

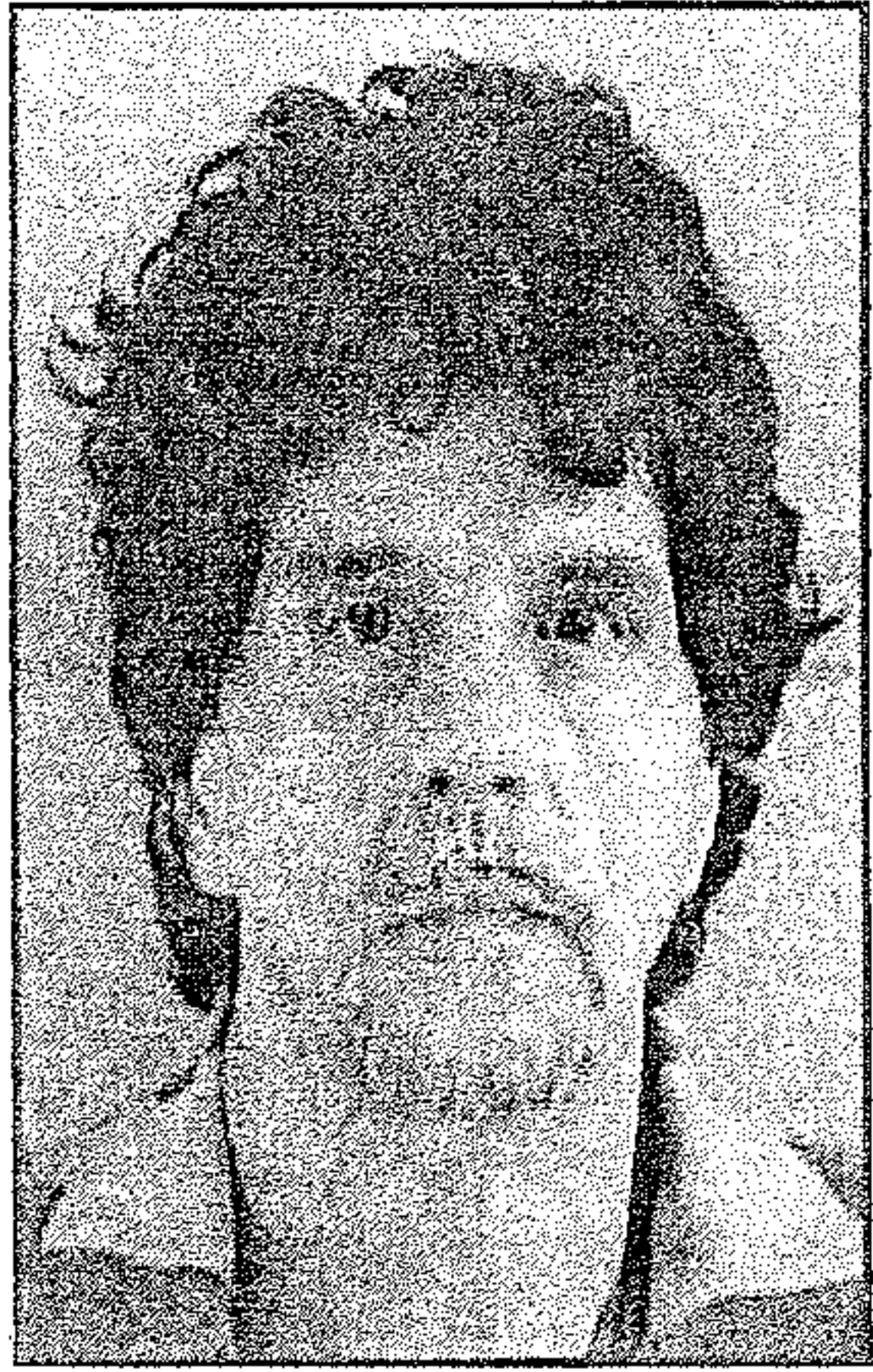
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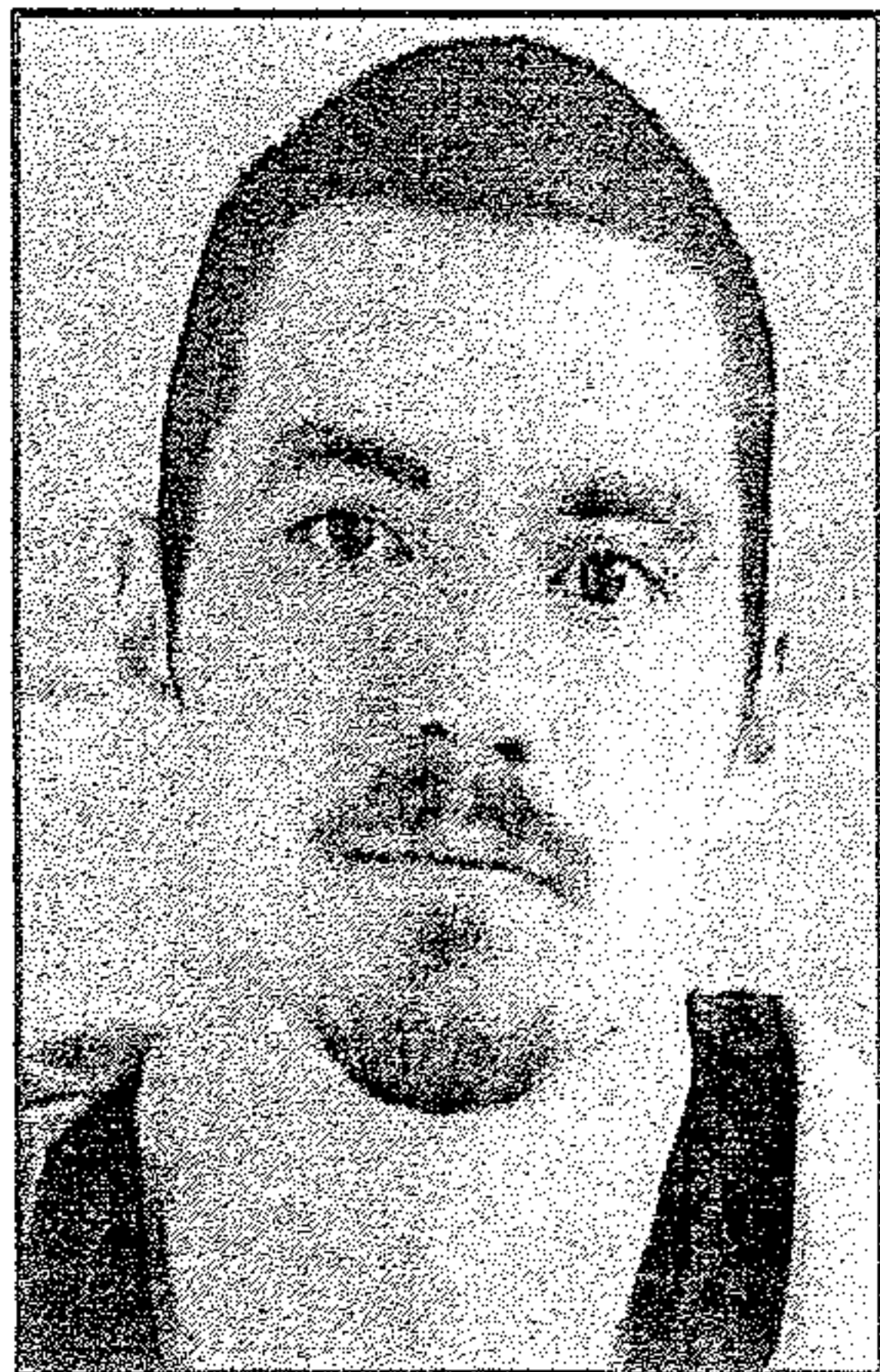
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Meth for resale found on revoked driver; both passengers also charged (see trio pg. 2)

Biker gets 3rd DUI after bike crash with injury



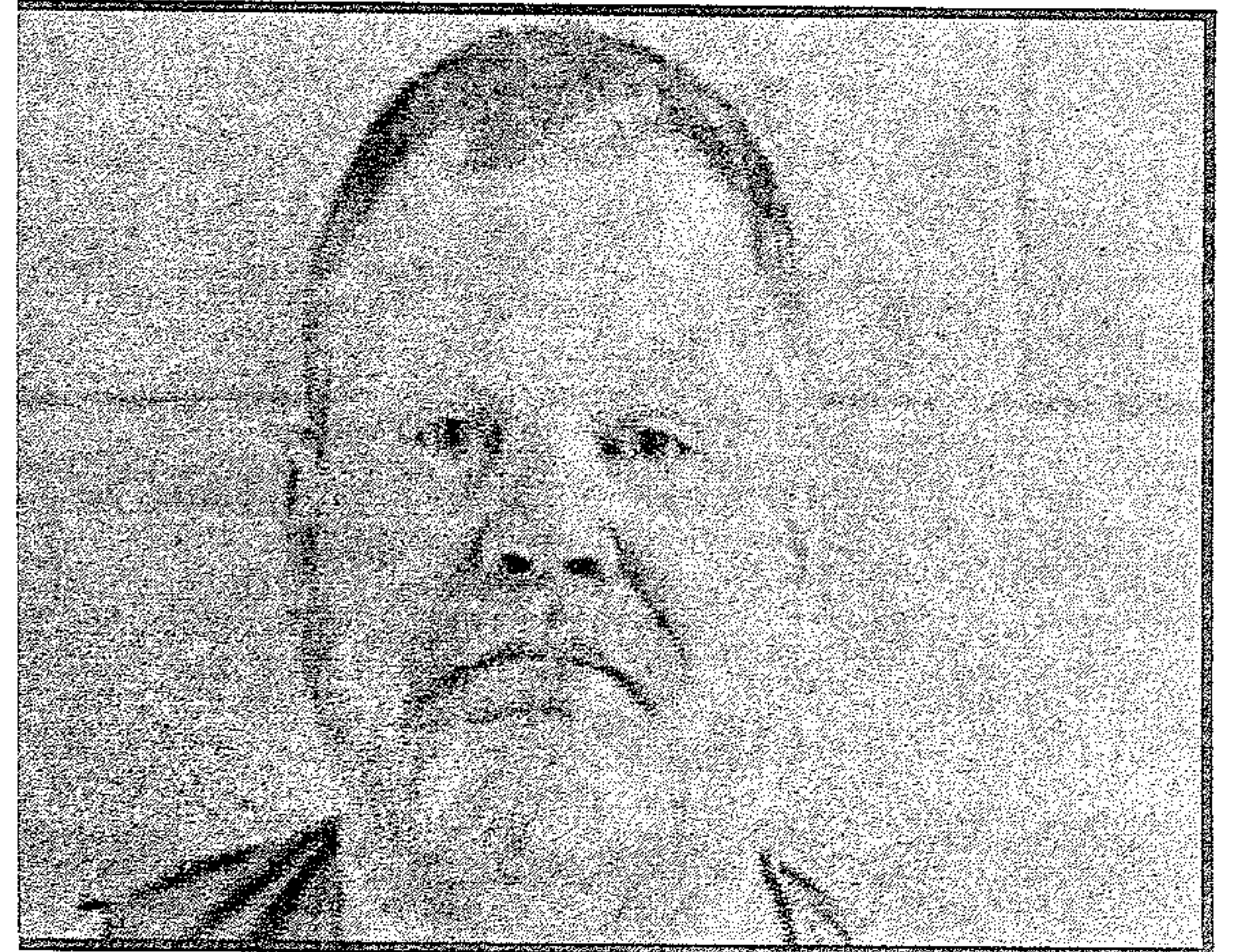
Jeff Graves



Christopher Lankford



Samantha Delk



Jamy Wilson

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3 charged after stop for illegal tag border by LCSO

Former Dance Team Booster Club Treasurer Steals \$11,000

Stopping Skimmers Protect Yourself at the ATM



James Roberts



Lucille Roberts

James Roberts, 51, Abbott Road Lenoir City, was charged with Driving on Revoked/

see tag border pg. 5

An investigation by the Tennessee Comptroller's Office has found that Charlene Wheeler, the former treasurer of the Arlington Middle School Dance Team Booster Club, stole at least \$11,059 from the booster club.

Wheeler used at least three schemes to steal money from April 2015 through December 2015.

Wheeler wrote booster club checks

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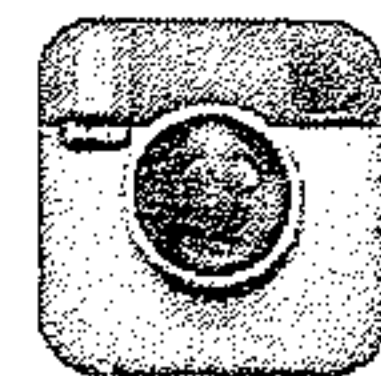
As Americans hit the road for summer vacation season, many will visit an ATM expecting quick and easy access to their cash. Yet that convenience makes ATMs an easy, year-round target for fraudsters looking to steal your money.

Romanian citizen Ilie Sitariu, 37, and a co-conspirator who has since fled the United States did just that in 2015. From

August through October, the Romanians traveled along the I-87 corridor in the Albany, New York area, going from bank to bank and secretly installing skimming equipment on ATMs—often at night, when their nefarious activities could go unnoticed.

Skimming typically requires two devices to be installed on an ATM or other card reader: one

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Verse of the Day

What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means! We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? — Romans 6:1

Obituaries

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Wazzup

Thanks for all your help little buddy, sure couldn't have done it without you.

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Vinnie Vegas sure hope you did well.

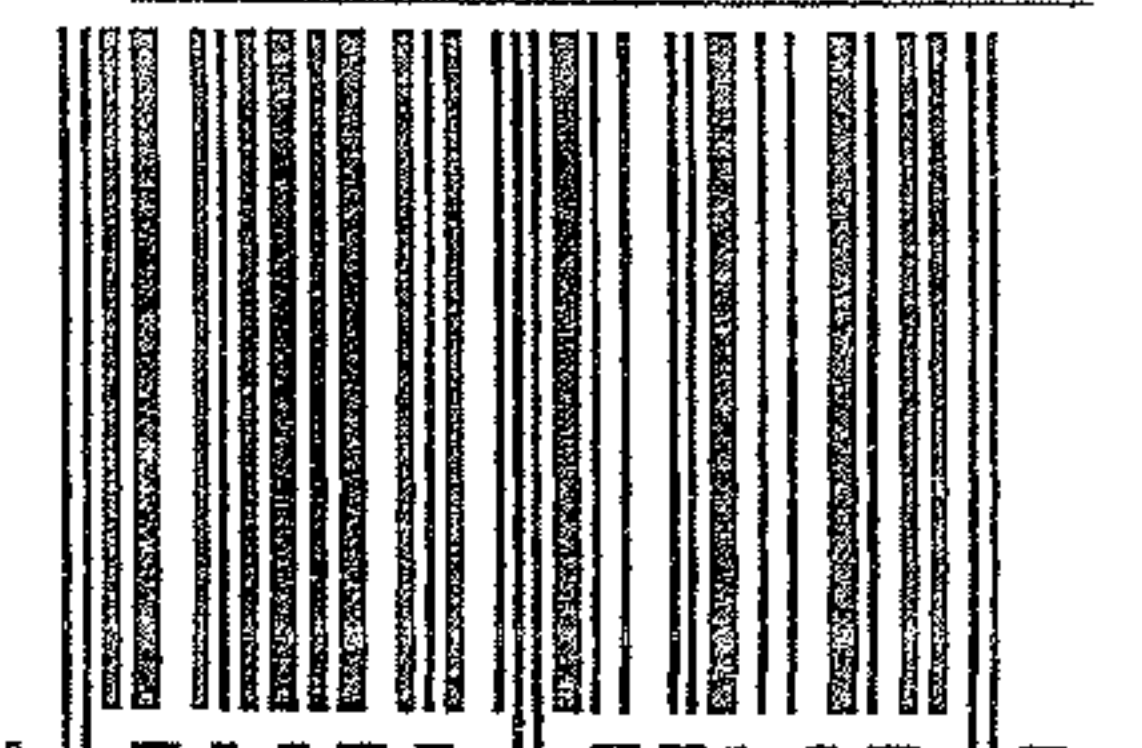
Weather

Today: Plentiful sunshine. High 77F.

Tonight: Partly cloudy. Slight chance of a rain shower. Low 57F.

Thursday Partly cloudy. A stray shower or thunderstorm is possible. High 76F. Thursday Night A stray shower or thunderstorm is possible early. A few clouds. Low 57F.

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Trio

Jeffrey Graves, 52, Jackson Bend Road Lenoir City, was charged with Mfg/Del/Sale or Poss. of Meth, and Driving on Revoked/Suspended License.

Christopher Lankford, 26, Mannis Road Lenoir City, was charged with Mfg/Del/Sale or Poss. of Meth, Poss. of Drug Para., Tampering Fabricating with Evidence, and Assisting other Agency.

Samantha Delk, 24, Williams Ferry Road Lenoir City, was charged with Mfg/Del/Sale or Poss. of Meth.

Deputy Kevin Kirkland LCSO did observe Mr. Jeffrey Graves driving a Brown Chevy Caprice at Kingston Pike at the Loudon/Knox County line. Traffic stop was initiated at Highway 11 Dixie Lee Shell, where Mr. Graves abruptly pulled behind the Shell and exited the vehicle. Mr. Graves is known to have a revoked driver's license which was confirmed by dispatch. Contact was made with Mr. Graves along with passengers Samantha Delk and Christopher Lankford who all appeared to be nervous in their actions. After speaking

with Mr. Lankford, the owner of the vehicle, he did give consent to search the vehicle where the following items were located: 2 baggies of what appeared to be Crystal Meth (1.64 gm) inside a black lunchbox which no one claimed. In Mrs. Delk's

possession were 13 syringes, and Mr. Lankford did have 3 syringes on his person which he did not advise officers of. Mr. Lankford did admit to taking a loaded syringe off of the floor of the vehicle and concealing it in his sock. All

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3rd DUI

Jamy Wilson, 44, Cedar Grove Road Loudon, was charged with DUI 3rd, and Driving on Revoked/Suspended License.

Trooper Ryan Smith THP, was dispatched to a single vehicle accident involving a motorcycle. Upon arrival Trooper noticed a motorcycle had lost control crossing

the center line and wrecked on the left shoulder of the roadway. The driver of the motorcycle Jamy Wilson had been transported to Fort Sanders Medical Center for treatment for minor injuries sustained in the crash. Wilson was found to driving on revoked license. Wilson also had 2 prior DUI. Due to both the factors the motor-

cycle was seized. Trooper could smell a strong odor of alcoholic substance on or about his person. Wilson had bloodshot eyes, slurred speech, falling asleep, and confusion about where he was. Wilson was placed under arrest.

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3 subjects were taken into custody with the vehicle being towed by Moneymakers wrecker service. Mr. Lankford also has multiple warrants out of Knox County. This all did occur in Loudon County.



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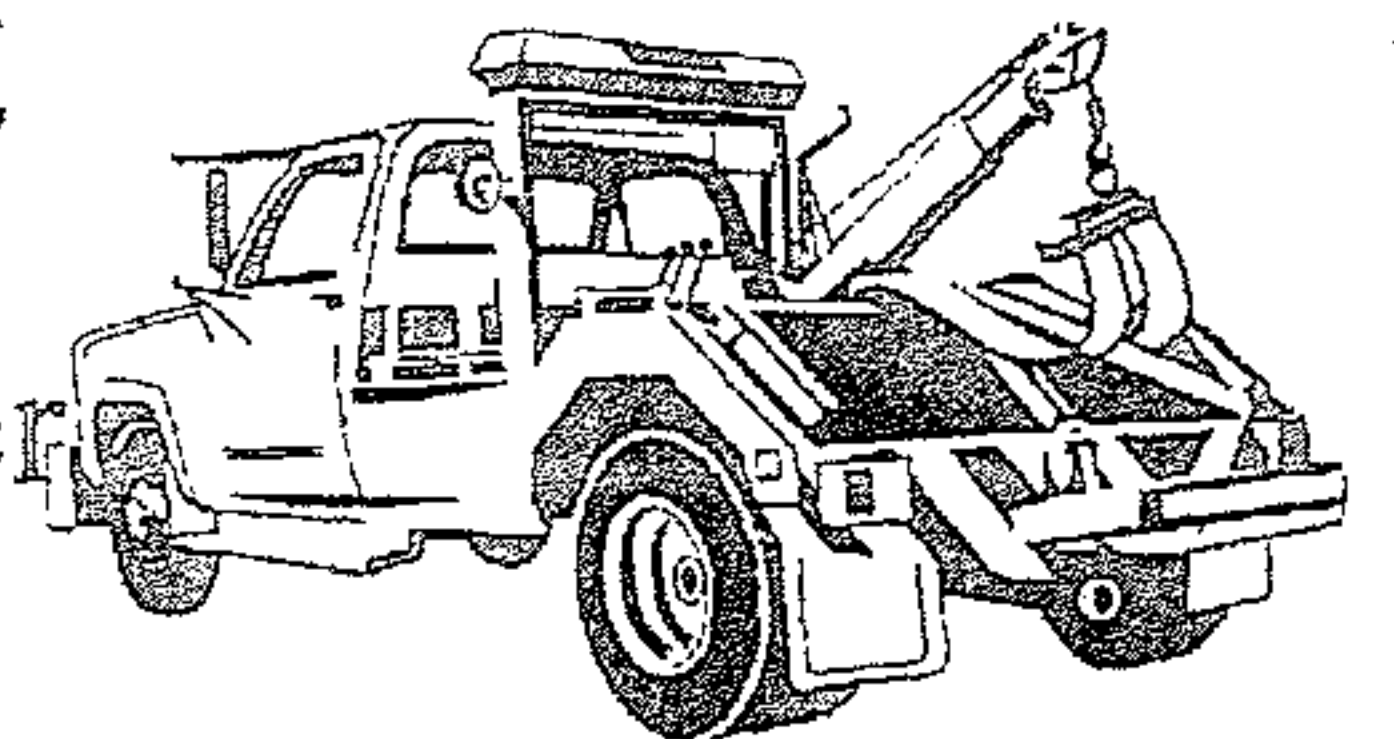
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Skimmers

piece skims, or captures, data from a card's magnetic stripe, while an accompanying pinhole camera captures cardholders' PINs as they're entered. While Sitariu's devices were considered relatively primitive—two simple pieces of metal with a skimmer hidden in one and a camera hidden in the other—they were sophisticated enough to do damage. (Some skimming devices incorporate Bluetooth technology, so criminals can access the information remotely without having to return to the ATMs and remove the devices.)

The men left the skimming equipment in place at each machine for about a day before returning to collect it—along with the account numbers and PINs of those who had used the ATMs during that time. They then loaded that information onto another card and used it to pull cash out of the victims' accounts. The money was then loaded onto gift cards to help cover their tracks.

Some banks noticed the skimming devices right away, minimizing their losses, while others had their customers' accounts drained. At one bank, the fraudsters took \$63,000. In total, they

stole more than \$127,000 from accounts at three banks.

Despite wearing hats and sunglasses while installing the skimmers, security footage from the various ATMs—taken during a relatively short time period at locations in close proximity to each other—helped officials identify the thieves. In these types of cases, data sharing between local law enforcement is critical to catching up to the criminals, as is alerting local banks before they are victimized.

"At the end of the day, greed gets to these people," said Special Agent Paul Scuzzarella, one of the agents who worked the case from the FBI's Albany Division. "They do too much at one time and eventually get caught."

Sitariu, who lived in New York City, is now behind bars thanks to the collaborative work of the FBI, U.S. Secret Service, and law enforcement partners in New York. He pleaded guilty to bank fraud, access device fraud, and aggravated identity theft and was recently sentenced to four years in federal prison.

For skimming victims who find their money mysteriously missing, it's like having your wallet stolen without it ever

leaving your possession. Though banks do typically refund the money, skimming not only causes inconvenience to its victims, it costs everyone. Experts estimate card skimming costs consumers more than \$1 billion annually.

Additionally, many ATM skimming cases are linked to Eurasian crime groups, and the stolen funds can wind up overseas as a funding source for international criminal activity, Scuzzarella said.

While law enforcement is constantly working to catch skimmers, the public should take basic precautions to protect against skimming at ATMs, gas stations, and other vulnerable card reader locations.

"You really should be cognizant of where you're using one," Scuzzarella said of ATMs. "If it's in a hidden area in a building,

like in a gas station around the corner, who knows who's back there. If it's in the main area, it's less likely someone has tampered with that."

Also, if you notice anything unusual on an ATM, don't use it, Scuzzarella warned. He also noted that covering the ATM keypad

could have helped thwart the skimmers in this case.

"I find myself checking more and more," Scuzzarella said of his own ATM use. "When I log in, I notice if something looks different, if it seems as if there's something that's attached. Sometimes it's not very noticeable."



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Tag border

Suspended License.

Lucille Roberts, 68, Abbott Road Lenoir City, was charged with Simple Possession x2.

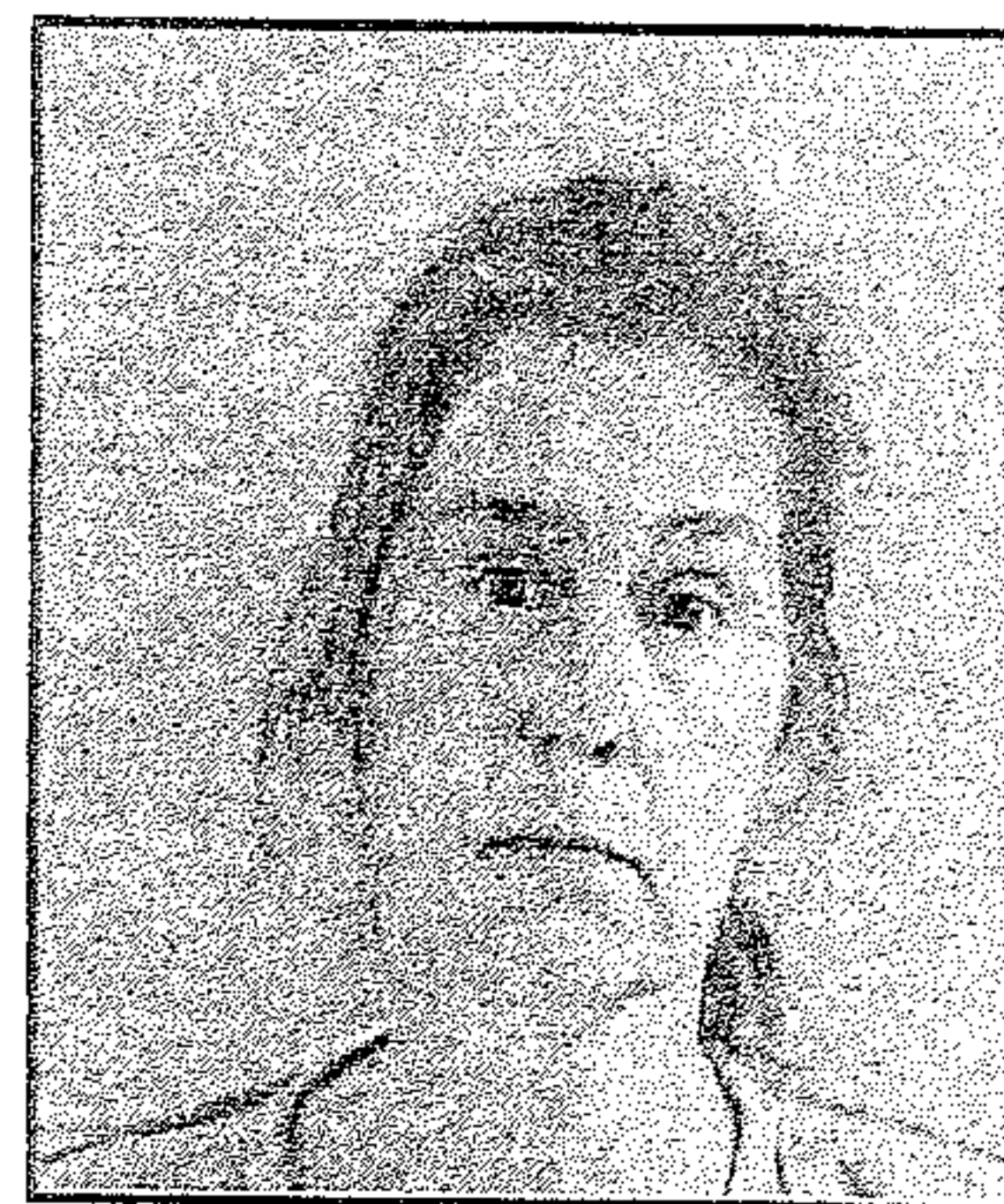
Cynthia Turner, 53, Abbott Road Lenoir

City, was charged with Simple possession.

Deputy Cody Fritts LCSO, observed a Black Ford traveling on Highway 70 near Highway 321. The vehicle had a illegal tag border around the

registration. Upon running the registration 6B30K4, it returned from dispatch registered for two different vehicles. Upon stopping the vehicle on Highway 321 the driver was identified

as James Roberts. The front seat passenger was identified as Cynthia Turner and the back seat passenger as Lucille Roberts. Upon running Mr. Roberts through dispatch he was found to be driving



Cynthia Turner

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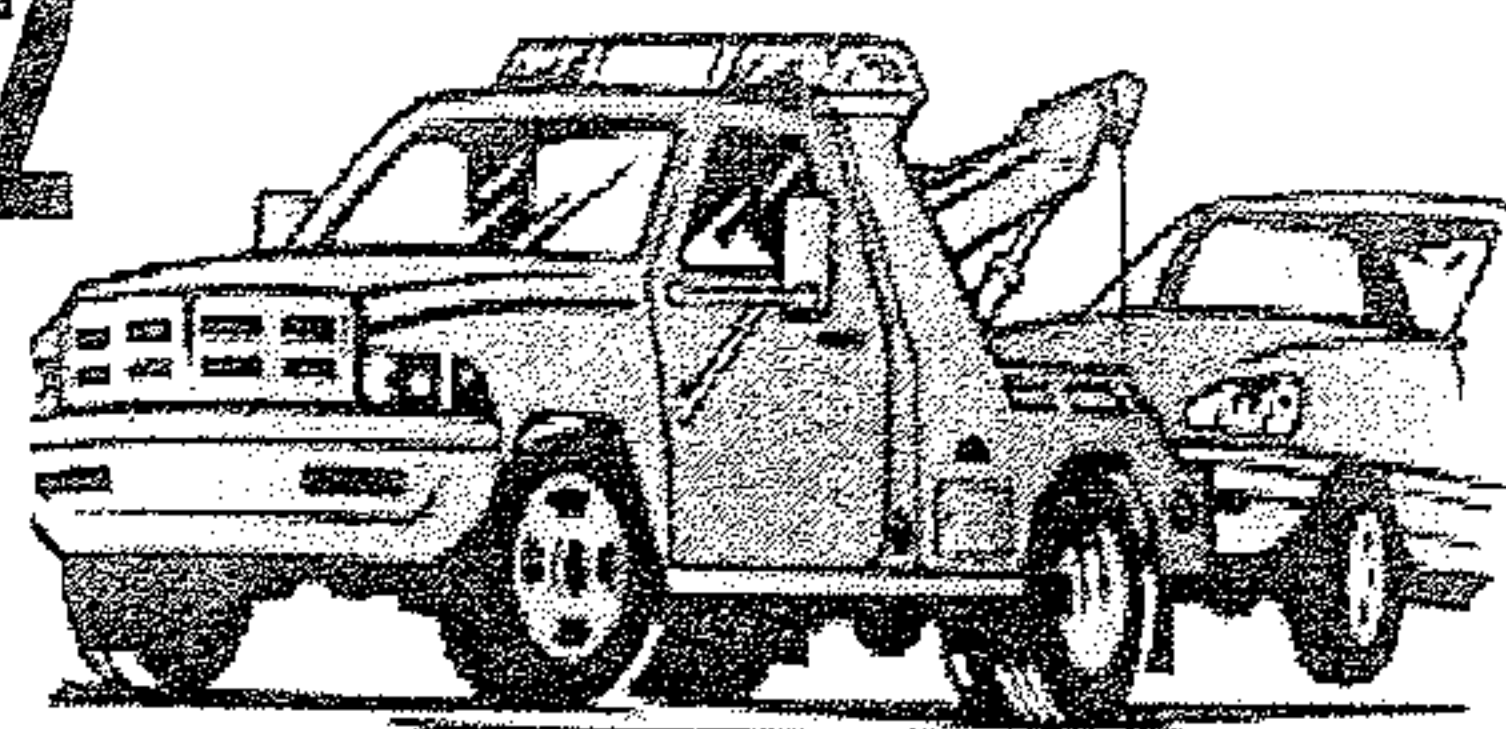
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on a Revoked Driver License. While speaking with Mr. Roberts Deputy observed the front seat passenger, Cynthia Turner appear to hide something between the passenger seat and the middle console. Deputy asked the driver James Roberts if he could search the vehicle and he agreed. Deputy also asked the owner of the vehicle Lucille Roberts if he could search the vehicle and she agreed.

Upon searching the vehicle found between the seat where Ms. Turner appeared to be hiding something a small White bottle was found. The bottle contained (2) White pills with imprint XA-NAX 2 (Xanax 2 mg). Ms. Turner originally denied the pills were her's but later took ownership of them. Upon searching Lucille Roberts purse found in a orange pill bottle was (1) white pill with Imprint XA-NAX 2 (Xanax 2 mg) and (3) blue pills with imprint GG258 (Alprazolam 1 mg). Ms. Roberts stated she did not know where the white pill came from and that someone had gave her the three blue

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Dance

payable to herself, to cash, and to a local business and used the money for her own benefit. She also made personal purchases using the booster club's debit card, and made ATM withdrawals from the booster club's bank account.

Ms. Wheeler used the debit card to make purchases at Six Flags St. Louis, to pay her vehicle loan, and to pay for her utilities.

Wheeler admitted to Comptroller investigators that she used booster club funds for her own personal benefit and without the knowledge or authority of other booster club officials.

Investigators noted that, beginning in September 2015, Wheeler

began making deposits into the club's bank account and paying booster club debt using her own money. These deposits and payments totaling \$7,276 are short of the amounts she stole.

In May 2017, Charlene Wheeler was indicted by the Shelby County Grand Jury on one count of theft over \$10,000.

"A few simple checks and balances can help prevent fraud," said Comptroller Justin P. Wilson. "In this case, having more than one person handle money and review bank statements would be appropriate. Booster club leaders should also be sure two signatures are included on all checks."

To view the investigative report on-

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pills. James Roberts was taken into custody for driving on Revoked. Cynthia Turner was taken into custody for Simple Possession (SCH IV). Lucille Roberts was taken into custody for Simple Possession (SCH IV) X2. All three subjects were transported to the Loudon County jail. This did happen in Loudon County.

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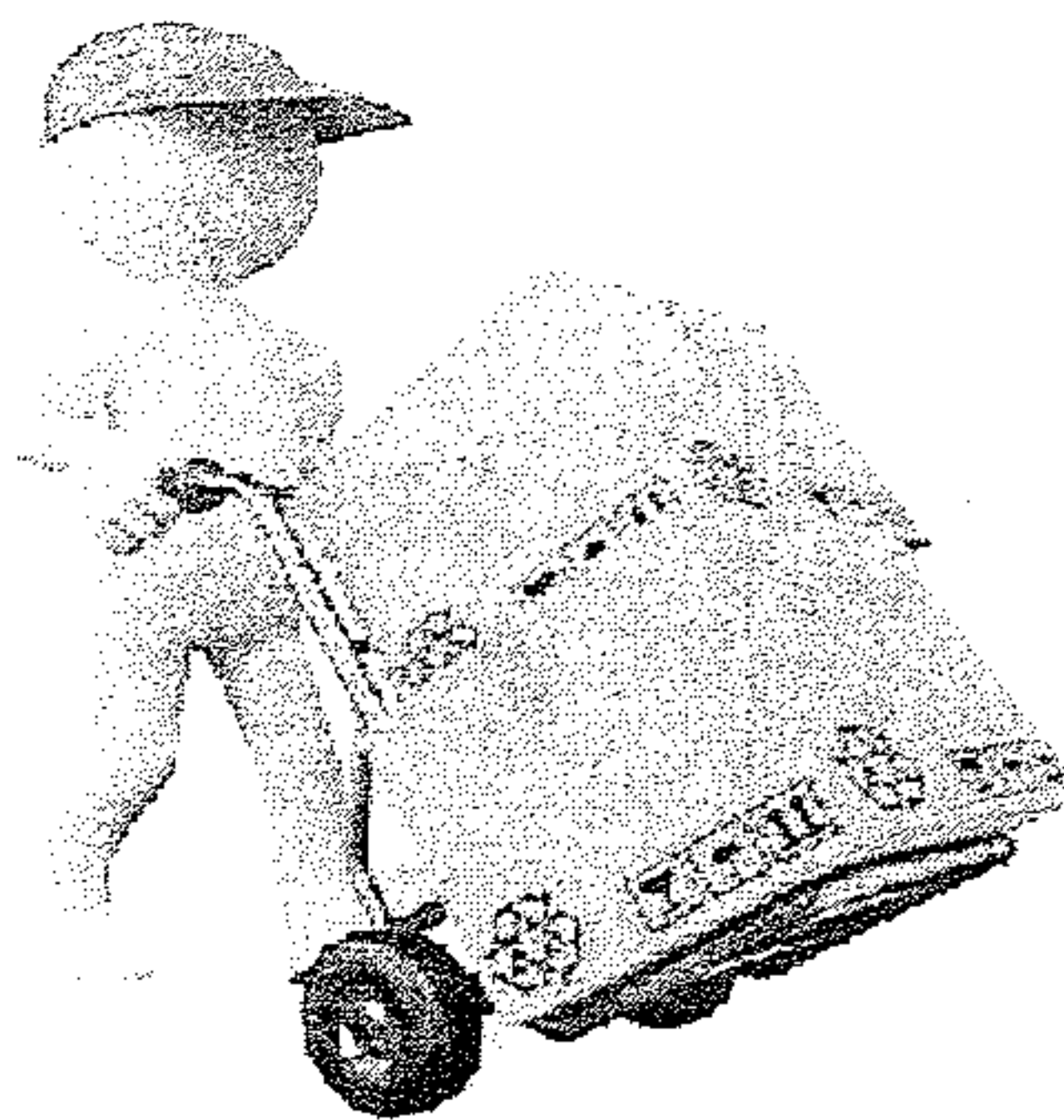

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