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Revoked female driver charged with DUI after hitting Deputy

A Lenoir City woman has found herself in extremely hot water after she rear ended a Loudon County Deputy while intoxicated and driving on a suspended license.

Samantha Curtis, 41, Church Drive Lenoir City, was charged with DUI, Driving on Revoked/Suspend-

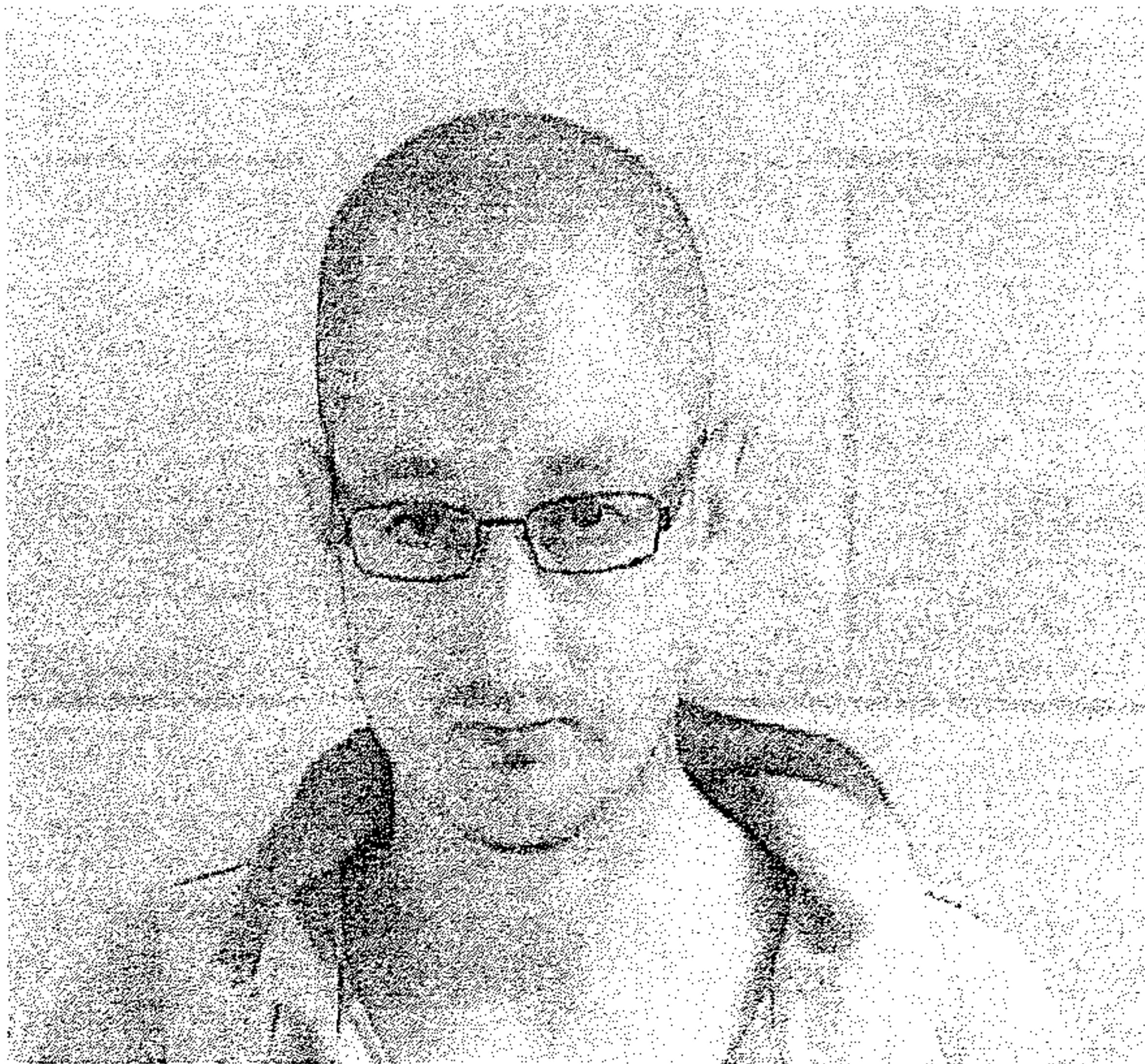
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Samantha Curtis

You aren't allowed to sleep it off in the motel parking lot

Update: passenger also charged in Ingle's bust



Adam Federoff

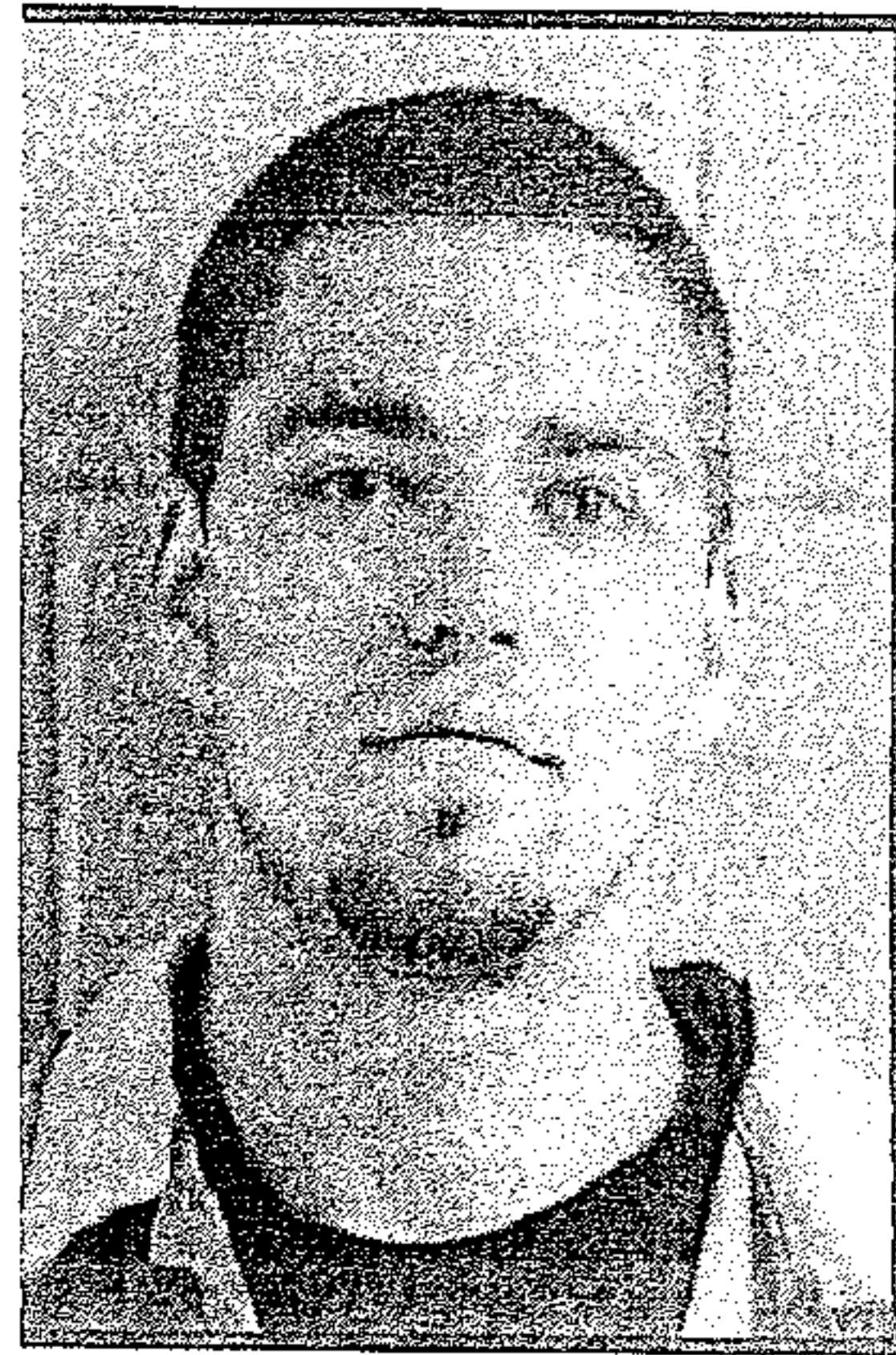
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Erica Dunlap

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Victim beaten with bat and pistol whipped left with severe injuries



Christian Bennett



Jeremiah Burchfield
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Becoming an Agent

An Inside Look at What It Takes

Part 1: The First Week

It's a hot afternoon in August, and the last of the trainees steps off a coach bus parked outside a dormitory at the FBI Academy. One by one, young men and women from all walks of life make their way toward the entrance with luggage in tow.

A sense of nervous

excitement can be felt as supervisors, counselors, and others meet each trainee inside the lobby. They shuffle from station to station and gather paperwork, equipment, class schedules, and dorm assignments. At one of the stops, trainees receive standard-issue polo shirts, khaki pants, and workout

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Verse of the Day

But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. — Matthew 6:33

Obituaries

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Wazzup

Wow what a crazy proposal Ronnie Harness!!! Sgt. Scotty Newman and LPD making it Happen Baby! Funniest Thing on Facebook check it

out!!!

Weather

Today: Scattered thunderstorms in the morning, then mainly cloudy during the afternoon with thunderstorms likely. High 86F. Tonight: Variable clouds

with scattered thunderstorms. Low 69F. Tuesday Cloudy skies early will become partly cloudy later in the day. A stray shower or thunderstorm is possible. High around 85F.

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Wreck

ed License. Trooper James Capp THP, was dispatched to a crash without injury on Hwy 11 and C Street involving a LCSO Deputy vehicle. Trooper made contact with Samantha Curtis, who had rear-ended the Deputies vehicle. Trooper observed Curtis to have red watery eyes,

and her license were suspended. Trooper had Curtis perform sobriety test, which she did poorly on and started crying. Curtis was placed under arrest.

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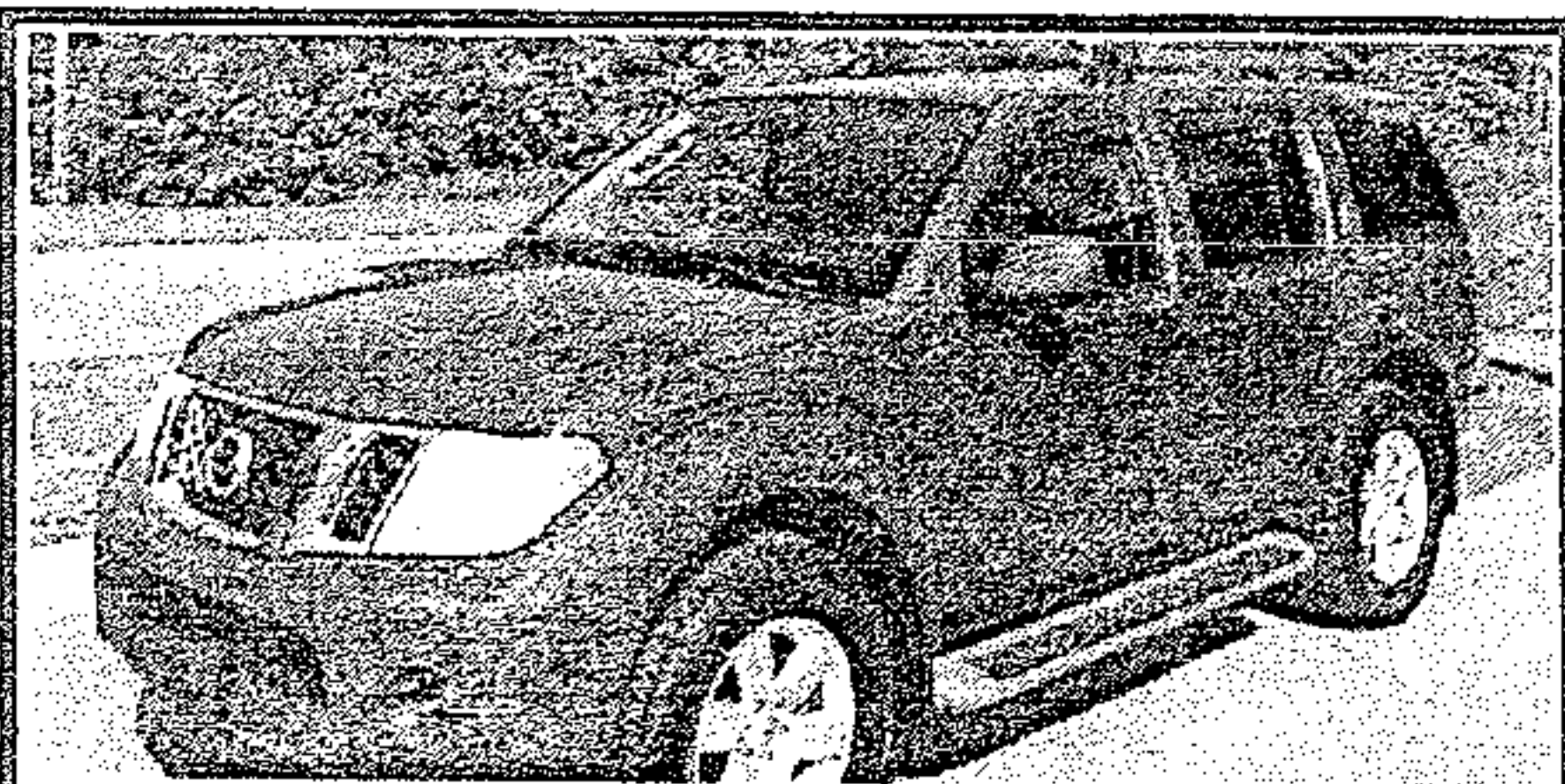
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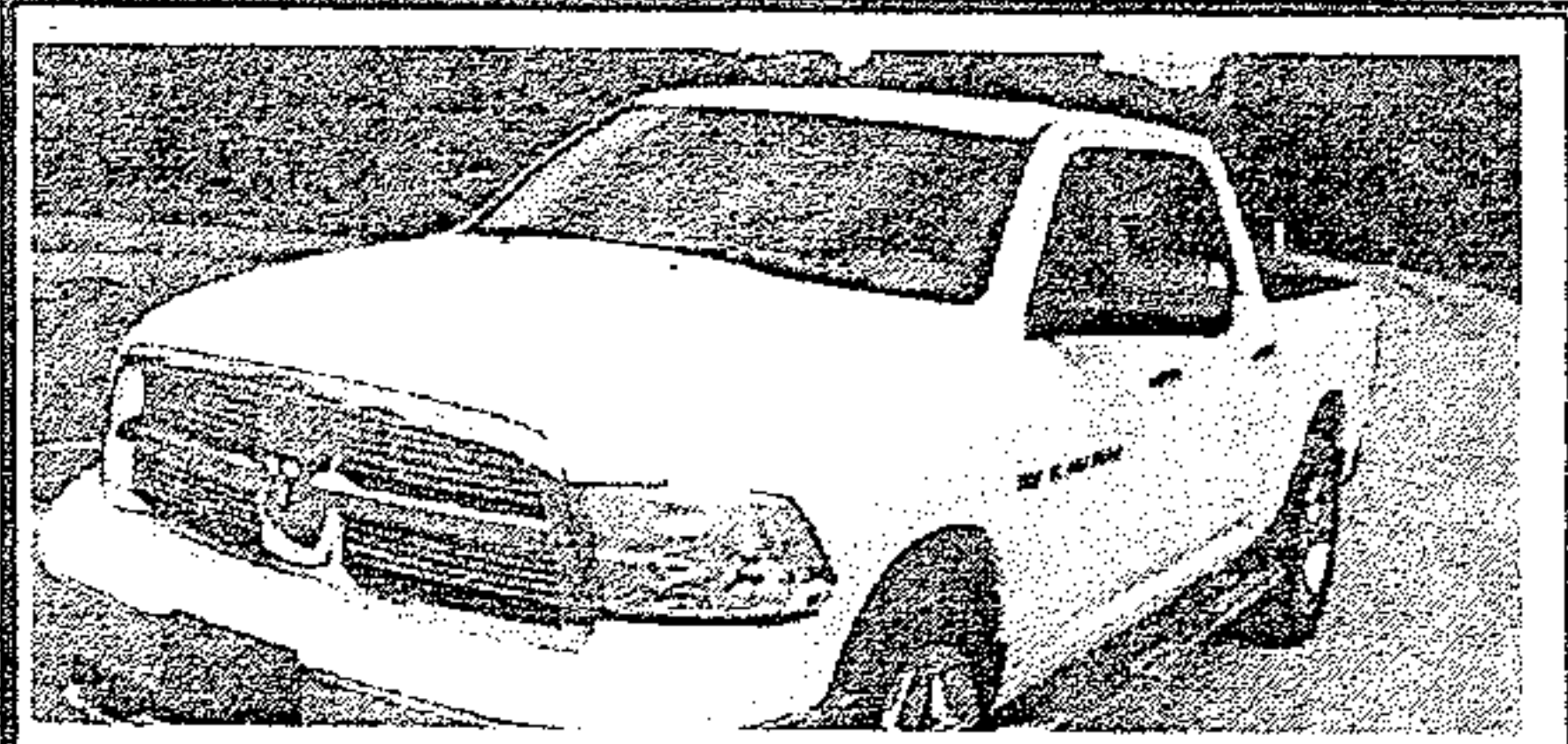
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Beating

Jeremiah Burchfield, 19, Rock Springs Road Lenoir City, was charged with Especially Aggravated Robbery, Aggravated Assault, and Theft of Property.

Christian Bennett, 21, Rock Springs Road Lenoir City, was charged with Especially Aggravated Robbery,

Aggravated Assault, and Theft of Property.

Christian Peyton Bennett, while at the Rock Springs Park in Lenoir City, TN, did knowingly and intentionally restrain the victim, Bennett and friend, Jeremiah Burchfield, could assault victim numerous times by striking him with a ball bat and

a black pistol. Victim sustained injuries to his forehead and left eye as well as ball bat strikes to his rib cage directly over his liver, and on his lower back directly over his left kidney. During this altercation the three suspects told victim they were going to kill him. The suspects took without consent his camouflage real tree wallet.

There were no items of value taken other than the wallet which was valued at \$20.00. Victim subsequently went to Ft. Loudoun Medical Center Emergency Room where doctors ordered imaging due to a concern of potentially life threatening injuries to his liver. During the assault and robbery, victim was in fear for his life and sustained serious bodily injury.



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Agent

gear. This diverse band of trainees is converging on Quantico from across the country with one goal in mind: to complete the Basic Field Training Course and become special agents of the FBI.

About This Series

Follow a class of trainees as they spend more than 20 weeks at the FBI Academy in Quantico, Virginia, where they'll learn what it takes to become a special agent.

The first weeks of training at the FBI Academy can be both exciting and nerve-wracking. For many new trainees, the arrival at Quantico is a significant step in a lifelong journey to becoming a special agent.

The training will be taxing on many levels — academically, physically, and psychologically — and success is far from guaranteed. But through the close bonds inevitably formed by fellow classmates and support from the Acad-

emy's training staff, new agents will endure the challenges that lie ahead.

Over the span of five months, trainees will learn the fundamentals of the special agent tradecraft. They'll root out drug dealers and bank robbers in Hogan's Alley, the FBI's mock town and practical training facility. They'll expose terrorist cells and learn how to conduct challenging interviews. They'll study legal issues and investigative procedures, gather and analyze evidence, and fire thousands of rounds at the range. Along the way, new agent trainees will work alongside new intelligence analysts to identify threats and develop critical thinking skills.

The intense training regimen is necessary to prepare new agents to carry out the FBI's complex mission of protecting the nation from a host of major national security and criminal threats — including those posed by terrorists, spies, hackers, gangs, and

more — while upholding civil rights and the Constitution of the United States.

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New agents attend the FBI's Onboarding New Employees (ONE) program before beginning their first week of training. The program introduces employees to the FBI's history, culture, and structure.

Just getting to the Academy was a long and hard-fought journey for the trainees arriving this summer day. They had to compete against tens of thousands of applicants in one of the most grueling selection processes in the country. Navigating the many elements of the application process — including several rounds of interviews and a thorough background check — was its

own test. Ultimately, perseverance paid off.

Like their predecessors, this class of new agents comes with a variety of career experiences — some not as traditional as you might expect. The majority of students have military, law enforcement, or criminal justice backgrounds, but there are also former

teachers, scientists, IT professionals, entrepreneurs, and more.

In today's global and digitally driven age, diversity on many levels is a necessity for the FBI, and this group was carefully chosen for the wide-ranging set of skills and perspectives they bring to the table.

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Assault

Adam Federoff, 34, Rhodora Court Knoxville, was charged with Public intoxication and Simple Possession.

Officer Benny Houser LPD, made contact with a suspicious vehicle (blue Ford Escape w/ drive-out tag) parked in the back parking lot of the La Quinta Inn &

Suites located in the City of Loudon.

Upon approaching the vehicle officer immediately detected a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from said vehicle. Of-

ficer then made contact with a subject laying in the back seat, identified as Adam John Federoff. Federoff had a very strong odor of an alcoholic beverage about his person and

breath, had blood-shot eyes, slurred speech and was very unsteady on his feet. Federoff advised this officer that he currently had no place to live and that he had been drinking Vodka earlier in the evening. When officer asked if there were any illegal items in his vehicle, Federoff attempted to regain entry into his vehicle on two separate occasions, ignoring commands to step back. Federoff was quickly placed under arrest for Public Intoxication. During a search of the compartment in which Federoff was found laying and was attempting to regain entry into, a plastic container was located with a small amount of a green leafy substance believed to be marijuana. Federoff was additionally charged with Simple Possession and was then transported to the Loudon County Jail without incident.

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Many of the trainees are here after deciding to switch careers mid-stream, feeling the need to serve their country or tackle a new challenge. For others, like Liz, being an agent is the culmination of a lifelong dream.

A St. Louis native, Liz worked her way through years of higher education and a career practicing civil law before applying to the FBI.

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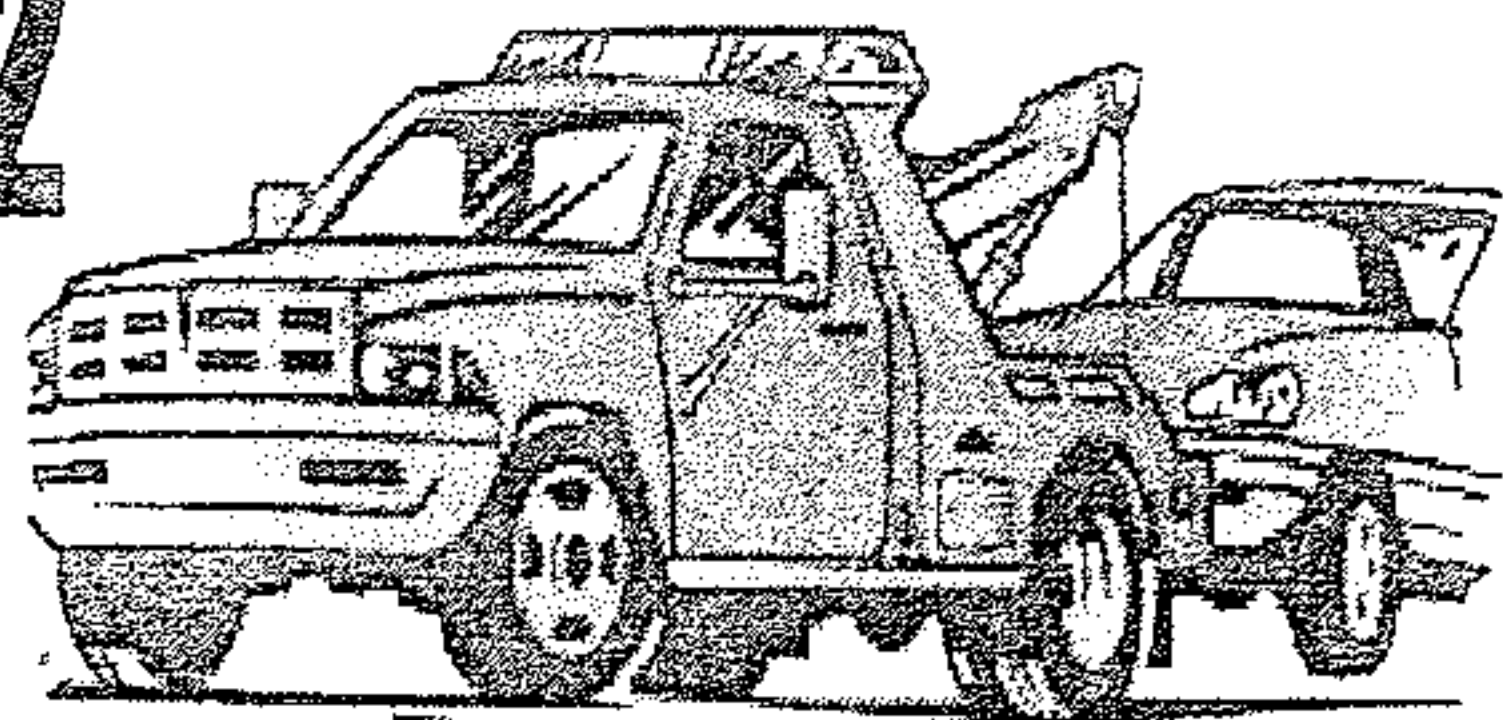
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Passenger

Erica Dunlap, 32, Homeless, was charged with Simple Possession.

Officer Keith Sennett LCPD, was Dispatched to Ingles on a suspicious vehicle and person. Officer located the silver Ford Focus in question. While speaking with the individuals in the car it was determined that the Defendant Shawn Desmond Williams had two outstanding warrant. K9 Dagger

was deployed on the vehicle for a open air sniff. K9 Dagger alerted on the driver side of the vehicle. Located under the driver seat was a gray wooden box. Located inside this box was approximately 24.7 grams of marijuana in two clear bags, a marijuana grinder, a digital scale, and a glass pipe.

Located in the glove box was a large quantity of clear plastic bags. Defendant stated these were his items. Pas-

senger Erica Dunlap was taken into custody and transported to the Loudon County Jail. This occurred in Lenoir City Loudon County TN.

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Now she's finally at Quantico, suitcase in hand, ready to tackle the journey ahead.

"It felt surreal to finally be here after all this hard work," Liz says. "The best part about the first day was meeting my classmates for the first time and feeling so welcomed. It helped calm my nerves."



New agent trainees must take the physical fitness test, commonly known as the PFT, soon after they arrive at the FBI Academy. It's a demanding circuit that includes sit-ups, a 300-meter sprint, push-ups, and a one-and-a-half-mile run.

It wasn't long after arriving at Academy that Liz and her fellow trainees received their first of many challeng-

es: the physical fitness test, commonly known as the PFT. It's a demanding circuit that includes sit-ups, a 300-meter sprint, push-ups, and a one-and-a-half-mile run. Passing the test is essential—not only to completing the rest of the Basic Field Training Course but to ensure new agents can effectively carry out their duties.

"Right before the test, everyone was trying to provide words of encouragement and support each other, much like going into a big game," says Liz, who, like all of her fellow trainees, was required to maintain a level of fitness before coming to the Academy. "Our class rallied and did that for each other. You go out, give it 100 percent, and put it all out on the line. I think we were successful at that."

It's a theme that will be repeated often in the coming weeks.

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