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## Two wanted subjects charged after LCSO traffic stop

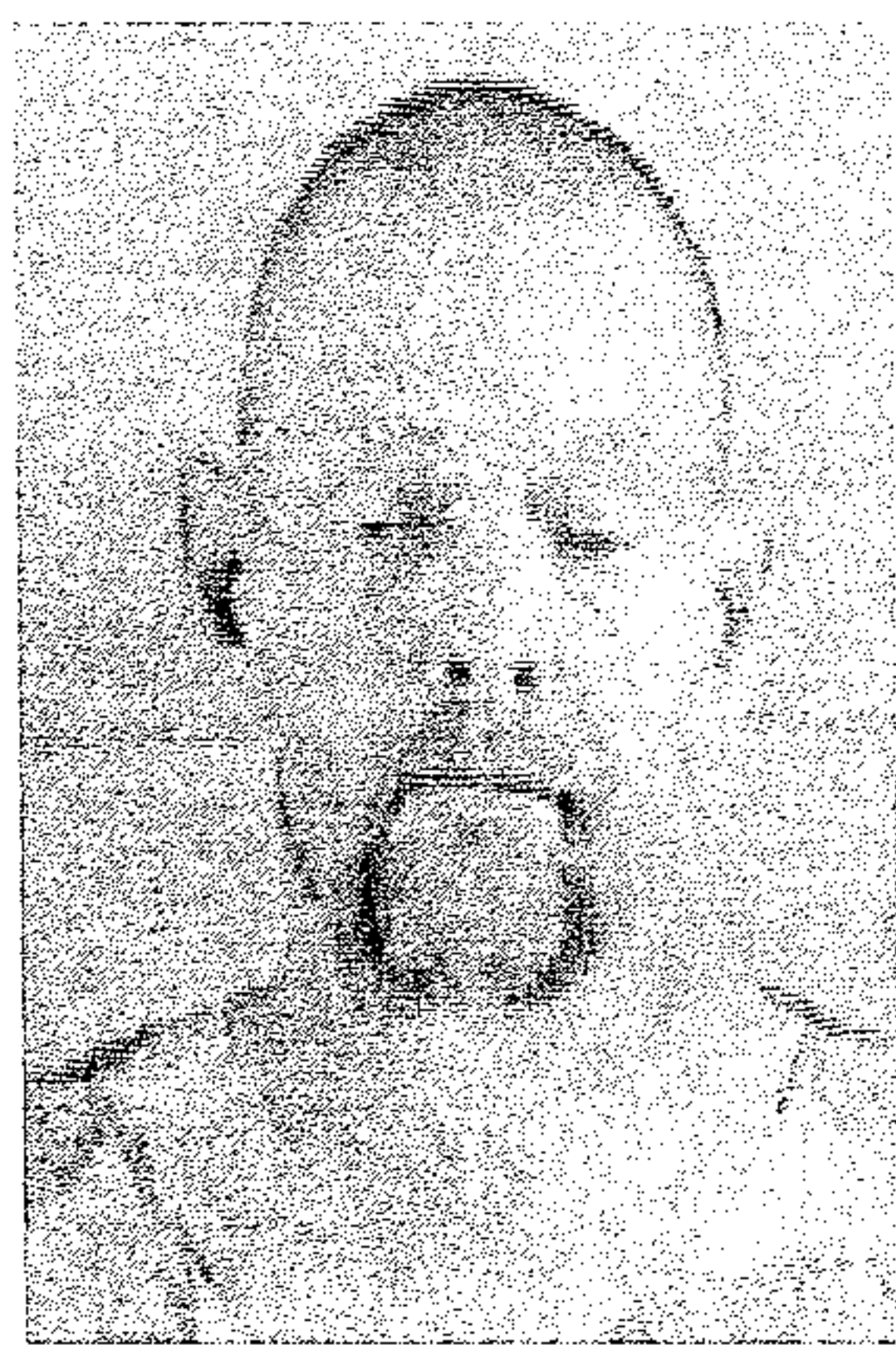
Jessica Hood, 33, Gardner Road Philadelphia, was charged with DUI, Poss. of Drug Para., and Assisting other Agency.

William Sloan, 40, Hawkins Road Sweetwater, was charged with Poss. of Drug Para., and Assisting other Agency.

Deputy Cody Fritts LCSO, was dispatched to Grandview Drive on a disturbance. Dispatch advised that Com- (see wanted pg. 2)



Jessica Hood



William Sloan

## Loudon woman charged following traffic stop



Denise Davis

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## Charges filed after rocking horse thrown



Chad Jones

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## Kim Trent to discuss The Past and Future City at Library's Books Sandwiched In program

In recognition of National Historic Preservation Month, Knox County Public Library invites the public to join Kim Trent for a discussion of Past and Future City: How Historic Preservation is Reviving America's Communities by Stephanie Meek and Kevin C. Murphy, at noon on Wednesday, May 24, in the East Tennessee History Center auditorium. Books Sandwiched In is sponsored by the

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## Sovereign Citizens Sentenced 'Stole' Vacant Homes and Filed False Claims to Intimidate Officials

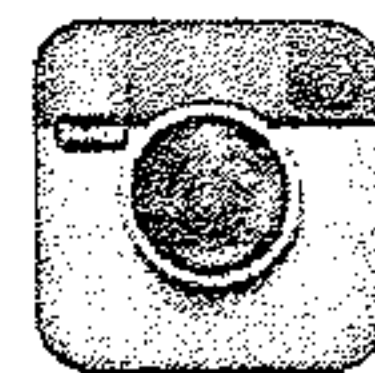
A group of so-called sovereign citizens laid claim to this home in Media, Pennsylvania and fraudulently offered it for sale for \$2,000 down and \$500 a month. The group illegally claimed 70 properties worth \$9 million.

For more than three years, a Pennsylvania group claiming to be sovereign citizens—and therefore not

subject to U.S. law—schemed to “steal” dozens of foreclosed homes worth millions of dollars and sell them to unsuspecting victims.

The scheme came to light after local officials in Delaware County, Pennsylvania, received documents declaring sovereign citizen status for three residents. Alarmed, the officials contacted

(see FBI pg. 4)



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### Verse of the Day

He who heeds discipline shows the way to life, but whoever ignores correction leads others astray. — Proverbs 10:17

### Obituaries

see inside **Wazzup**

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### Weather

Today: Scattered thunderstorms in the morning, then mainly cloudy during the afternoon with thunderstorms likely.

High near 75F.

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Saturday Showers in the (Continued on page 6)



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plaintain was beating on his Ex girlfriends door trying to get her to open it. Upon arrival Deputy made contact with Jessica Hood, William Sloan, and Complainant. Jessica Hood was sitting in the driver seat and William Sloan was in the passenger

seat of a White Ford Expedition. Upon running Ms. Hood through dispatch she was found to have a revoked driver license and had warrants out of Monroe County and McMinn County. Upon running Mr. Sloan through dispatch

(see wanted ctd. pg. 3)

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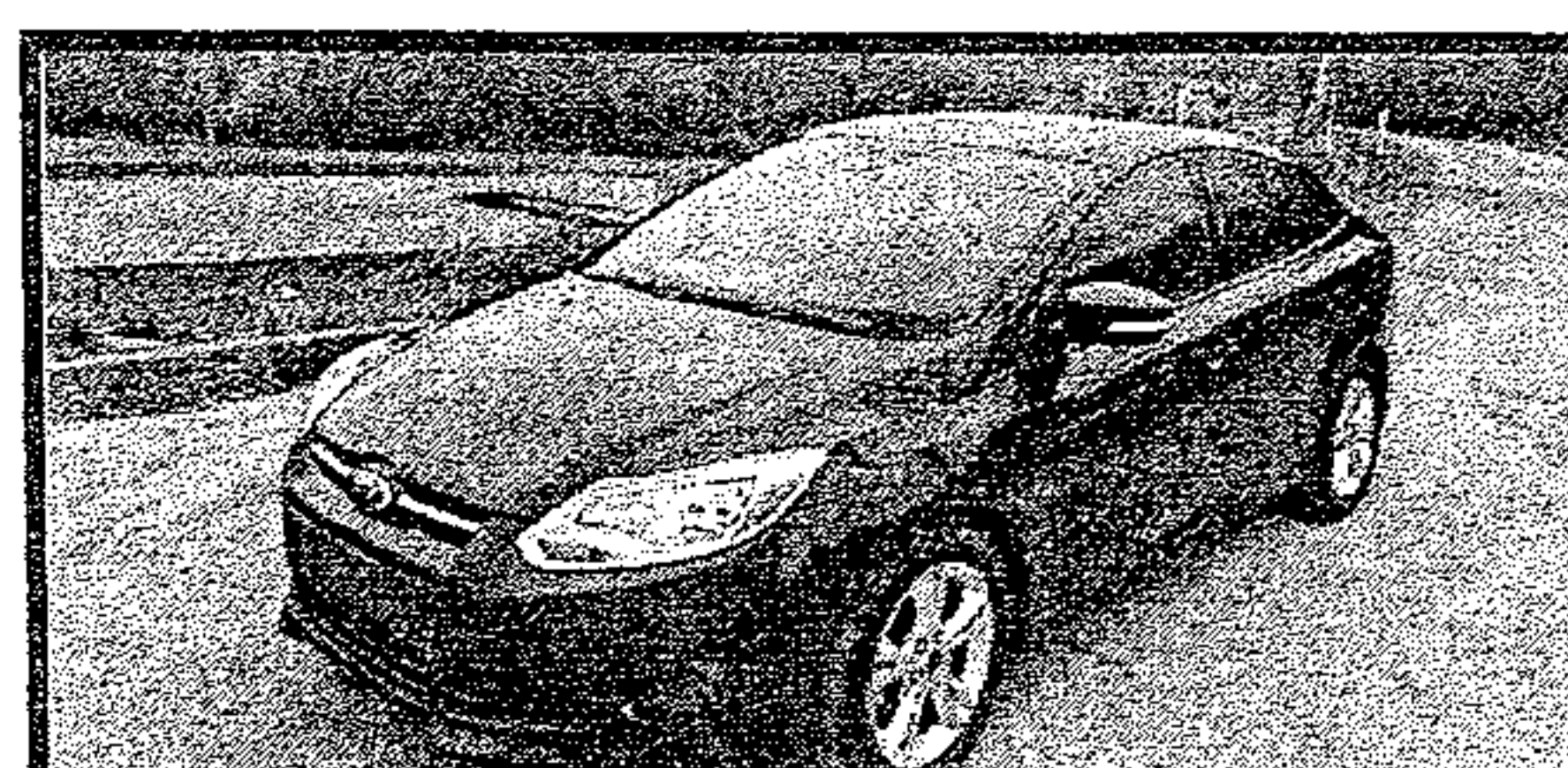
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### Charged

Denise Davis, 38, Main Street Loudon, was charged with DUI, Simple Possession, Tampering/Fabricating with Evidence, and Driving on Roadways laned for Traffic.

Deputy Cody Fritts LCSO, observed a green vehicle traveling on Hwy 11 near Pond Creek Road. Deputy observed the vehicle cross the turning lanes as the vehicle continued straight.

The vehicle then crossed over the double yellow lines. Upon stopping the vehicle the driver was identified as Denise Davis. Davis had bloodshot and pinpoint eyes. Deputy ask if he could search the vehicle and she agreed. While Davis was standing behind the patrol vehicle Deputy noticed Davis put one hand behind her back and appeared to throw something. After checking the area Dep-


uty retrieved 3 orange wafers (methadone). Davis originally stated she did not throw the pills and then later stated she threw the pills because she was scared. Davis was placed under arrest.

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he was found to have a warrant out of Knox County. Deputy asked Ms. Hood if she had anything illegal in the vehicle and she stated she had a syringe in her backpack. Deputy asked Mr.

Sloan if he had anything illegal in the vehicle and he stated he had a syringe in his coat pocket. Deputy asked complainant if he could search his vehicle and he agreed. Ms. Hood's backpack was located in the back seat. Found in the back pack in a black case was 1 spoon and 2 syringes. Also located in the backpack was a Marijuana pipe and 2 cut straws. Located in Mr. Sloan's jacket pocket was a orange sunglass case that contained 2 syringes. Jessica

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**FBI**

the FBI shortly after receiving the documents in May 2010.

Officials had good reason to be concerned: That same month, two so-called sovereign citizens opened fire on police during a traffic stop in Arkansas, killing two officers. The ambush is just one example of how members of the movement often turn to violence.

Sovereign citizens are anti-government extremists who claim the federal government is operating outside its jurisdiction and they are therefore not bound by government authority—including the courts, taxing entities, motor vehicle departments, and even law enforcement.

They also are prone to engage in numerous types of financial frauds and schemes, based on their skewed interpretation of law.

“Most of these sovereign citizens are extremists,” said Special Agent Walter Szpak, who investigated the case out of the FBI’s Philadelphia Field Of-

office. “When they get arrested, they don’t believe they have committed a crime, and they believe they have the right to retaliate.”

Knowing the potential for criminal and even violent activity

by sovereign citizens, FBI agents decided to interview the three people in Pennsylvania who signed the declarations of sovereignty: Steven Hameed, Darnell Young, and Damond Palmer. Hameed and Young were

married.

“It’s not illegal to file this kind of paperwork,” explained Szpak. “This is America; they can say whatever they want. But it’s essentially a warning to law enforcement, saying, ‘We’re about to start committing criminal acts.’”

Which is exactly what Hameed, Young, and Palmer were doing. The trio scoured public records to find foreclosed houses in Delaware County, west of Philadelphia. Then they crafted jargon-laden paperwork claiming ownership on 70 properties worth more than \$9 million. Most of the homes belonged to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Develop-

ment (HUD) or Wells Fargo bank.

After staking fraudulent claims to the properties, they listed the houses as rent-to-own opportunities on Craigslist at low prices, Szpak said.

FBI agents could not find the three suspects at first to conduct an initial interview about their claims of sovereign status; they did not live at the addresses listed on their declarations. Agents kept looking, using property records to track them down.

“Every time we went to one of these addresses, someone else was living there,” Szpak said. “The tenants told us they had bought or rented the

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DV

Chad Jones, 27, W 7th Ave Lenoir City, was charged with Domestic Assault. Officer Espinoza LCPD, was dispatched to 7th Ave on a disturbance

call. Upon arrival Officer made contact with the victim, who stated that her boyfriend Chad Jones started an argument. Jones was upset that victim lost her ins. Victim state Jones calls her wel-

fare mom. During the argument Jones threw a rocking horse at victim, striking her in the right arm, in the triceps area. There was a substantial mark of this assault. Victim stated that Jones

threw victim phone in the neighboring woods to avoid her making contact with anyone that can help her. Jones also threw victims clothes in the woods. Jones was placed under arrest.

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Hood and William Sloan were taken into custody. Mr. Sloan was transported to the Loudon County jail. Trooper Clendenen charged Ms. Hood with DUI and transported her to the Fort Loudon Emergency room for a blood draw and then to the Loudon County jail. This did happen in Loudon County.

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property from the people we were looking for. That's when we realized what they were doing."

As the scope of the fraud became more apparent, the FBI was joined in the investigation by other agencies, including HUD, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Federal Housing Finance Agency, and several county and local police departments.

In the midst of the federal investigation into the fraud, Hameed, Young, and Palmer were charged by local police for offenses such as trespassing. In response, the three played another trick popular within the sovereign movement: "paper terrorism." They filed more than 250 fraudulent IRS forms against numerous state and local law enforcement officials and judges. The fake 1099-DIV and 1099-INT forms falsely claimed that the victims had been paid hundreds of thousands or even millions of dollars in dividends or interest.

Because the forms were fake, the victims did not know they had been filed and obviously did not pay any taxes on the income. see FBI conc. pg. 7

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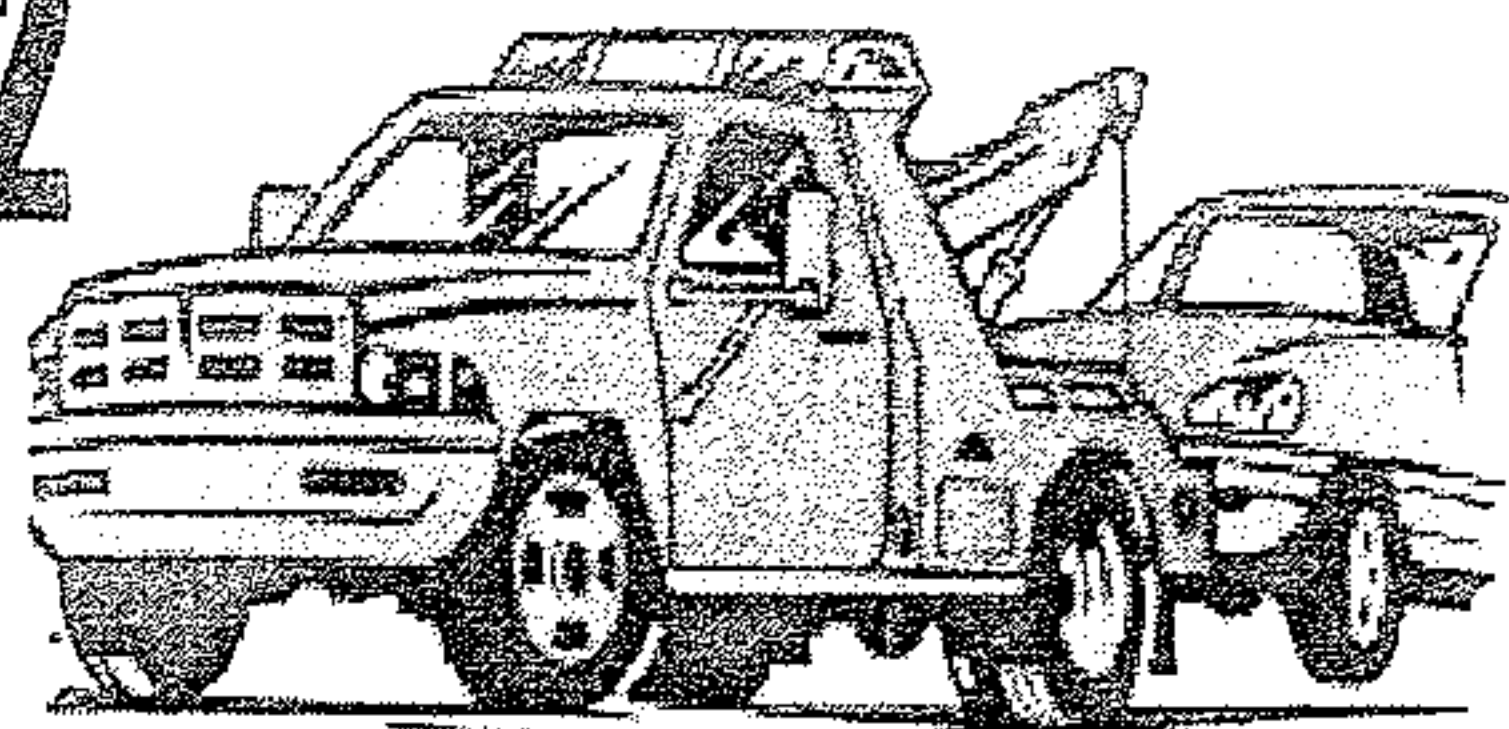
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**Library**

Friends of the Knox County Public Library. Attendees may bring lunch. Drinks are available to purchase.

As Executive Director of Knox Heritage, a non-profit, historic preservation organization that serves the 16-county East Tennessee region, Trent is tuned into the benefits of historic preservation. "Knoxville is now reaping the rewards from the investments in preservation we have made over the last 25 years and is nationally recognized for the preservation-based renaissance we're experiencing in our historic downtown and neighborhoods," Trent said. "The Past and Future City affirms many of the lessons

we've learned here and provides a road map to navigate the challenges still ahead."

Kim Trent has worked in preservation professionally and as a community volunteer and advocate at the local, state and national level for 23 years and is a proponent of preservation-based community and economic development. She is a native of Mobile, Alabama, a graduate of the University of Alabama and has two children, Spencer and Katherine.

"Stephanie Meeks makes a compelling case for creating great cities through historic preservation and she shares strategies that can guide us along the way," Trent said. "She also addresses the challenges we all face in preservation since the

work touches on so many aspects of our communities - history, economics, urban planning, diversity, transportation, affordable housing, sustainability, architecture, real estate, and government among many others. But for those who value history, architecture and sustainable communities, the rewards are definitely worth the struggle and make success all the sweeter and more meaningful."

Book Sandwiched In will continue on June 28, when Dr. Todd Freeberg, UT Department of Psychology, leads a discussion of Beyond Words: How Animals Think and Feel by Carl Safina.

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In some cases, the IRS placed liens against the victims or seized tax refunds they would

have otherwise been owed.

"These fraudulent tax forms can have a real impact on victims," Szpak said. "And, even though they are fake, some of them can remain on victims' credit reports for years."

They also added to a growing list of federal charges the trio faced. The three were charged in December

2015 with conspiracy to commit offenses against the United States, bank fraud, and corrupt interference with Internal Revenue laws, among other crimes. All three pleaded guilty in June 2016. Hameed was sentenced to eight years in prison in February; Young and Palmer received shorter sentences in 2016.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Lenoir City Utilities Board has scheduled a Workshop on Monday, May 15, 2017, at 3:30 p.m. to discuss funding for the construction of LCUB's Main Lift Station. The meeting will be held at City Hall, 530 Hwy 321 N, Lenoir City, Tennessee 37771.

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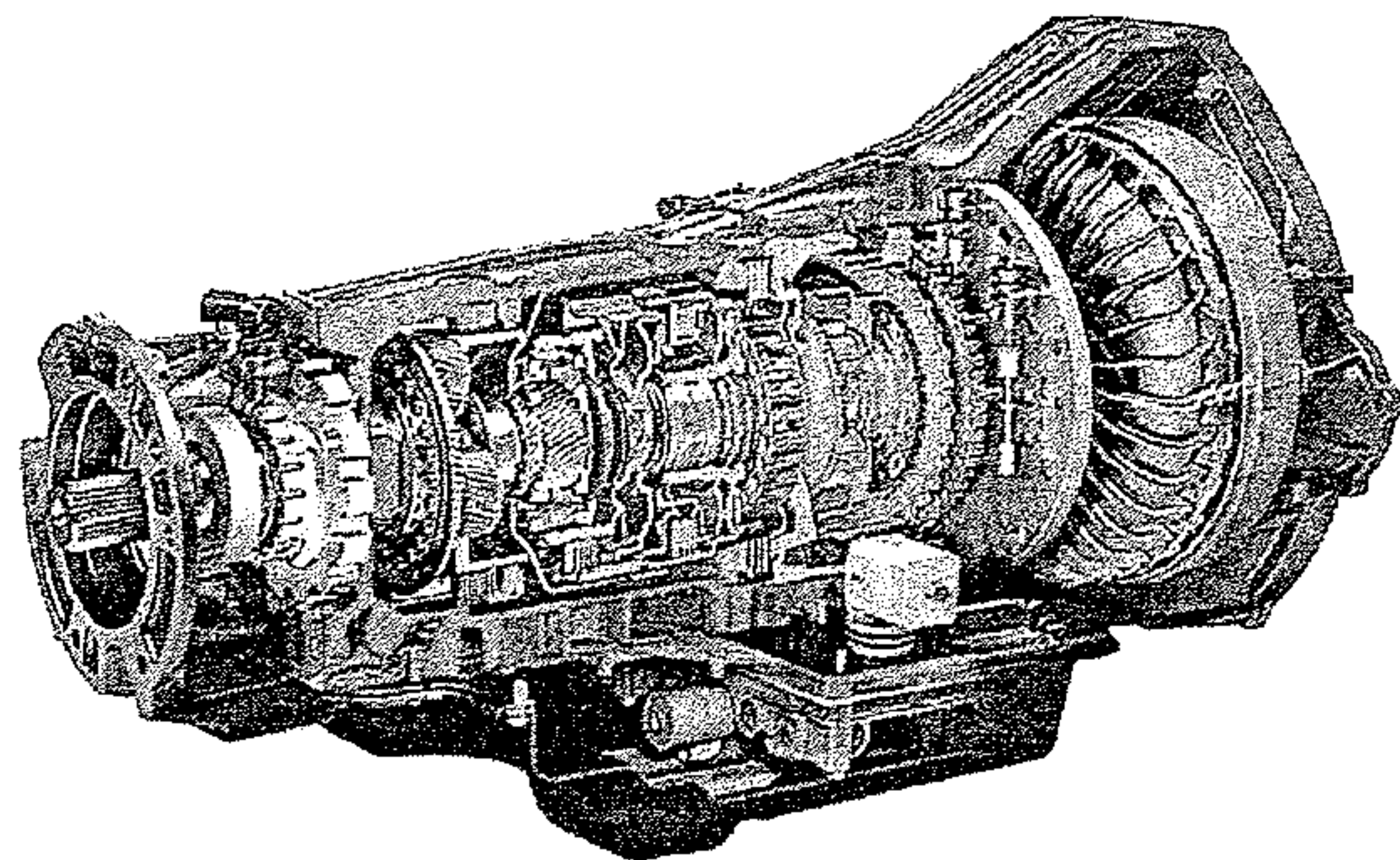
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