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Monday, May 15, 2017

Mechanic charged with theft after selling customers truck

Tim Jackson, 43, Honysuckle Road Philadelphia, was charged with Theft of Property.

The victim reported that he had a 1999 green Ford truck that needed repairs. Victim hired Tim Jackson to repair the vehicle. Tim Jackson had the vehicle towed to his residence on Steekee Road around the 5th of April 2017. In the last thirty days victim has traveled to Mr Jackson (see theft pg. 2)



Tim Jackson

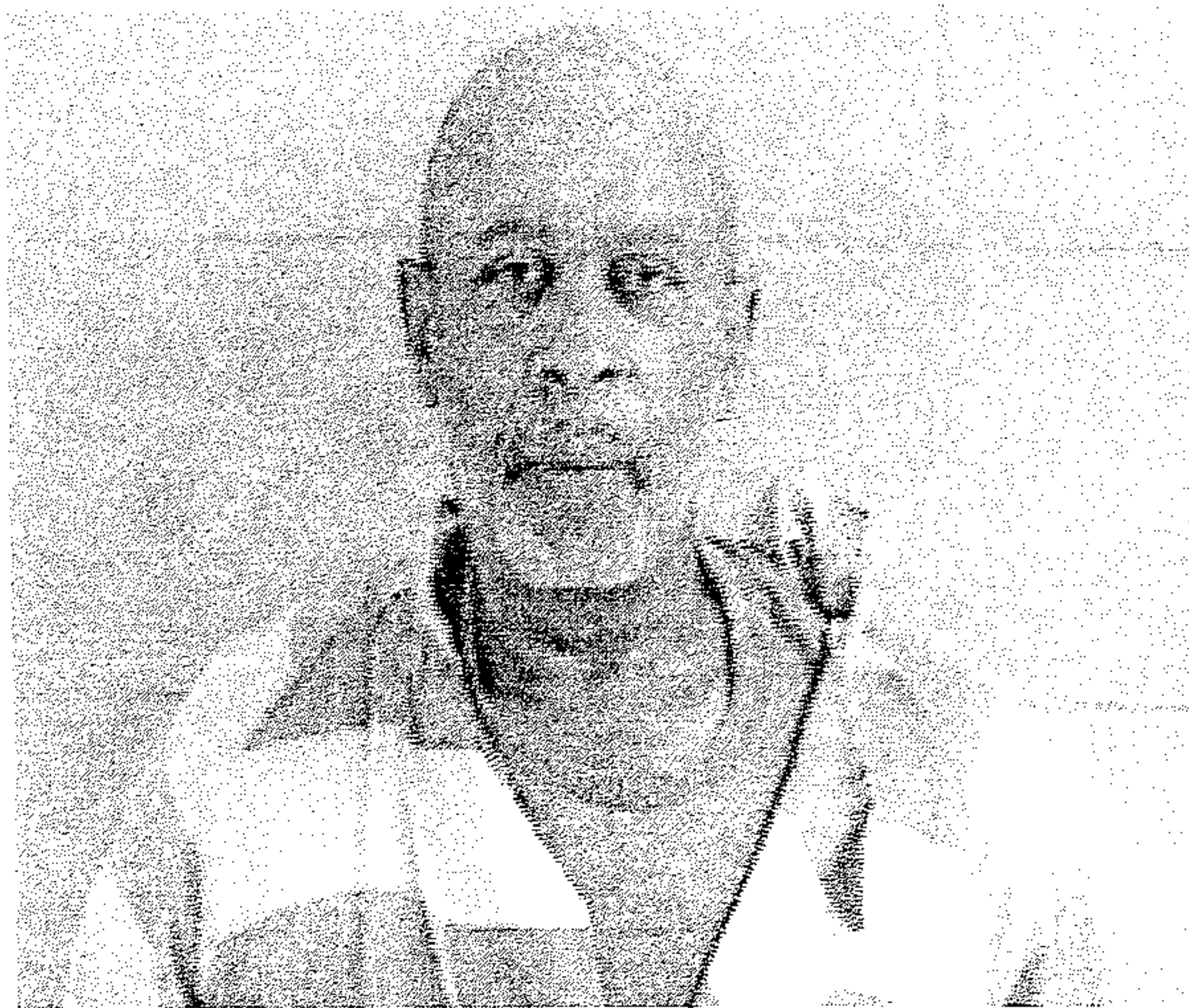
LCSO and THP team up in traffic stop



John Wallace

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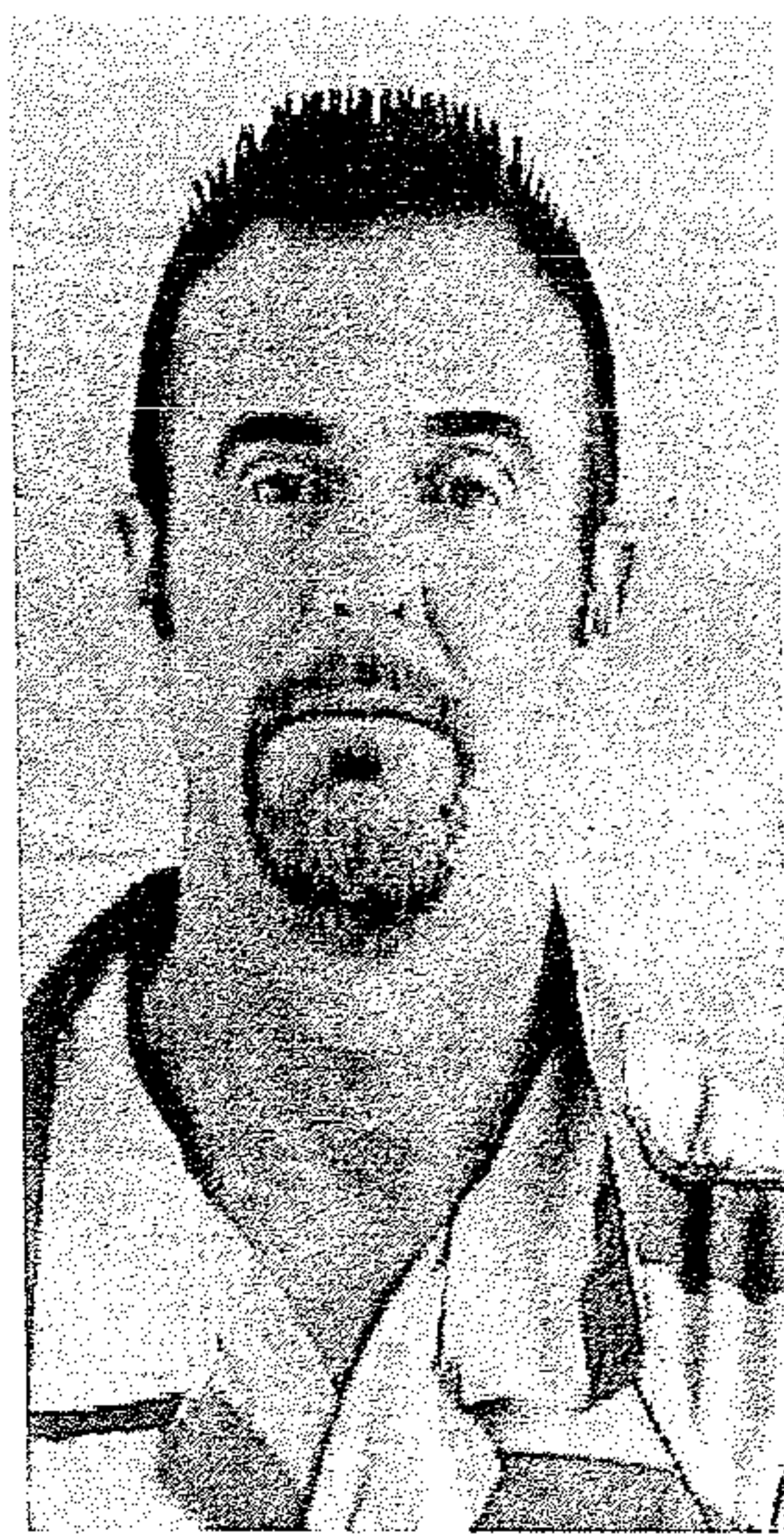
Over 3x the limit in DUI wreck in Loudon



Harold Hawkins

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Charges filed after running red light



Milford Sexton

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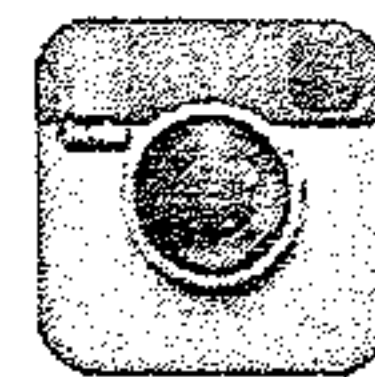
Virtual Ticket to Prison Investigation of Fraud Scheme Unravels Man's Illegal Bitcoin Exchange

The beginning of the end of an Ohio man's venture into the murky world of cryptocurrencies can be traced back to the moment investigators linked the 29-year-old to a ticket-fraud scheme nearly 2,000 miles away in California.

Daniel Mercede, of Chagrin Falls, was charged last November for using stolen credit card information to

buy tickets to concerts and other events from a California-based ticket seller. He would then turn around and sell them through another ticket broker—often for less than he paid—netting himself a tidy illicit profit. Court documents show he collected more than \$400,000 in proceeds, beginning in 2014, through ticket sales and by stealing

(see FBI pg. 4)



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Verse of the Day

However, as it is written: "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared

for those who love him." — 1 Corinthians 2:9

Obituaries

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Schools will be out soon so make great

plans for the summer and be sure to watch for walkers and bike riders on the roadways!

Weather

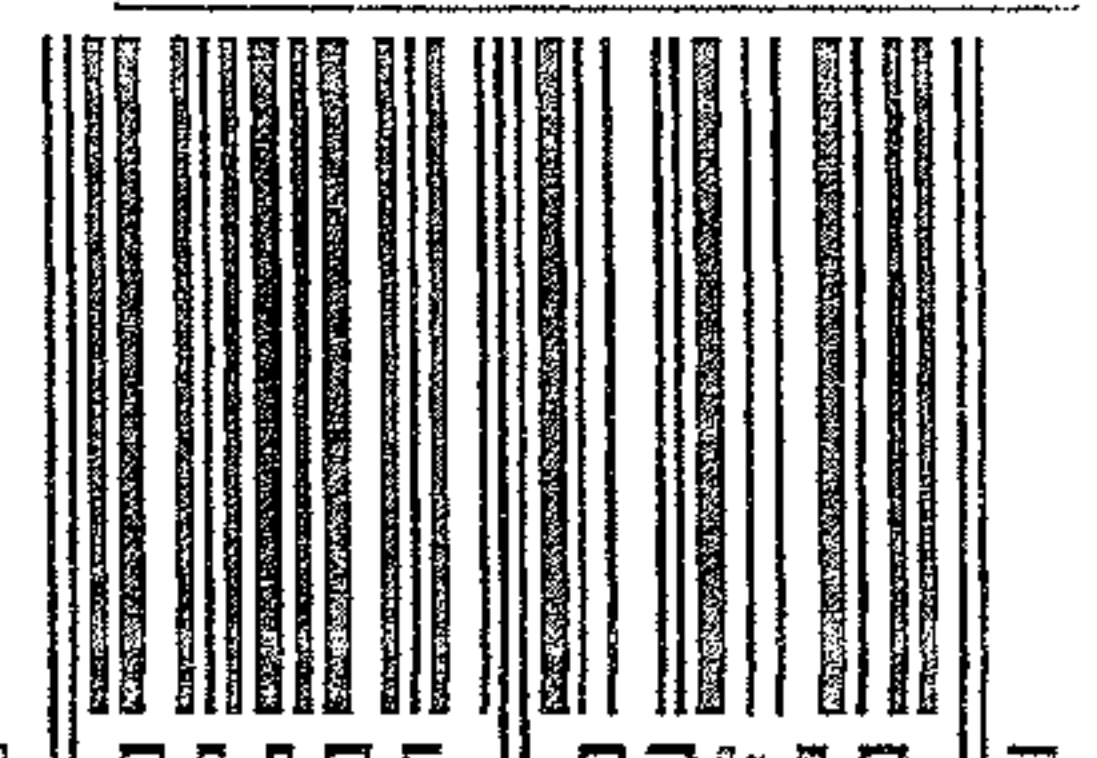
Today: Partly cloudy skies. High 83F.

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theft

residence a number of times trying to get information about his vehicle and was not able to speak with Mr Jackson but did speak to his son. The son was asked where was the truck and he said dad did something with it. Upon further investigation it

was discovered that Mr Jackson hired a male and traveled with him to Lankfords recycling in Sweetwater Tn and sold the vehicle without permission on April 20 th 2017. The Vehicle value is approximately 1200.00. This did happen in Loudon county Tn .

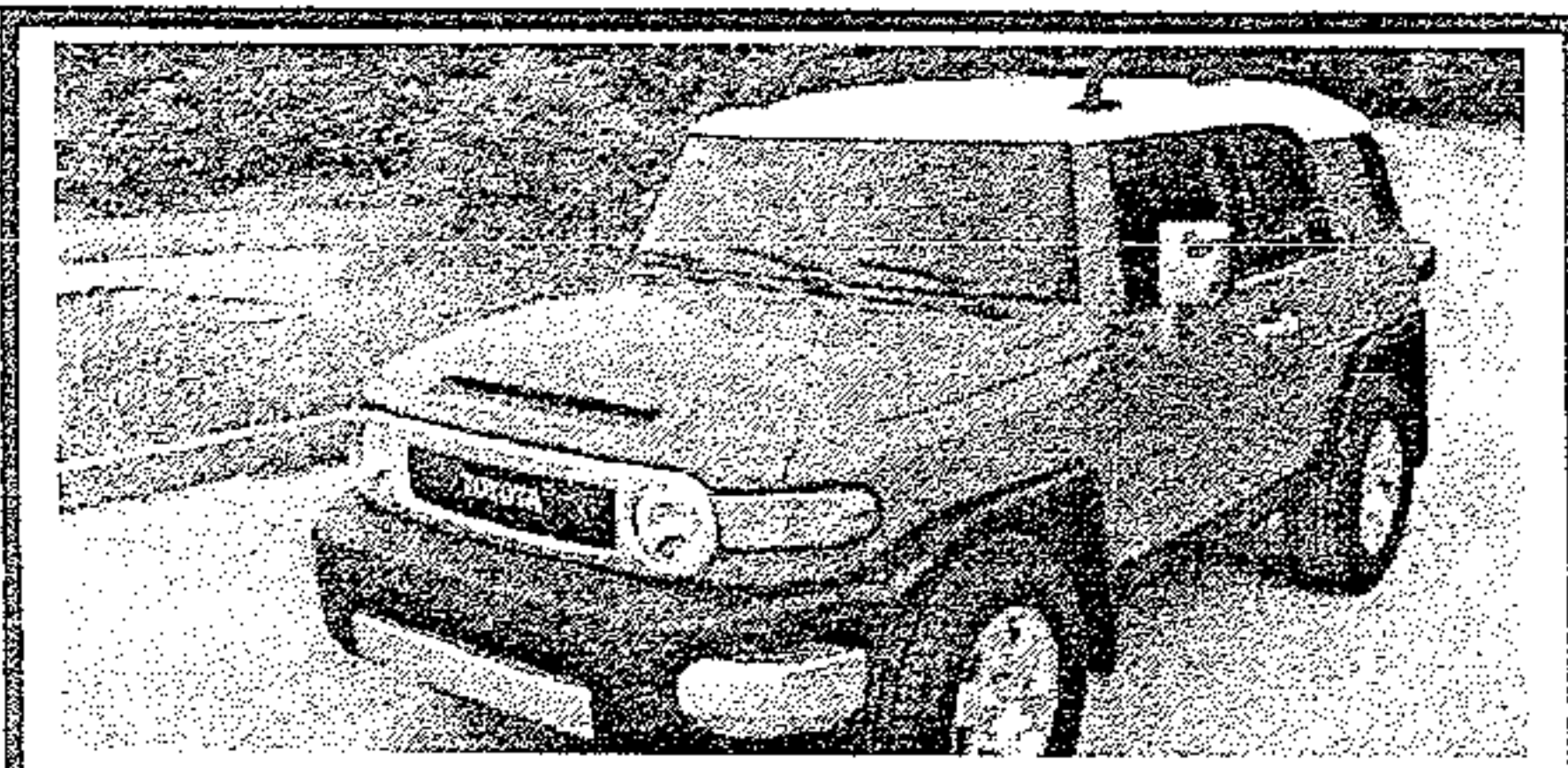
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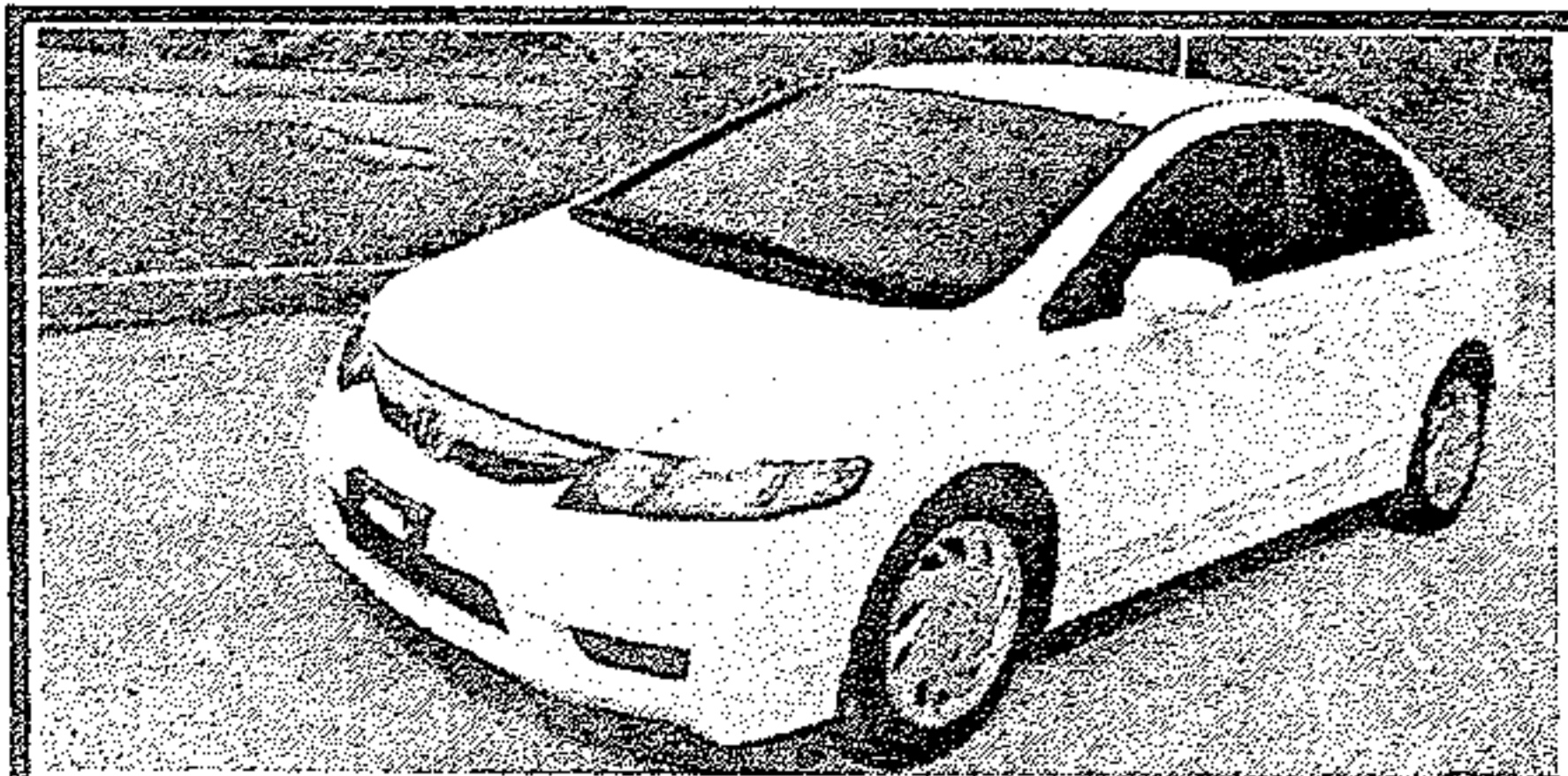
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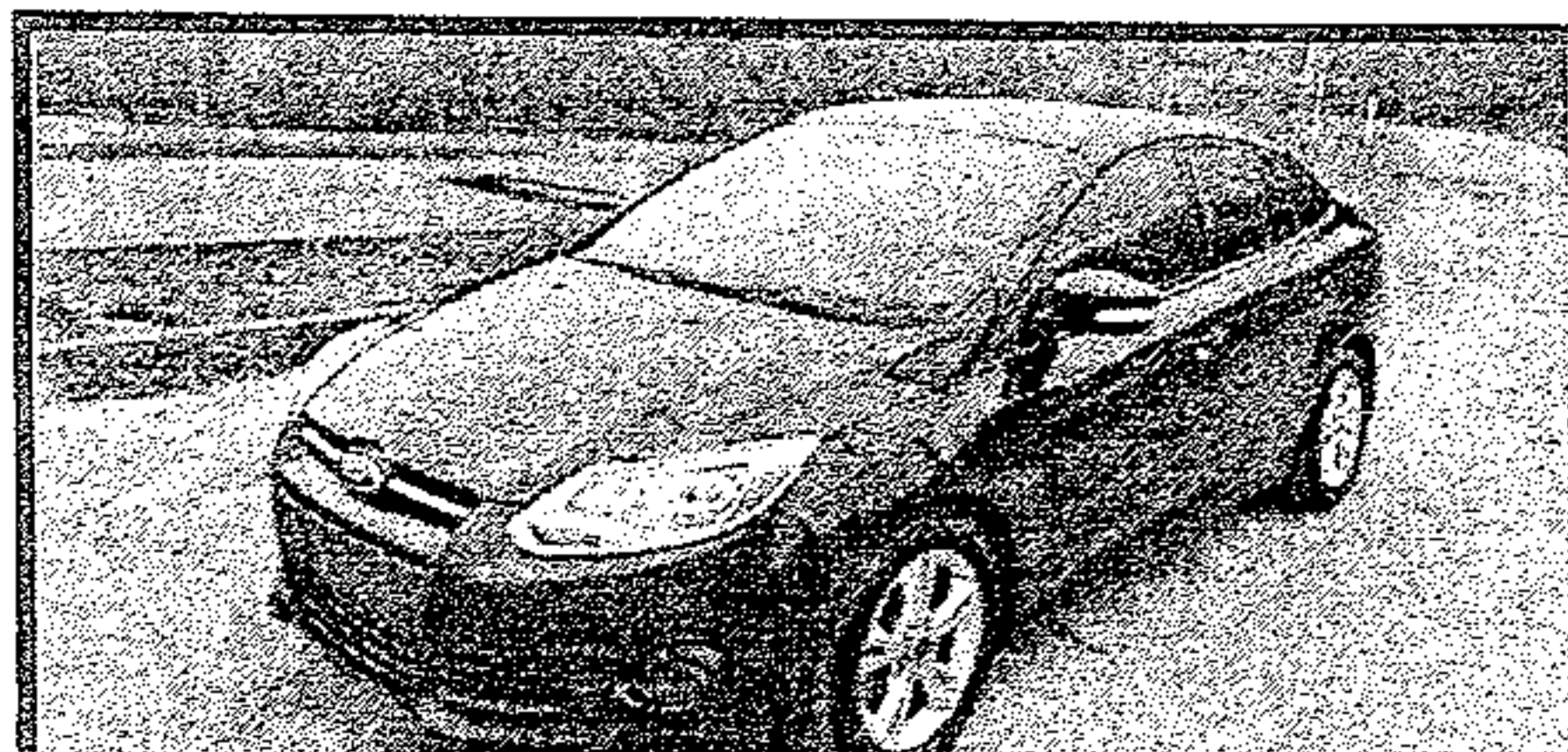
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team

John Wallace, 37, Old Lee Hwy Philadelphia, was charged with DUI, Simple Possession, Possession of Drug Para, Driving on Suspended/Revoked License, and Driving on Roadway laned for traffic.

Deputy Cody Fritts LCSO, observed a Green Dodge Journey traveling on Steekee Road. Deputy observed the

vehicle fail to maintain lane when both driver side tires crossed over the double yellow line into the on coming lane. Upon stopping the vehicle the driver as was identified as John Wallace. The passengers were identified. Mr. Wallace stated he was messing with his seat belt when he crossed the center line.

Mr. Wallace had yellow

powder in both nostrils of his nose. Upon running Mr. Wallace through dispatch he was found to be driving on a Revoked driver license. Deputy asked the owner of the vehicle if he could search the vehicle and she agreed. Found in the driver side door in a silver and gold canister was 1 yellow pill with imprint with C230 (Oxycodone 10 mg). Found on a key chain in the front seat was a silver canister. In

the silver canister was 2 yellow pills with imprint C230 (Oxycodone 10 mg). Mr. Wallace stated the pills were his. Mr. Wallace was taken into custody. Trooper Clendenen charged Mr. Wallace with DUI and transported him to the Fort Loudon Emergency Room for a Blood Draw. Mr. Wallace was then transported to the Loudon County jail. This did happen in Loudon County.



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FBI

the personal information of more than 40 victims and using their identities to apply for more than \$1.5 million in loans.

The ticket company in California discovered something was amiss when the victims' banks and credit card companies sought their money back. The investigation led straight to Mercede, who had the tickets delivered to his home address or to his parents' house. It appeared to be a straightforward fraud case—until investigators started digging.

"A lot of the material that we got out of his apartment led me to believe there was something much, much greater going on here than a simple fraud," said Detective Sergeant Andy Capwill of the Chagrin Falls Police Department. What he found while sifting through thousands of pages of data was evidence of large money transfers, dozens of checking accounts, and what appeared to be a robust business trading

in the digital currency and payment network known as bitcoin. "I realized I was going to need some help here," said Capwill, who called the FBI.

In their joint investigation, Capwill and

special agents from the FBI's Cleveland Field Office discovered Mercede was buying large quantities of bitcoin from legitimate foreign exchanges and then reselling the bitcoin himself at a premium. The inherent appeal of his

business, Cryptocoin Capital Management, was its location in the U.S.—not in Russia or China, where people are leery to send their money—and that it did not require the same lengthy waiting period as the more reputable exchanges.

"A lot of the time, people who want bitcoin want it now, so they will go through more peer-to-peer transactions," said Special Agent Gary Sukowatey, one of the FBI investigators. "He was buying larger quantities and waiting whatever period was necessary to wait, then he would sell it to people that wanted bitcoin right away." The problem, he said, is these transactions are illegal

if you don't have a license.

Operating a money transmitting business requires registration through the U.S. Department of the Treasury, which has a bureau—the Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, or FinCEN—dedicated to collecting and analyzing information about financial transactions to combat money laundering, terrorist financing, and other financial crimes.

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Detective Sergeant

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Wreck

Harold Hawkins, 54, Elm Lane Loudon, was charged with DUI. Officer Sam Harrison LPD, was dispatched to Huffland Drive in reference to a mo-

tor vehicle accident. Upon arrival Officer observed a red vehicle in the front yard on Huffland Drive pushed up against a large bush and a neighboring car shed. There were skid marks

through the yard the rear wheels had been spinning at one point they had sunken in the ground. Officer observed a male passed out behind the wheel identified as Harold Hawkins. Officer de-

tected a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from the vehicle. Hawkins had a very strong odor of alcoholic beverage about his person, blood shot eyes, very slurred speech, and was un-

steady on his feet, and appeared to have urinated himself. Officer had to stop sobriety test for fear Hawkins would fall. Hawkins submitted to breath test and blew 0.266.

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Andy Capwill, Chagrin Falls (Ohio) Police Department

"You've got to do it the right way," said Special Agent Milan Kosanovich, who specializes in complex financial crimes and investigated the case with Sukowatey and Capwill. "It's perfectly fine to operate as a money exchanger for bitcoin. However, those exchangers, like other financial institutions in the U.S., have specific rules to follow to ensure compliance with anti-money laundering requirements."

In September 2014, Mercede boasted about his profits to a reporter for an online bitcoin publication. He claimed he averaged returns of 8 to 15 percent per day by buying off Chinese exchanges and then selling locally. "I can get some crazy returns right now," he was quoted saying.

Court records show Mercede wired funds to make daily purchases of \$10,000 and \$40,000 in bitcoin. Over six months beginning in August 2014, Mercede illegally converted or transmitted \$1.4 million. He was sentenced on March 21 to more than six years in prison. The case represents one of the first convictions for what is believed to be an increasingly frequent crime—operating an unlicensed money transmitting business.

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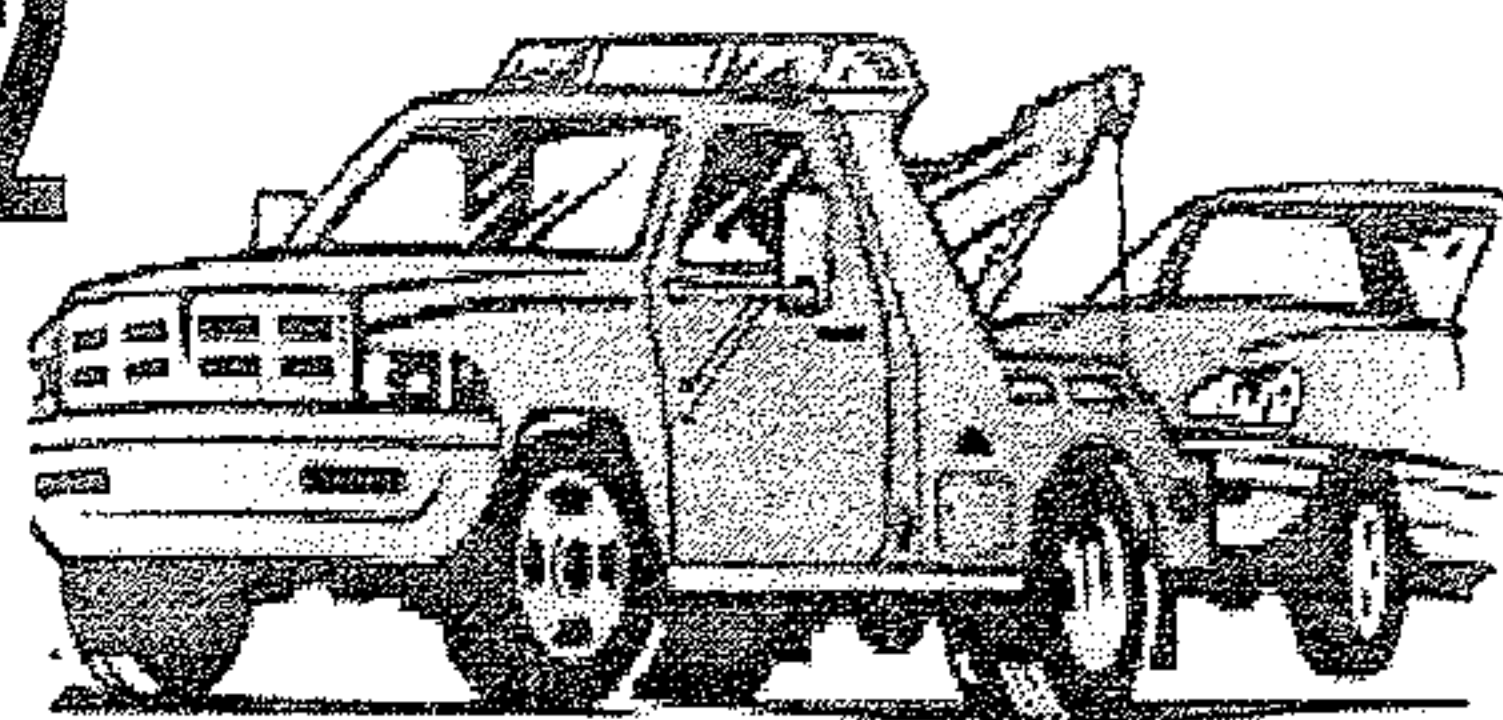
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Charged

Milford Sexton, 45, Reese Street Rockwood, was charged with Driving without a Valid License. Deputy Kenneth Palmer LCSO, observed a silver vehicle traveling on Hwy 70. Deputy observed the vehicle run the red light while turning left onto Hwy 321. Deputy stopped the vehicle on Hwy 321 at Williams Ferry Road. Deputy made contact with the driver Milford Sexton. The tag was on a Chevrolet it came back to a Nissan. Deputy ran Sexton through dispatch that revealed Sexton was driving without a license. The tag was seize and Sexton was placed under arrest.

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The FBI agents stressed that trading in virtual currencies like bitcoin is perfectly legal—with the proper registration, licensing, and record-keeping requirements. “It’s easier for people not to do it and hope they don’t get charged with it,” said Sukowatey. “But as we were able to prove in this case, you can be charged criminally for not being registered.”

Capwill, who began the investigation, said he didn’t know what bitcoin was at the outset. But he appreciated the learning experience and working the joint investigation with the FBI—as well as the Internal Revenue Service and the U.S. Postal Inspection Service—to its conclusion. “It was

a lot of information being shared back and forth between the agencies, which was really helpful,” he said. “It’s always nice to know there’s somebody out there on the other end of the phone that can help you.”

Capias arrest
Tara Wallace, 42, Blinken Street Lenoir City, was charged with Criminal Court Capias.

Cpl. Brandon Dishner LCSO, was advised Deputy Mitchell Vinsant was out at the jail with a female. At that time Cpl Dishner made contact with Mrs. Tara Wallace. Mrs Wallace has an active Criminal Court Capias for Theft of Property \$1000.00-\$10,000.00 out of Criminal Court in Loudon County Tennessee. Cpl. Dishner then served warrant

number 2016-CR-257 on Mrs Wallace. This did occur at the Loudon County Jail, in Loudon County Tennessee.

Police beat
Hayley Webb, 23, Dotson Road Greenback, was charged with DUI, and Aggravated Assault.

Sgt. Jerramie Bowen, Deputy Lane and Deputy Dailey did re-

spond to Dotson Rd. to attempt to serve a warrant on Haley Webb. Deputy did make contact with Mrs. Webb and take her into custody for Warrant number 2017-cr-580 1 and 2. DUI and Aggravated Assault. Deputy then transported her to the Loudon County Jail. This did occur in Loudon County.

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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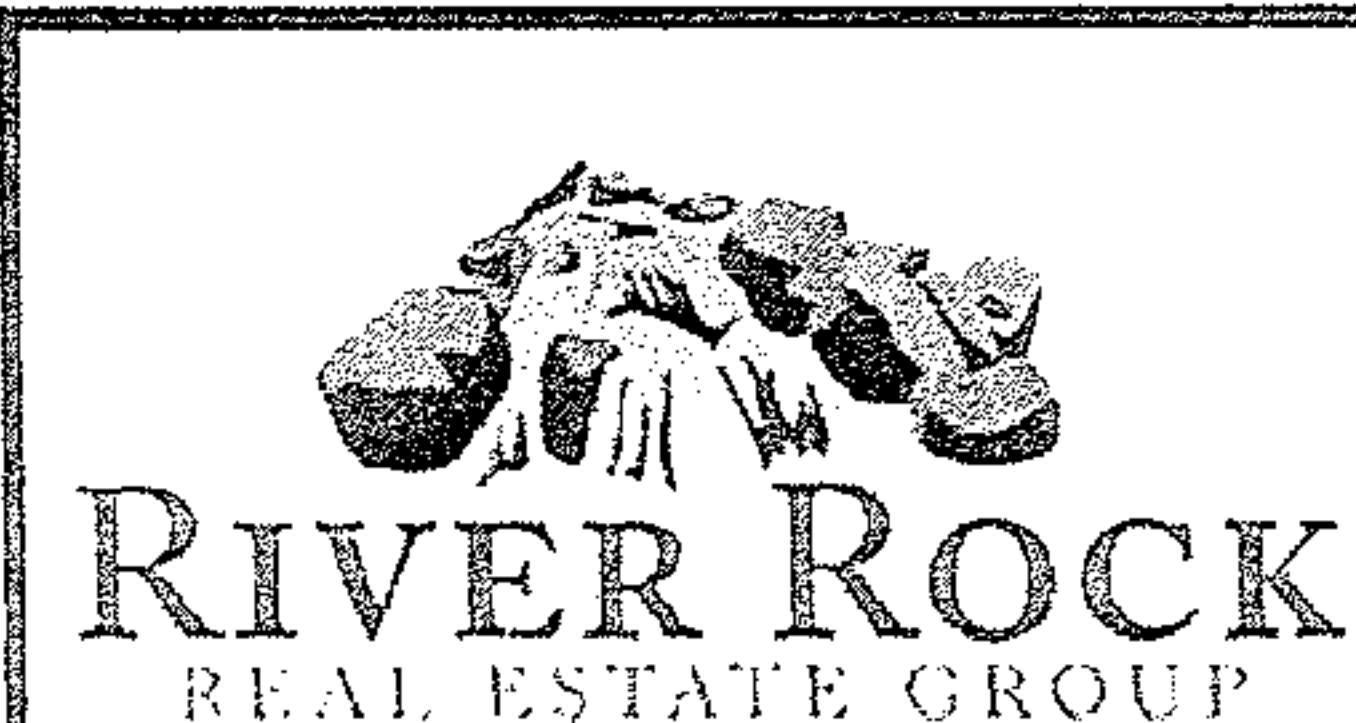
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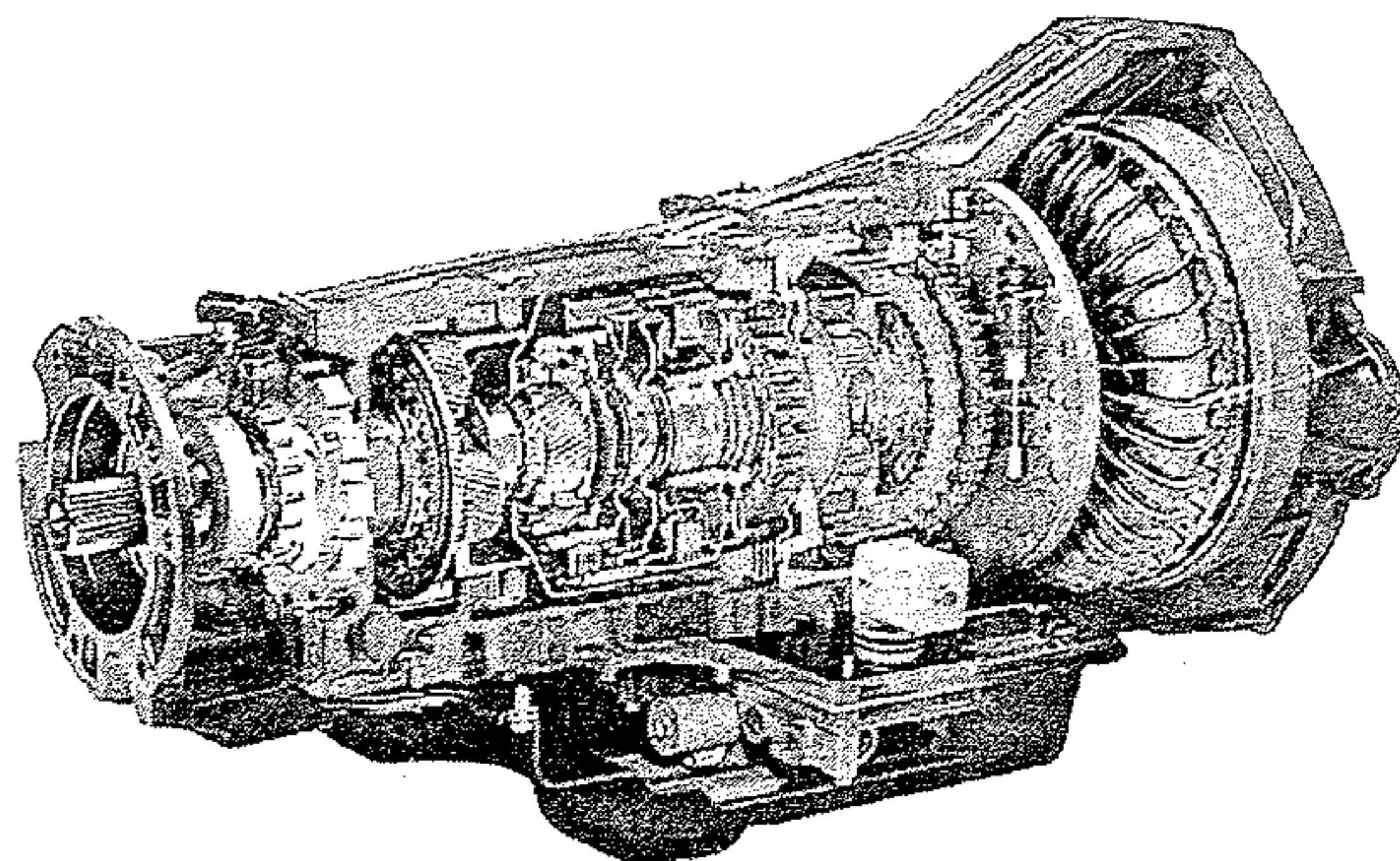
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