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Monday, May 8, 2017

## Heroin found along with stolen vehicle in Lenoir City

Emily Orr, 20, Rose Street Lenoir City, was charged with Theft of Property, Man/Sell/Del/Resale Sch. I, and Poss. of Drug Para.

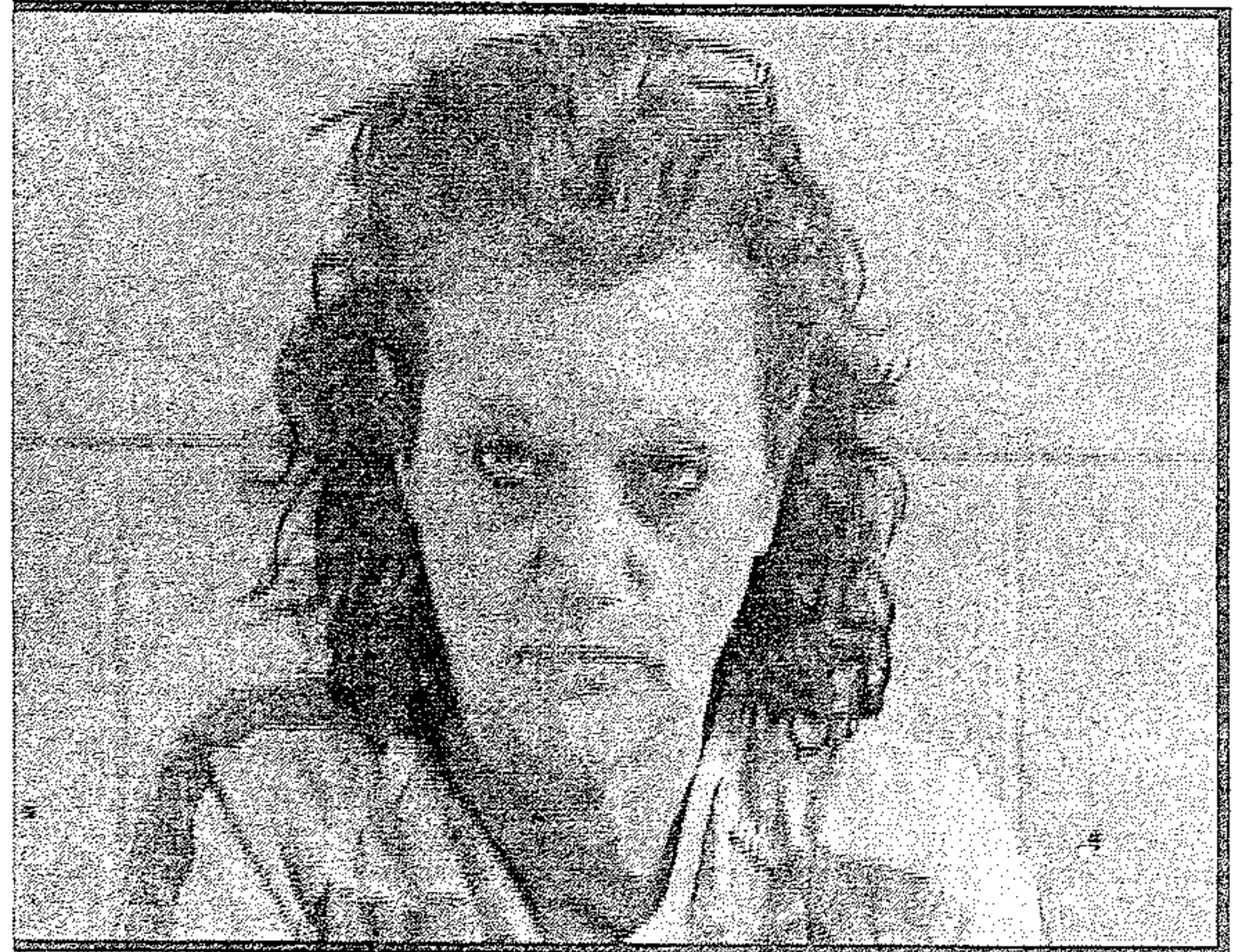
On May 3, 2017 the Lenoir City Police Department was dispatched to Rose St N.in regards to a stolen vehicle. Once on scene officers made

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Emily Orr

## What can you say? She showed up for court intoxicated



Dana Frye

see PI pg. 3

## Three charged after traffic stop for crossing line

### Former Richland Elementary PTO Treasurer Indicted for Theft

An investigation by the Tennessee Comptroller's Office has led to the indictment of Amanda McMilin, the former treasurer of the Richland Elementary School PTO in Giles County.

Investigators determined that McMilin stole at least \$5,649 from the PTO by keeping cash that was collected during fundraisers. These activities included a fall festival, t-shirt, sweatshirt, and candy-gram sales; a

see theft pg. 7

### Playpen' Creator Sentenced to 30 Years Dark Web 'Hidden Service' Case Spawned Hundreds of Child Porn Investigations

Infographic depicting statistics from the ongoing investigation into the Playpen child pornography website and its members as of May 4, 2017.

The creator and lead administrator of what was believed to be the world's largest child pornography website—with more than 150,000 users around the world—was sentenced this week to 30

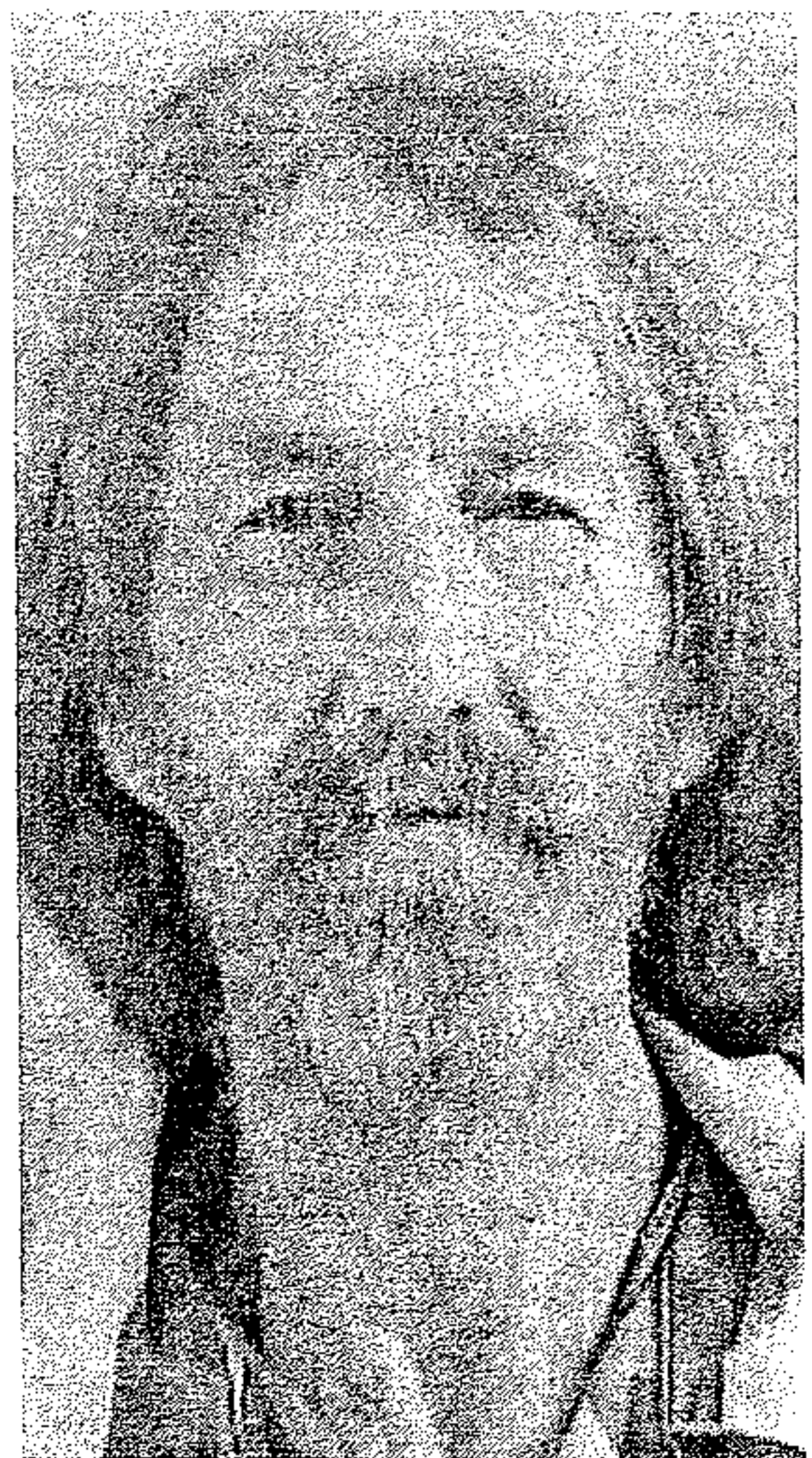
years in prison.

Steven W. Chase, 58, of Naples, Florida, created a website called Playpen in August 2014 on the Tor network, an open network on the Internet where users can communicate anonymously through "hidden service" websites—where criminal activity is not uncommon. Chase ran the Playpen website, where

(see playpen pg. 4)



April Burchfield



Dennis Torbett

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### Verse of the Day

Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. — Psalm 139:23-24

### Obituaries

see inside **Wazzup**  
Buddy Rogers you were a great man and you will be missed my friend. Good ole buddy even bought us all a

drink at Pilot. Thanks Buddy!

### Weather

Today: Sunshine. High 73F.

Tonight: A few clouds from time to time. Low 56F.

Tuesday Partly cloudy. A

stray shower or thunderstorm is possible. High 82F.

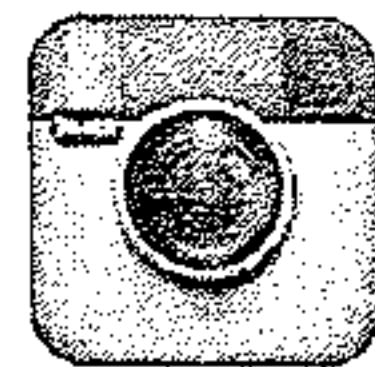
Tuesday Night Clear skies. Low near 60F.

### Horoscopes

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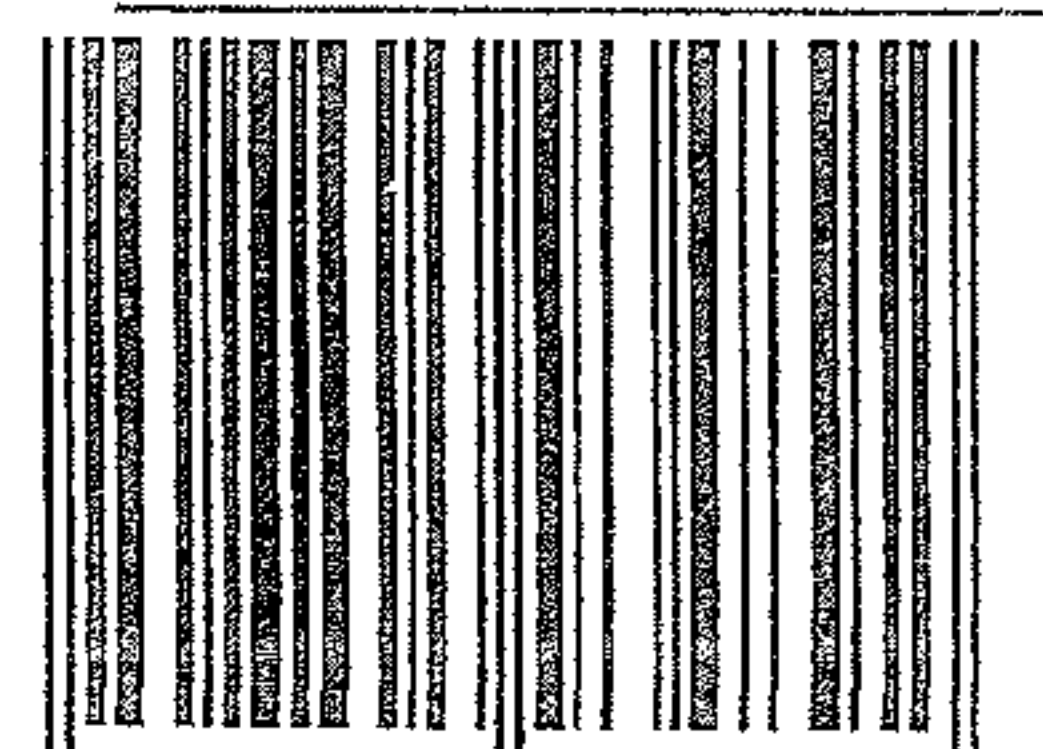


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## Heroin

contact with the defendant, Emily Orr. Witnesses stated to Officer Espinoza and Officer Guider they observed Orr passed out in the driver seat of a green 1999 Chevero-

let Lumina. A check through NCIC determined the vehicle to be stolen from Knoxville, TN. The defendant was placed under arrest. The vehicle was inventoried for tow.

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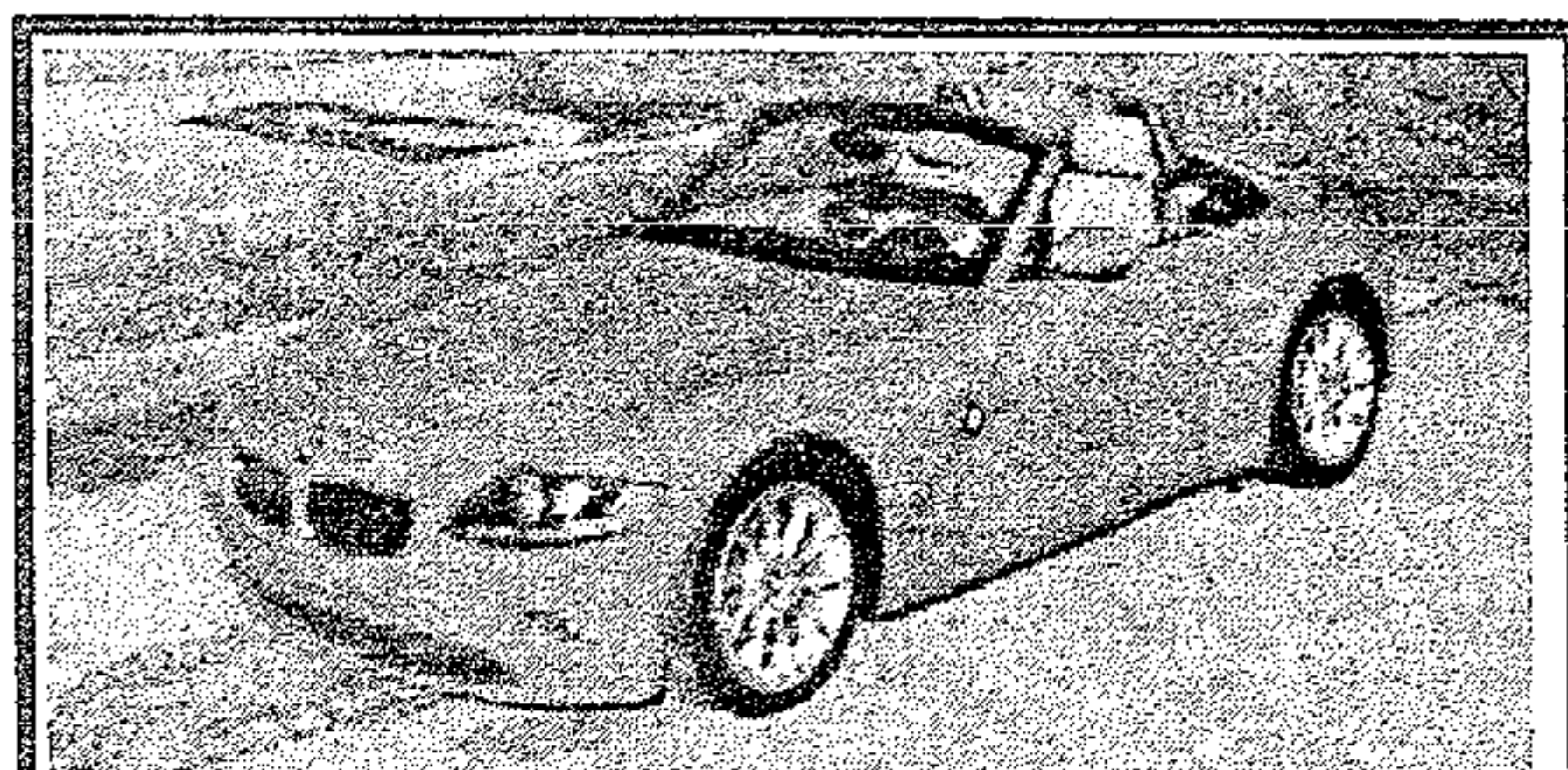
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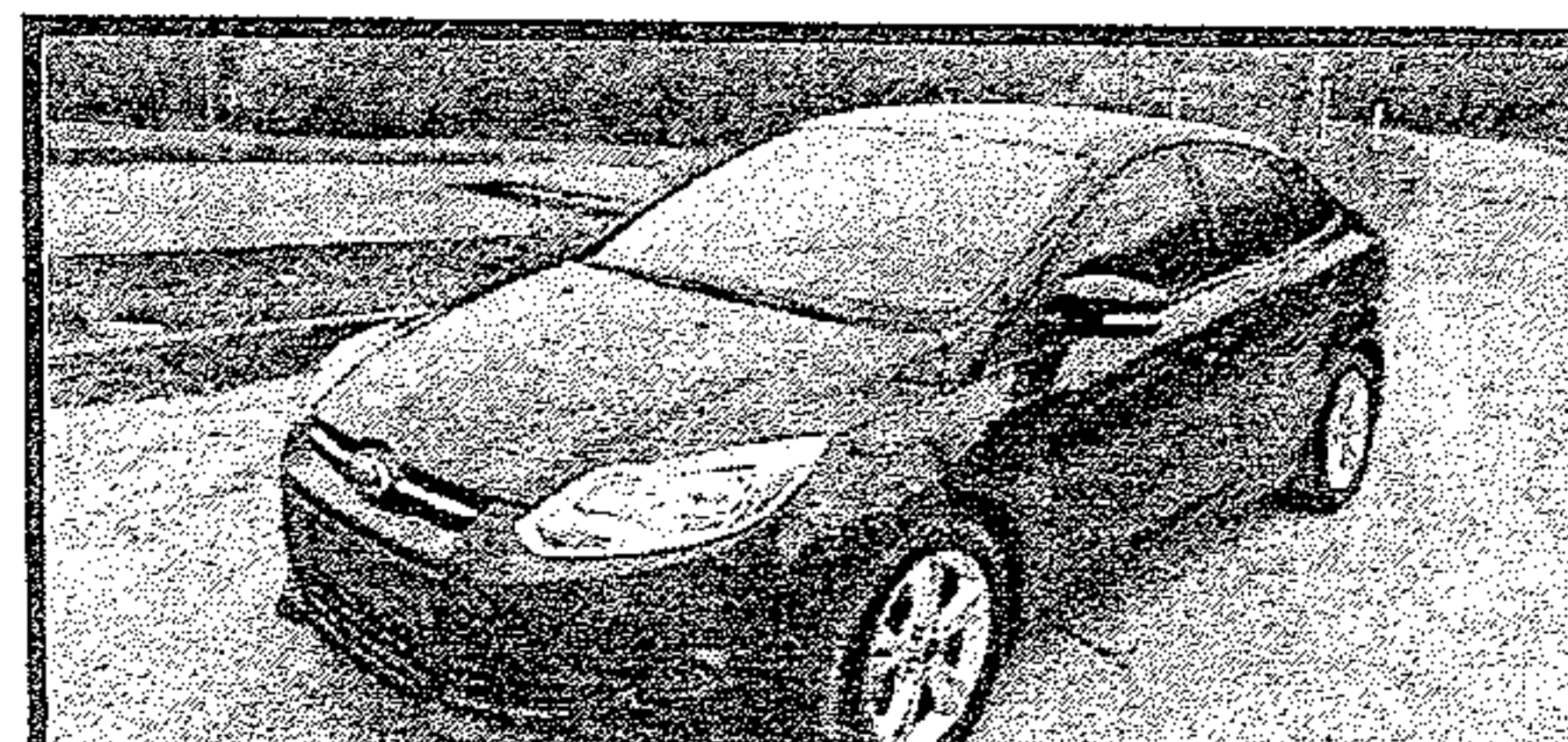
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PI  
Dana Frye, 49, Haire Lane Loudon, was charged with public intoxication. Deputy Daniel Ferguson LCSO, was in court room 1 General Sessions Court and made contact with Dana Frye who was told to have a seat and wait for her name to be called by the D.A. for her

case. Mrs.Frye kept getting up from her seat and trying to come to the front of the court room. Deputy turned to speak to Judge Sledge and Mrs.Frye came at a fast pace to the bench area. Judge Sledge ask Mrs.Frye if she had permission to be at the bench and at that time Deputy advised Judge Sledge she

would be taken back to the holding area. Mrs.Frye had been told by Deputy Langley and Ferguson several times to sit down before this incident took place. Mrs.Frye was escorted to the holding area by Ferguson and he noticed she had slurred speech and very unsteady on her feet she was a danger to herself and others. Mrs.Frye was taken into custody and

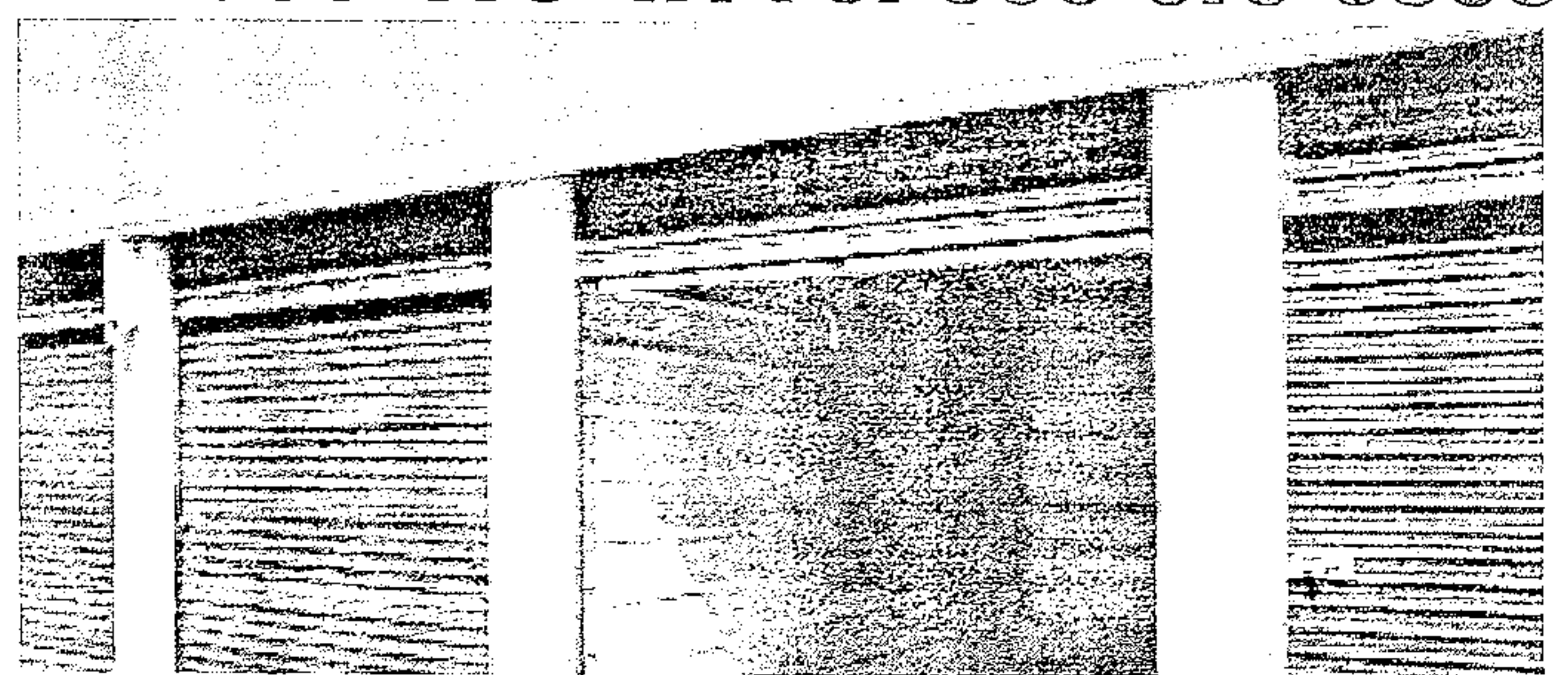
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## Playpen

members uploaded and viewed tens of thousands of postings of young victims, indexed by age, sex, and the type of sexual activity involved.

The case—and the thousands of follow-up investigations it has launched—is unprecedented in its scope and reach, FBI officials said. It represents the Bureau's most successful effort to date against users of Tor's hidden service sites. And it has opened new avenues for international cooperation in efforts to prosecute child abusers around the world.

"We were only able to pull it off with a lot of support from our international partners and field offices," said Special Agent Dan Alfin, who investigated the case as part of the Bureau's Violent Crimes Against Children section.

The case opened shortly after Steven Chase launched Playpen in the summer of 2014. The FBI, which has numerous investigations involving the dark web, quickly be-

came aware of the site, but "given the nature of how Tor hidden services work, there was not much we could do about it," Alfin recalled.

That is, until December 2014, when

Chase slipped up and revealed Playpen's unique IP address—a location in the U.S. The gaffe was noticed by a foreign law enforcement agency, which notified the FBI. "From that point we took normal investi-

gative steps—seized a copy of the website, served search warrants for e-mail accounts, followed the money—and everything led back to Steven Chase," said Alfin. Chase was sentenced Monday in North Carolina in connection with engaging in a child exploitation enterprise and multiple child pornography charges. His sentencing follows those of two co-defendants who were also administrators on the website—Michael Fluckiger, 46, of Indiana, and David Browning, 47, of Kentucky—who were each given 20-year prison terms earlier this year.

Arresting Playpen's administrators, however, was only the beginning. In January 2015,

the FBI, in partnership with the Department of Justice Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section, launched Operation Pacifier—an effort to go after Playpen's thousands of members. Using a court-approved network investigative technique, agents uncovered IP addresses and other information that helped locate and identify users. Investigators sent more than 1,000 leads to FBI field offices around the country and thousands more to overseas partners, Alfin said.

Arrests and other enforcement actions have occurred in countries far and near. Europol, the European Union's agency for

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Michael Underwood, 26, Underwood Road Sweetwater, was charged with Possession of Drug Para.

April Rose Burch-

field, 43, of Hwy 39, Athens, was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia, and a warrant out of McMinn County.

Dennis Torbett, 54, County Road Etowah,

was charged with Simple possession, Poss. of Drug Para.

Deputy Robbie Lane LCSO, observed a gray Chevy Cobalt traveling south on Interstate 75. The Chevy

crossed over the fog line several times. Deputy conducted traffic stop with the vehicle just pass the 68 exit. Deputy made contact with the driver Mr. Michael Underwood

and the passengers Mr. Dennis Torbett and Ms.



Michael Underwood

April Burchfield.

After speaking with all occupants consent to search the car was given. Inside the trunk of the car was a metal box. Inside the box was a glass pipe with white residue several needles. Inside the bottom of the box was 5 white papers with unknown white powder inside the paper.

Several pill bottles where inside the box one had unknown liquid inside. All occupants were asked if the box belonged to them all occupants stated the box was not theirs. All occupants were placed under arrest for possession of drug paraphernalia. A check for warrants it was found that Ms. Burchfield had a outstanding warrant out of McMinn County for violation of probation. Inside Mr. Torbett's wallet was a Suboxone strip which he had no prescription for.

The car was towed away from the scene by James. The unknown powder was sent to the lab to identify the powder.

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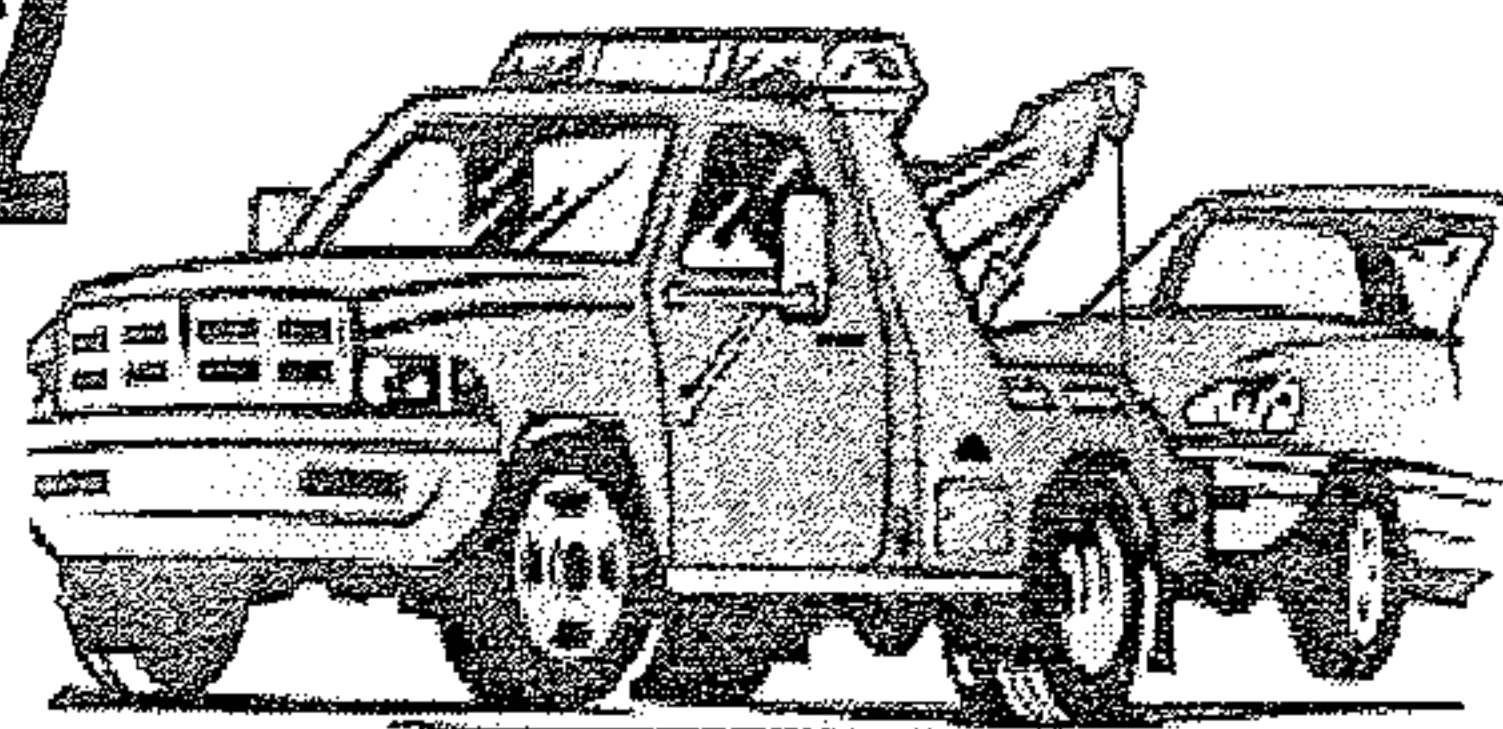
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**Theft**

bake sale; and concession operations.

McMilin failed to deposit the cash collected for many of these fundraisers into the PTO bank account. In fact, investigators discovered that McMILIN did not deposit any cash into the PTO account from July 2015 through November 2015.

McMilin admitted to investigators that she took money from the PTO and used it to pay her personal expenses. She resigned her position as treasurer in January 2016 after she was confronted about the missing funds by PTO and school officials.

In April 2017, Amanda McMILIN was indicted by the Giles

County Grand Jury on one count of theft over \$2,500.

"While it may be tempting to let a PTO treasurer handle all money matters, it greatly enhances the possibility of theft," said Comptroller Justin P. Wilson. "PTO's must ensure there is oversight. The simple act of reviewing bank statements could have stopped this theft in its tracks."

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law enforcement cooperation, reported arrests, along with Israel, Turkey, Peru, Malaysia, Chile, and the Ukraine. International agencies critical to the investigation included CNCPO Polizia Postale e Comunicazioni of Italian State Police, the United Kingdom's National Crime Agency, and New Zealand's Department of Internal Affairs.

Even some countries where law enforcement cooperation has been historically limited were, in this case, especially helpful in pursuing the FBI's leads on former users and contributors to Chase's Playpen site.

"Members of his enterprise who were raping children, who were producing child pornography all around the world—those cases continue to be indicted and prosecuted," Alfin said.

In addition to taking down the website, the ongoing investigation, as of May 4, 2017, has produced the following results:

At least 350 U.S.-based individuals arrested

25 producers of child pornography prosecuted

51 hands-on abusers prosecuted

55 American children successfully identified or rescued

548 international arrests, with 296 sexually abused children identified or rescued.

The Playpen site has

been down for more than two years. But similar sites continue to operate and proliferate on the dark web.

"It's ongoing and we continue to address the threat to the best of our abilities," said Alfin. "It's the same with any criminal violation: As they get smarter, we adapt, we find them. It's a cat-and-mouse game, except it's not a game. Kids are being abused, and it's our job to stop that."

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A small clear plastic bag was found containing a brown substance weighing under 0.5 grams in a L&M cigarettes package which was found in a purse in the passenger seat. Also found in the purse was a syringe. A cut coke can with drug residue and burn marks, several clear plastic bags, one with residue, and three cell phones were located inside the vehicle. Inv. Brown advised the defendant of her right to council, she understood, waiving her rights, she admitted that the vehicle was not hers.

The defendant also admitted that the brown substance located in the purse was in fact heroin, and that it and the syringe were both hers. The vehicle was recovered and towed to Malone wrecker service. This did occur in Loudon County, TN.

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Capias arrest  
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Police beat  
Gerald Burress, 58, Rock Hill Road Georgia, was charged with Driving on Revoked/Suspended License. Officer Marty Ward LPD, was dispatched to Food City Gas-N-Go for a suspicious person call. Upon arrival Officer found Gerald Burress outside the car asking people in the parking lot for money. Upon checking Burress Officer found Burress's license were revoked. Officer went inside Food City, and watched Burress driving through the parking lot prior to exiting the Gas-N-Go. Burress was placed under arrest.



Gerald Burress

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