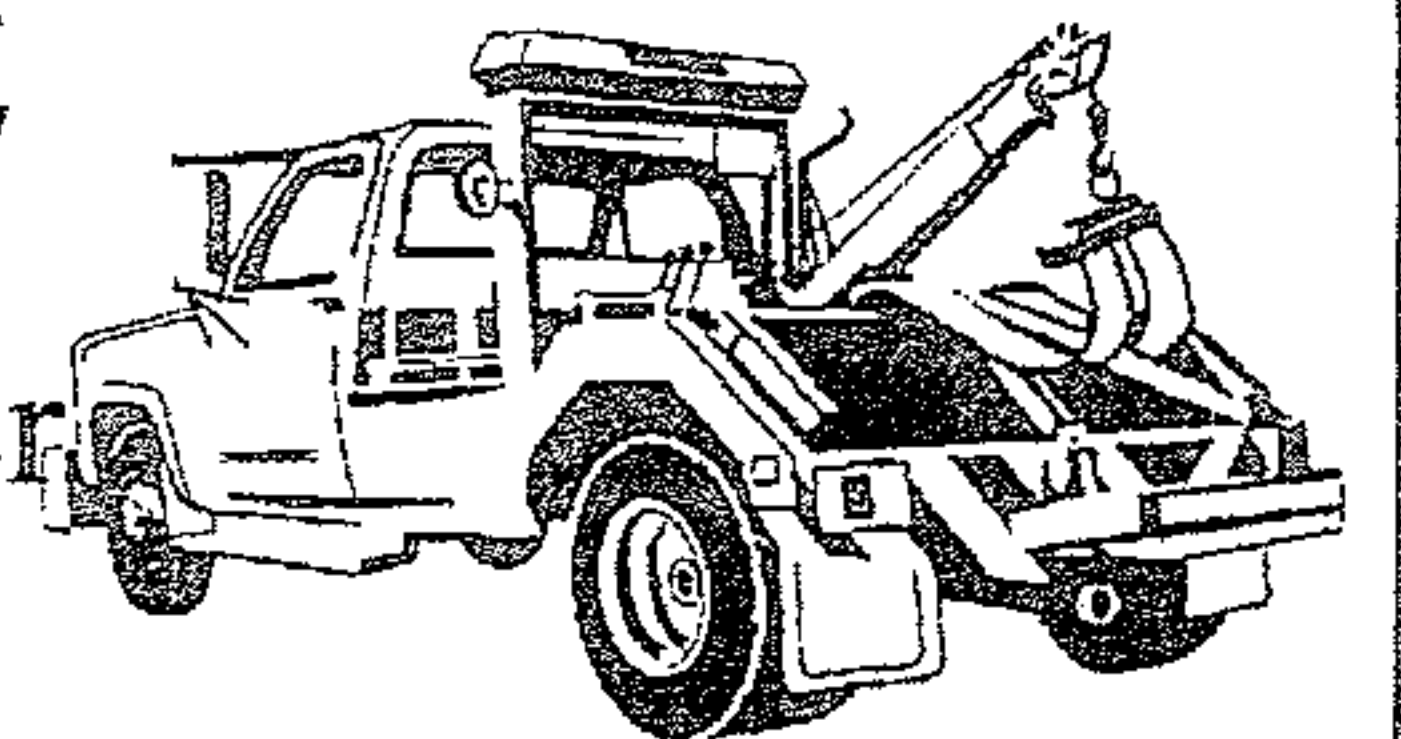
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Domestic

Jodi McDonald, 33, Maple Hill Road Loudon, was charged with Domestic Assault.

Deputy responded to Maple Hill in reference to a domestic violence situation. Upon my arrival Deputy spoke with victim. The victim stated that he was trying to give his live in girl friend (Mrs. Jodi McDonald) the keys to her car when she became angry at him in reference to a

earlier argument. At this time Jodi threw a portable heater across the room in victim general direction and then went into the bedroom and slammed the door. While Jodi was in the bedroom vic-

tim could hear some strange noises.

Victim then entered the bedroom where he found Jodi had broken into a locked cabinet where a 22 cal. pistol was stored. Jodi was working on opening

a metal box the pistol was in but was taken from her by victim before she could open it. Jodi left in her vehicle with some clothing and told victim before she left that there are other ways and she did not need a gun. Victim was given options and all domestic violence information. Jodi was not at the residence at the time of the report. Jodi returned later and was placed under arrest.

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to know why this officer was stalking him and walked off into the woods ignoring his demands. Deputy did go around the wood line and found him walking into the Tanasi Lagoon neighborhood where he did make contact with him again and Dispatch did advise this officer that he was on 911 stating that Deputy was still stalking him, and being belligerent with the 911 operators. this did take place several times. The subject was identified as Mr. Ryan Peltz and Deputy did try several times to talk civil to the sub-see charged conc. pg. 5

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 placed in the trash. The inside of the residence was also destroyed due to Mr. Rush ripping shelves off of the walls and throwing items all over the living room

and kitchen.
 Mr. Rush had left the residence prior to our arrival. Lenoir City Police did locate him at the Dialysis Center in Lenoir City. Mr. Rush was

determined to be the primary aggressor due to the injuries victim sustained. Victim had requested to be transported to a domestic violence shelter, but did change her mind

and requested to be taken to a family member. Victim did give a statement and then was transported to a place of safety with family members.

Upon our initial ar-

rival, victim stated that she believed her husband had left, but was not completely certain. As we were clearing the residence in attempt to locate Mr. Rush, we did observe several small marijuana plants in plain view in the window seals of the residence. Narcotics investigators were then called to the scene. Once on scene, Narcotics Investigators did get consent to search the residence from victim. Upon search of the residence, Officers did locate 23 6-10 inch tall marijuana plants throughout the house.

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ject but was unable to get any civil response from the subject he just kept calling 911 and stating he was being stalked.

Deputy Dustin Langley and CPL. Billy Hall arrived on scene and was able to talk to the subject and tried to be reasonable by allowing the subject to go home with his parents and he did not want to do that and Mr. Peltz was advised that he was under arrest for 911 Abuse and escorted to the Loudon County Jail. This did happen in Loudon County.

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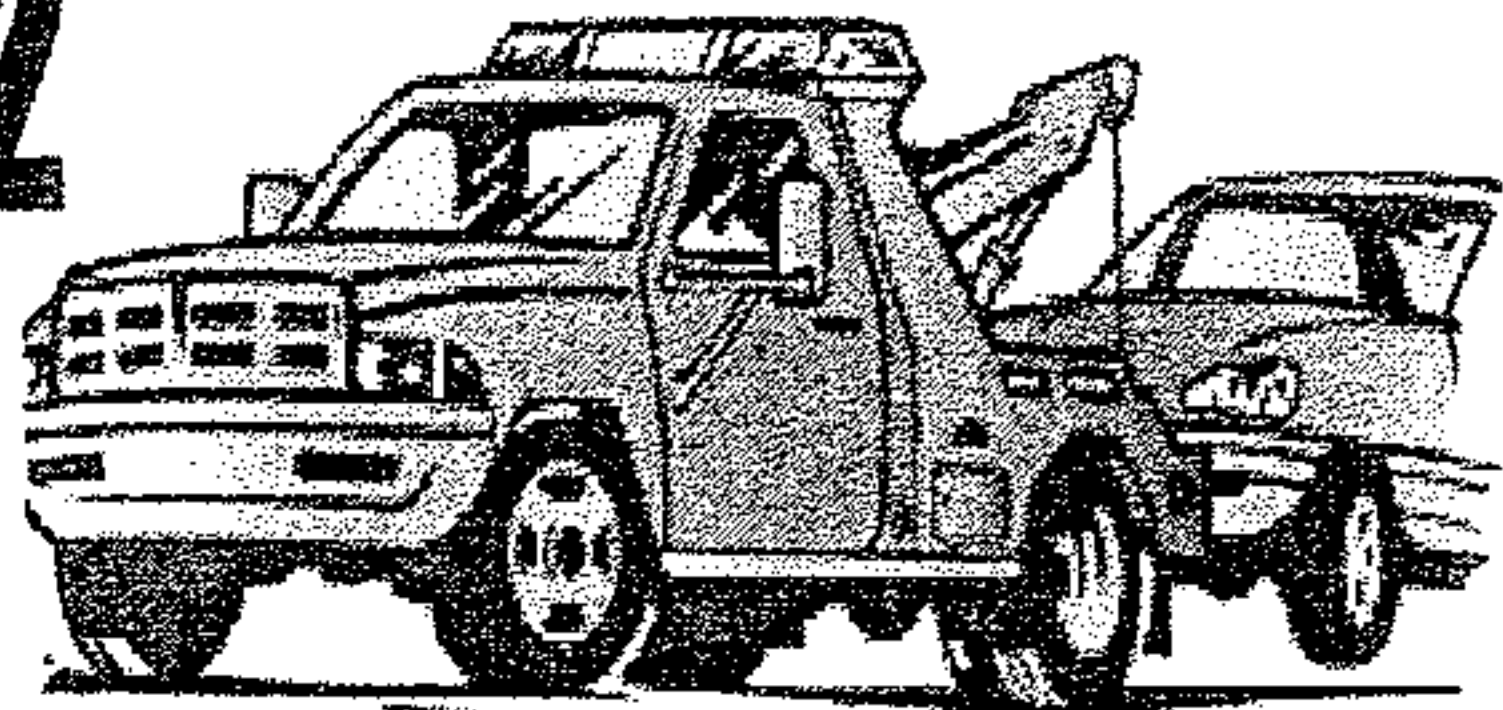
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companies that issue them is hard to find. These very small companies often don't have to file financial reports with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), and their stock usually isn't traded on national or regional stock exchanges.

The companies created by de Maison were purportedly involved in a variety of businesses, including copper and gold mining in South America, high-end diamond trading, and new social media platforms. But in reality, his companies were truly shells—empty inside.

Using fictitious names, de Maison

would issue shares in his shell companies to himself and a number of co-conspirators. Then he paid kickbacks to those same co-conspirators—most of them financial brokers—in exchange for using their clients' funds to purchase additional shares of his company stocks.

Besides bribing brokers in several states—including Ohio, California, and New York—to betray the trust of their investor clients by using their money to buy the penny stocks, de Maison found investors through the use of boiler rooms. This technique involved employing

high-pressure salespeople to make as many cold calls as possible to potential investors, hounding them to buy shares of stock from de Maison's companies and promising them once-in-a-lifetime opportunities if they acted quickly.

De Maison's scam was a classic pump and dump scheme. The original investors—de Maison and his cohorts—convinced large numbers of investors to purchase stock shares, driving up the price.

Andy B. Smallen, 80, passed away April 1, 2017 at home. Preceded in death by parents, John & Blanche (Cook) Smallen, seven brothers and two sisters. Survivors Wife Alma Smallen of Loudon, Brothers and sister-in-law Duke and Margaret Smallen of Loudon, Johnny and Linda Smallen of Lenoir City, sisters-in-law Mary Smallen and Linda Smallen both of Loudon, Barbara Brown of Sweetwater. Several special nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews

The family will receive friends at Loudon Funeral Home Sunday from 5:00 to 7:00 P.M. with the funeral to follow at 7:00 P.M. with Rev. Ronnie Davis and Rev. Gary Cook officiating. Family and friends will meet for interment at 11 A.M. Monday in Oak Grove Cemetery in Monroe Co. Arrangements by Loudon Funeral Home www.loudonfuneral-home.net

Those same original investors, including de Maison, would sell their shares when the price of the stock reached its highest level, then the bottom would fall out—the price of the stock plummeted and the rest of the investors were left holding almost worthless shares.

All told, de Maison received and embezzled approximately \$39 million in investor money.

The FBI investigation into this particular scheme began in 2013, when our Cleveland Field Office received allegations of illegal activities on the part of an Ohio financial consultant who may have victimized a number of Ohio investors. The investigation into this consultant widened and eventually involved victim and suspect interviews, reviews of e-mails and chat messages, and extensive analysis of financial records. Investigators were ultimately able to unravel the entire scheme, and federal charges were filed against de Maison—who had by that time been living it up in the lap of luxury—and the others.

Zirk de Maison pled guilty in 2015 in connection with his role as the scheme's mastermind. And this

past January, he and seven others were sentenced to federal prison for committing securities fraud.

In addition to the criminal case against de Maison and his associates, the SEC—who partnered with the Bureau during our investigation and was of tremendous assistance—also conducted a parallel civil case against the perpetrators.

Suspended

Jamie Carroll, 35, Hwy 411 S Maryville, was charged with Simple


Possession, and Driving on Revoked License. Deputy Cody Fritts LCSO, observed a blue vehicle traveling on Niles Ferry Road. The passenger was not wearing a seat-belt. Upon stopping the vehicle the driver was identified as Jamie Carroll. A check of Carroll license through dispatch showed then to be suspended. Consent to search vehicle was given and Deputy located in the middle console cup holder in a cigarette pack was a yellow pill identified as oxycodone. Carroll was placed under arrest.

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