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Monday, September 18, 2017

## Convicted felon nabbed with meth after wanted female tazed

Daniel Couch, 37, Hwy 11 East Lenoir City, was charged with Man/Sell/Del//Resale Sch. II, and Poss. of Drug Para.

Kendra Treadway, 24, Fawnwood Way Lenoir City, was charged with Criminal Court Capias, and Violation of Probation (see Two pg. 2)



Daniel Couch



Kendra Treadway

## A little of this and that makes for a bad day



Samantha Frye

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## Victim found bleeding on porch



Lee Thompson

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## Rachel's Talk of the Town What's Up in Lenoir City? By: Rachel Chatfield



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## Bankruptcy Fraud Wife Stole Husband's Identity, Retirement Account

Veteran financial fraud investigators had never seen anything like it before: A bankruptcy scam in which an Indiana woman stole her husband's identity—while they were still married—and began to loot his 401(k) retirement fund and other assets.

"This was certainly a unique case," said Special Agent Doug

Kasper, who supervised the investigation from the FBI's Indianapolis Division. Even after 58-year-old Patricia Bippus-Allen was sentenced to five years in federal prison in July after pleading guilty to conspiracy to commit bankruptcy fraud, subornation of perjury, wire fraud, and aggravated iden-

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### Verse of the Day

The man of integrity walks securely, but he who takes crooked paths will be found out. — Proverbs 10:9

### Obituaries

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### Wazzup

A Big Shout Out to Loudon Police Department's Alpha Team! You sure ain't pretty that's for sure, but you do indeed get the job done. Good job fellas!

### Weather

Today: Partly cloudy. High of 84F.  
Tonight: Mostly clear. low of 64F.  
Tuesday: Partly cloudy. High of 85F.  
Tuesday night: Clear skies. Low of 65F.

### Horoscopes

Virgo 8/23-9/22  
Fiscal issues may be on the front burner today as you sort out the costs of an unexpected purchase. However, the root of the problem stems from your current desire to possess nice

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tion.

Sgt. Jerramie Bowen LCSO, responded to Hwy 11 near Pardue Ln on a wanted subject. Dispatch advised that Cumberland Bonding company had went to pick up a female in the area of Pardue Ln. At some point they made contact with the female Kendra Treadway and tased

her she then ran out of the house.

The female with Cumberland Bonding did advise that a male subject Daniel Couch was in the area also looking for the female. She stated that Mr. Couch was possibly armed. Deputy then noticed the black jeep drive through the grass into the business Statewide Pest services. Mr. Couch did have something

in his hand and went into the business as Deputy was telling him to stop and talk to him. He then came back out of the business and Deputy told him to show him his hands and he was telling Deputy no I am not doing

anything. Deputy then pulled his taser and ordered the subject to the ground. Deputy then cuffed the subject and as he was patting him down he did feel a glass pipe that is commonly used to smoke

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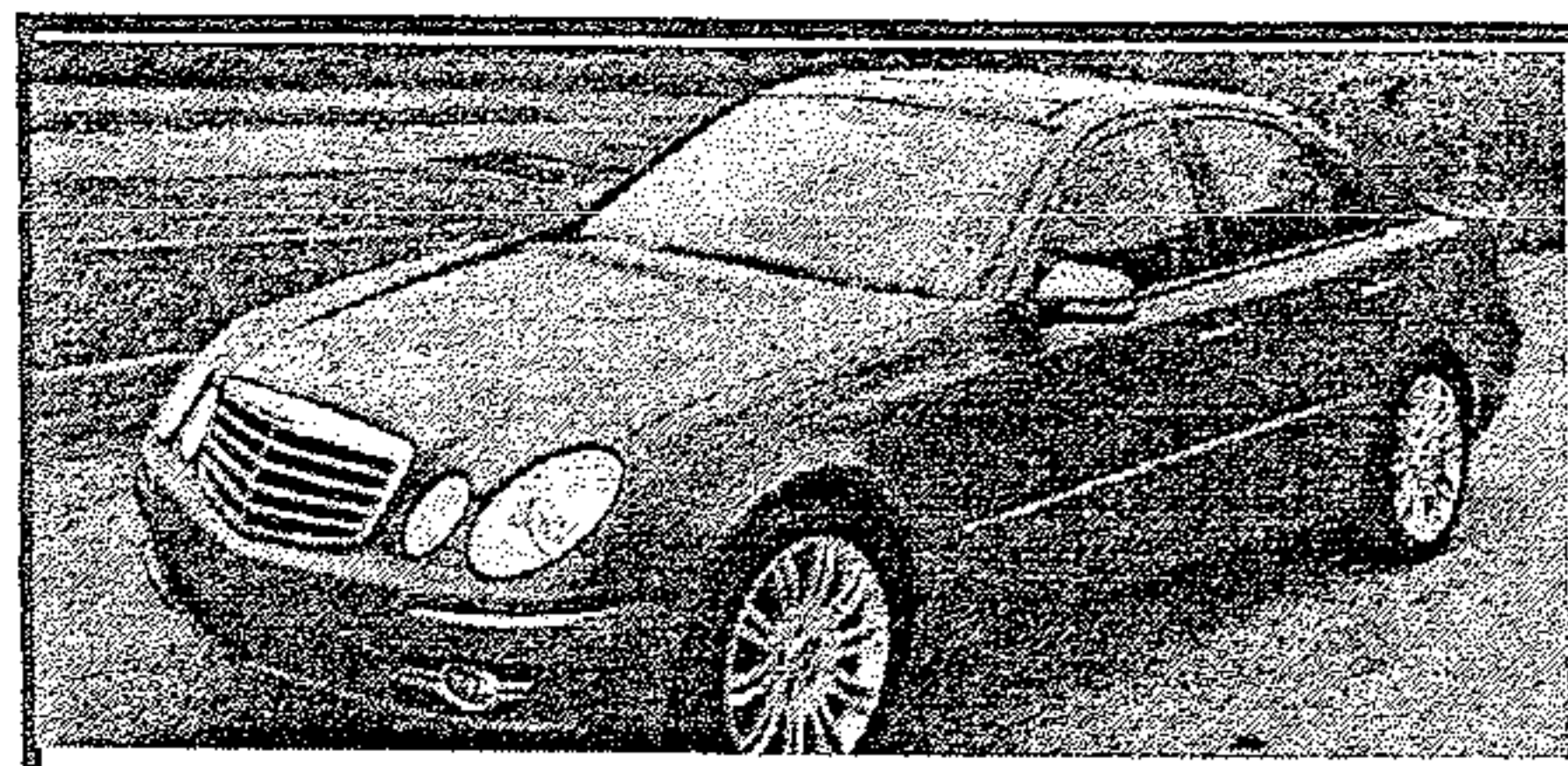
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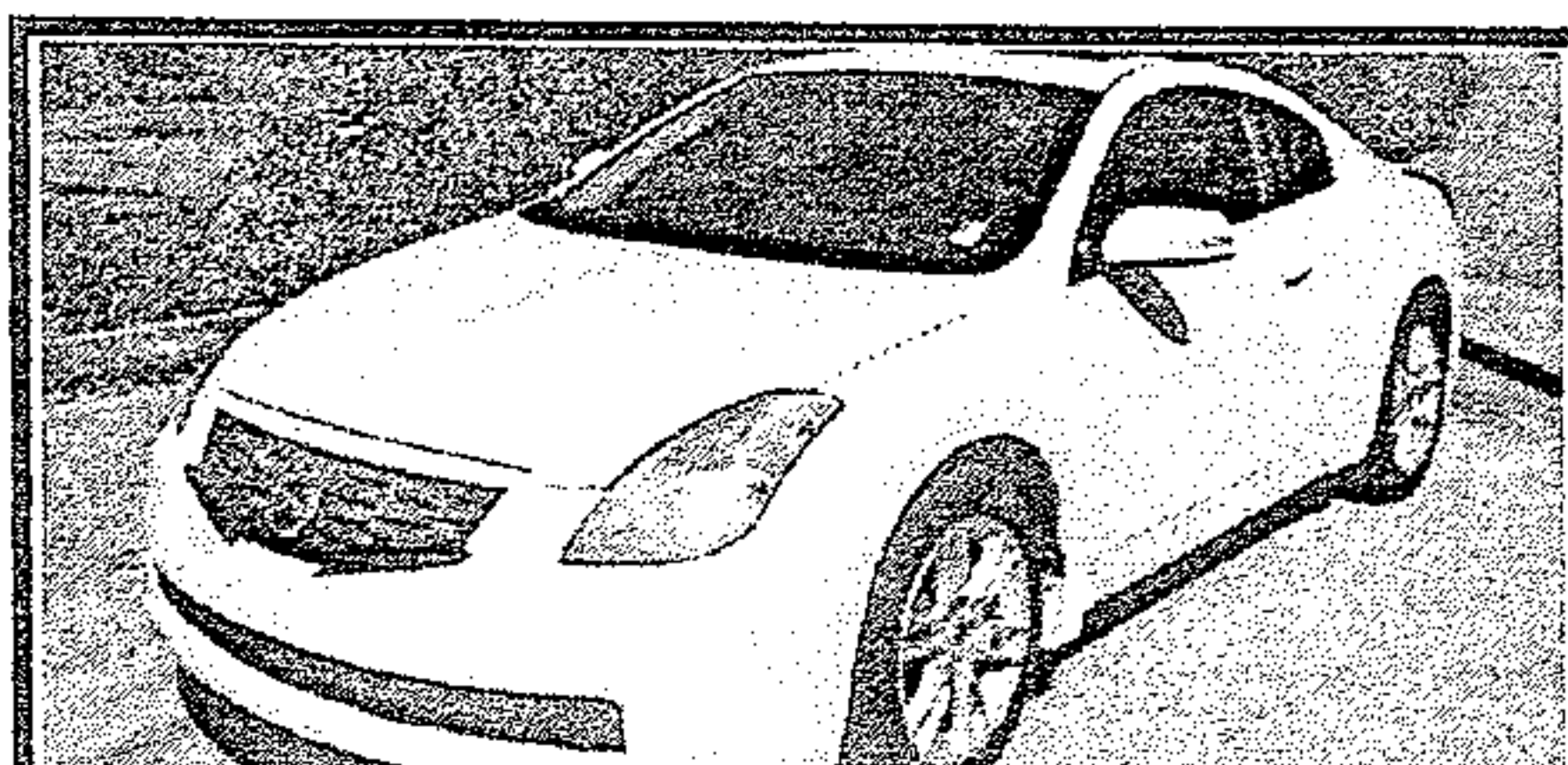
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**Rachel**

The last couple of weeks have been filled with tragedy across our country with Hurricane Harvey, the wild-fires out West, and now Hurricane Irma. Please remember to keep everyone in your prayers as they all work to recover from all of these events. Also, please keep an eye out for all of our Florida visitors that might be seeking refuge in our area. Let's show them all a great Tennessee welcome while they are here.

If you are in town from Florida visiting our great town of Lenoir City, be sure to stop by the Visitor's Center in town and check out all of the happenings around town. They will be glad to tell you about the area and the great things you can do while you are in town.

This weekend will be very exciting downtown in Lenoir City. Nights on Broadway happens on Friday night from 5pm to 9pm on Broadway Street. All of the local businesses will be open late. Craft vendors will be set up on the sidewalks, and you will get to enjoy some live music by one of our local young men, Ethan Vincil. Local shops will have sales going on and tons of new items for you to check out.

I will also be down at The Backdoor Gallery & Sweet Lime Boutique working in their store for the event. Make sure you stop in and say hello and let me know if you read this article. I would love to see you all! The gallery is located right next door to Wilburn's Hardware. They have tons of new items available in their

store. If you haven't been in the store in the last two weeks, you won't believe your eyes when you walk in and see the abundance of new items. All summer clothing items are 40% off, so you can stock up for next summer. Sales are also being offered on some of the prints and photography.

Another great store that you should definitely check out is Papa Dale's Trading Post. This book store is located to the left of Wilburn's Hardware. You will not believe the amazing selection of books that he has for you. You will not be able to beat his prices either. If you love to read, then you definitely

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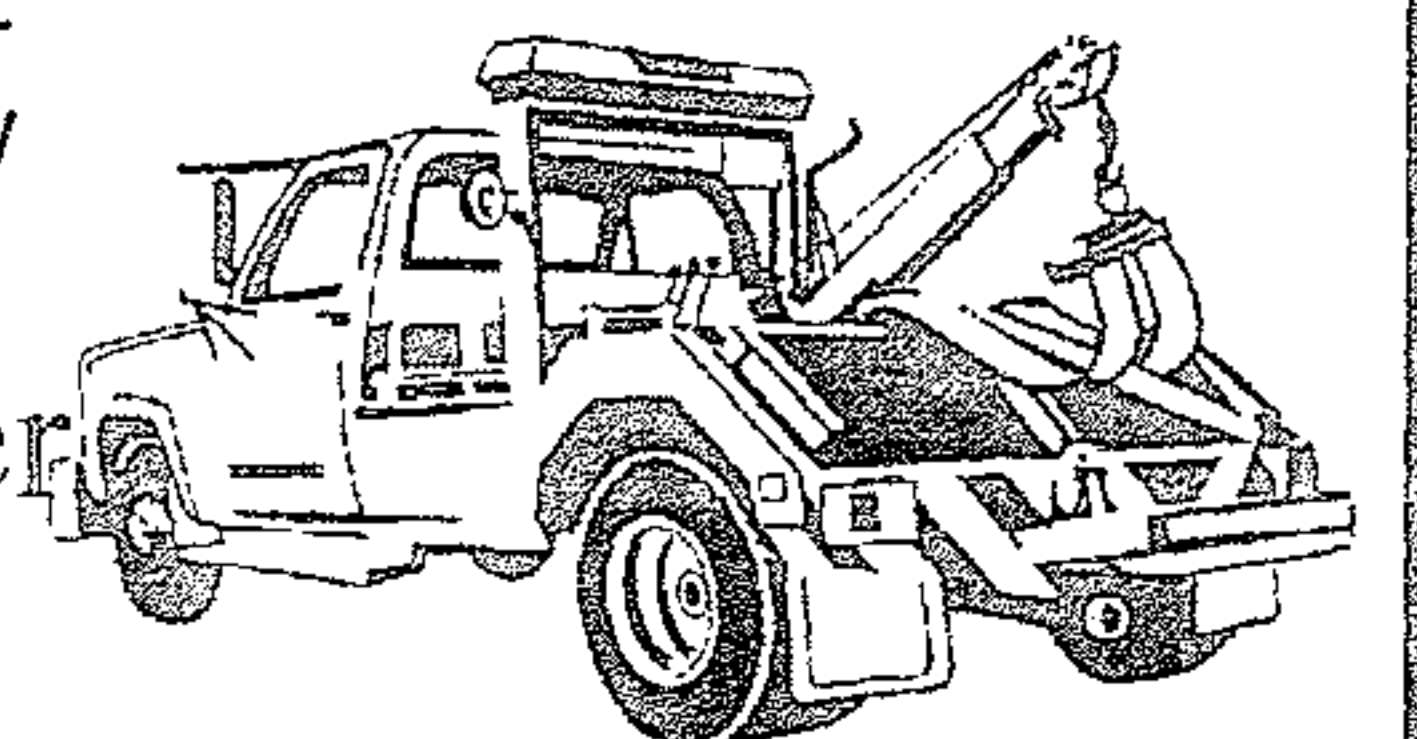
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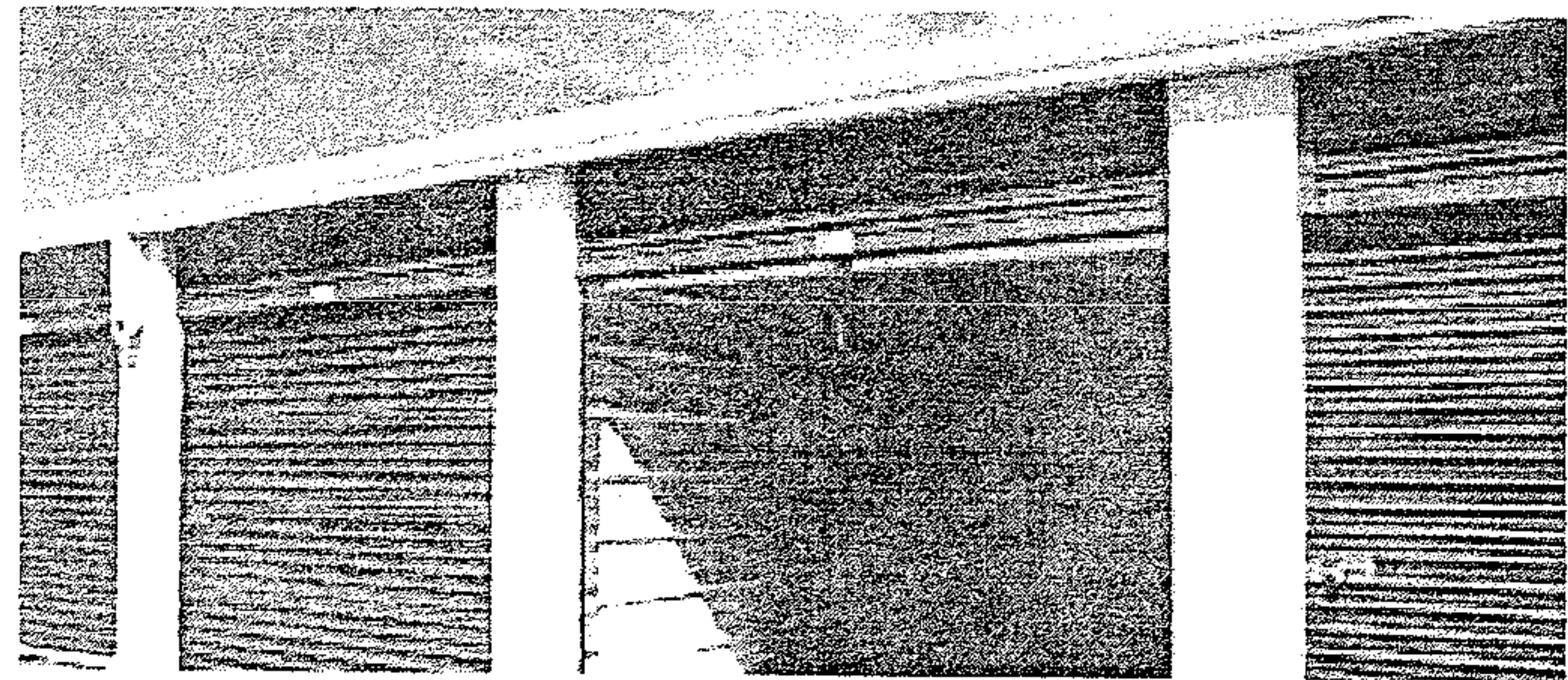
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**Fraud**

tivity theft, investigators remain uncertain about her motive or what she did with the money.

What is certain, however, is that Bippus-Allen devised an elaborate bankruptcy fraud to gain access to her husband's wages, and she made multiple unauthorized withdrawals from his 401(k) retirement account—all with the help of her brother, who impersonated her husband.

In September 2010, Bippus-Allen filed a joint Chapter 13 bankruptcy petition in both her and her husband's name in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Indiana. Her husband of more than 25 years had no idea she had done so.

"He trusted his wife to handle all the family finances," said Special Agent Paul Medernach, who investigated the case. "He never used a computer, and never saw his pay stub because his check went into his bank account through direct deposit."

During the course of the bankruptcy proceedings, Bippus-Allen created documents bearing the forged signature of her husband, and she made excuses about why he could not attend meetings. In one instance, she provided her bankruptcy attorney with a letter from a doctor stating that her husband was under his care and would be hospitalized for at least 30 days, during which he could not see visitors or take phone calls.

"That was all a lie," Medernach said. "She faked the letter and the doctor's signature. Her husband had never been under the doctor's care."

In March 2011, Bippus-Allen attended a meeting of creditors that her husband was also required to attend. That's when she persuaded her brother, David Bippus, to impersonate her husband. Both stated under oath that he was her husband, and a bankruptcy plan was confirmed requiring monthly payments to Bippus-Allen's trustee for 60 months. Ap-

proximately \$74,000 was deducted from the husband's direct deposit paychecks, without his consent or knowledge—and Bippus-Allen gained access to those funds.

During the same time period, Bip-

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Meth in the subjects front left pocket. Deputy then asked if he had anything else and he would not answer Deputy did also feel a needle in the same pocket. Deputy Schultz did search him and did find approx. 3 grams of a crystal like substance that Mr. Couch stated was Meth. Also in his pocket was one round of S&W 40 caliber. Deputy then placed him under arrest for Poss. of Drug Paraphernalia and Man Sell Del of SCH II (Methamphetamine). Deputy Schultz did transport him to the Loudon County Jail. This did occur in Loudon County. Deputy did run Mr. Couch's criminal history and he is a convicted felon out of Georgia for Agg Assault and a Felon in Possession of a firearm out of Georgia.

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ly need to go by and see him.

Saturday morning you will want to come back downtown to Broadway Street. The Lenoir City Civitan Club is hosting their annual Lenoir City Downtown Street Festival & Civitan Car Show starting at 8am - 12 noon. This is a free event and you will find live mu-

sic, food vendors, craft vendors, children's inflatable area, live SEC football on a big screen TV, and plenty of beautiful cars to look at.

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**DUI+**

Samantha Frye, 29, Lady Liberty Court Louisville, was charged with Simple Possession x2, Legend Drug, DUI, and Poss. of Drug Para.

Deputy Cody Fritts LCSO observed a Tan Chevy Malibu traveling on Highway 411. Deputy observed the driver leaning from the driver seat into the passenger seat floor board. Both driver side tires on the vehicle crossed into the center turn lane. The registration displayed on the vehicle was displayed improperly in the back window and was unreadable. Upon stopping the vehicle at Cope Road the driver was identified as Samantha Frye. When Deputy asked Ms. Frye why she was swerving and crossing into the center turn lane she stated she was trying to get a pack of cigarettes out of the passenger seat floorboard. Deputy could smell the odor of Marijuana coming from the vehicle. Deputy asked Ms. Frye if she had anything illegal in the vehicle and she originally stated no and then stated she had some Marijuana in the middle console. Deputy asked Ms. Frye for consent to search her vehicle and she agreed. Found in the middle console in a purple crown royal bag was the following, 1 Marijuana pipe, 1 baggy of Marijuana seeds, 1 baggy of marijuana, 1 empty Suboxone strip, rolling papers, and 1 cut straw.

Found in Ms. Frye's purse were the following, 2 cut straws and 1 yellow capsule with imprint IG322 (Gabapentin). Found in Ms. Frye's front right pocket of her shirt was 2 baggies with white pills. One baggy contained 1 white pill with imprint RP15 (Oxycodone 15mg) and the other baggy contained 5 white pills with imprint RP15 (Oxycodone 15mg). Ms. Frye was charged with Simple Possession X 2, Possession of Legend drug, and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. Trooper Ford charged Ms. Frye with DUI. This did happen in Loudon County.

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pus-Allen transferred money on multiple occasions from her husband's 401(k) account into her own personal bank accounts by purporting to be her husband and by providing false documentation. In all, those unauthorized withdrawals totaled more than \$24,000, not including more than \$16,000 in loans she took out on her husband's 401(k) account—again, without his knowledge or consent.

The idea that a disgruntled wife or husband would want to steal a spouse's money is perhaps not that surprising, Medernach noted. "But not many spouses would go to these lengths—to find someone to impersonate a spouse and to

forge documents like doctor's notes and a driver's license."

The scam might have continued to work if not for an unbelievable coincidence: A relative of the victim happened to work as a paralegal for an Indiana bankruptcy attorney and saw his name on the bankruptcy court's

docket. She asked the husband if he was aware of it, and he was not. The relative contacted law enforcement.

FBI investigators worked closely with the U.S. Attorney's Office to unravel the fraud and to bring charges against Bippus-Allen and her

brother. "The U.S. Attorney's Office was eager to prosecute this case because it sends a clear message," said Kasper. "For husbands or wives who might have similar ideas about defrauding their spouses, they should know there are serious penalties for such actions."

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DV

Lee Thompson, 45, Pinecrest Circle Lenoir City, was charged with Domestic Assault.

Deputy Lance Anderson LCSO, responded to Hall St. in reference to a domestic. Upon arrival Deputy observed, the victim, sitting on the front porch bleeding

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profusely from his right arm. Deputy observed several skin tears on the victim's right forearm and a bruised/swollen left eye. The victim stated he got into an argument with his nephew and his nephew punched him in the face. The victim then stated that both parties fought on the ground and his nephew kicked him several times. The victim stated he believes the injuries to his right arm was caused by his nephew's shoes. The victim identified the nephew as Lee Thompson, the of-

fender.

Deputy made contact with the offender in a field next to the above residence. The offender stated he got into an argument with the victim over a property dispute and the victim "squared off" at him then punched him in the face. The offender went on to stated the victim grabbed him by the penis and threw him to the ground. The offender later stated the argument was started because he wanted a "shot of dope" from his un-

cle who goes to a methadone clinic. The offender showed no visible signs of injury and refused EMS that was on scene. The victim was treated at the scene and was not transported. Based on the totality of circumstances Deputy determined the offender to be the primary aggressor. The offender was taken into custody and transported to the Loudon County Jail without incident. All occurred in Loudon County, TN.

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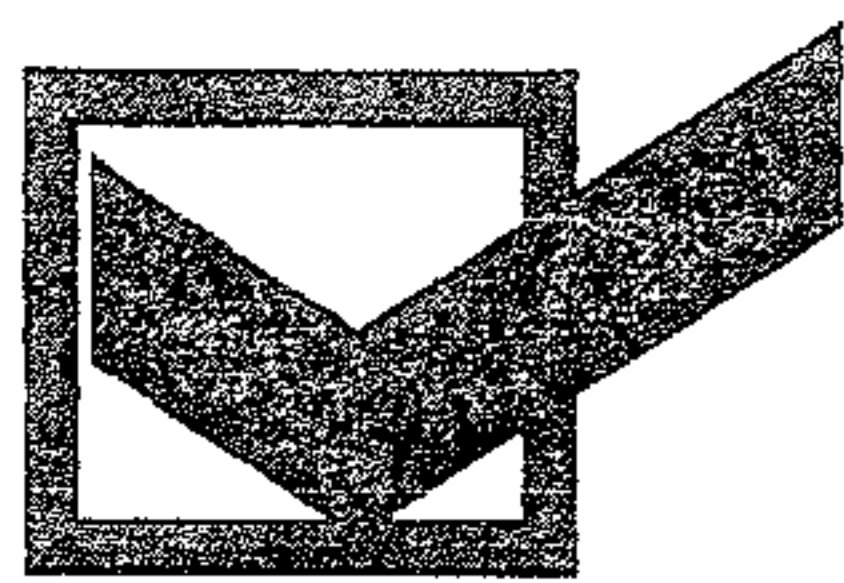
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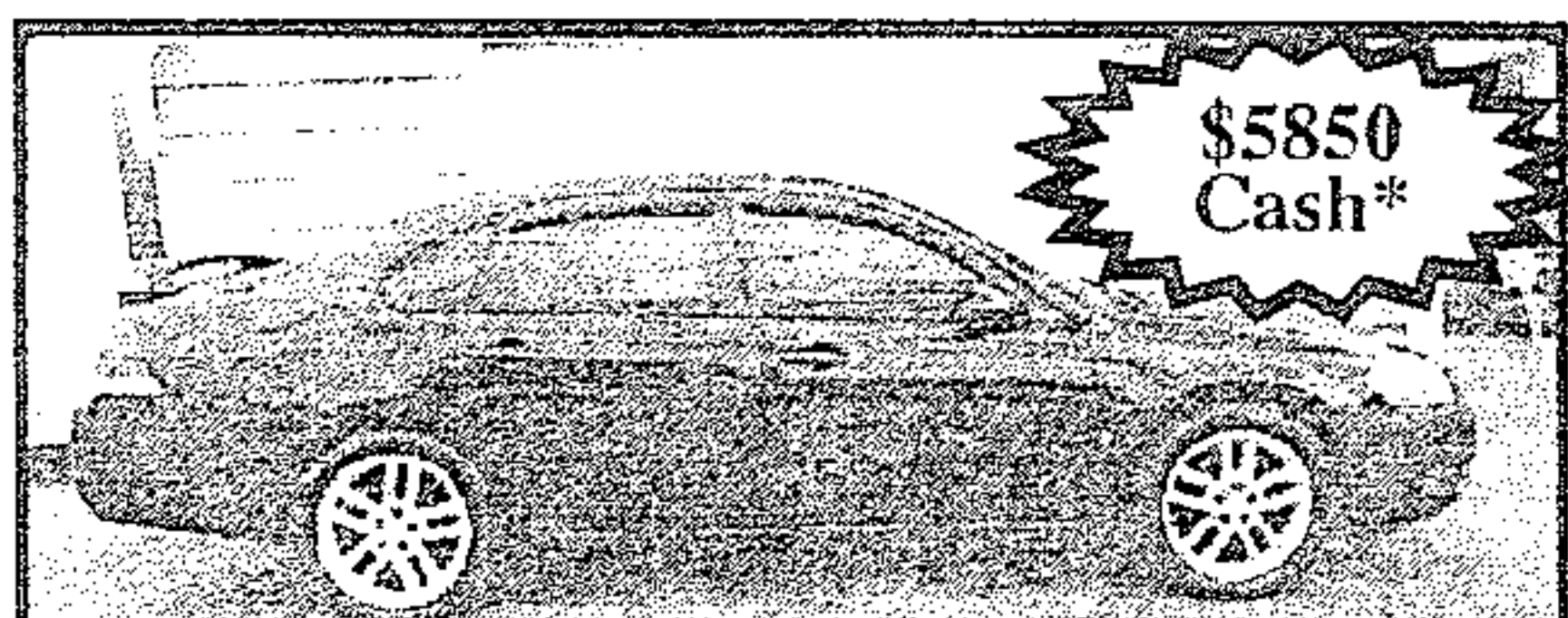
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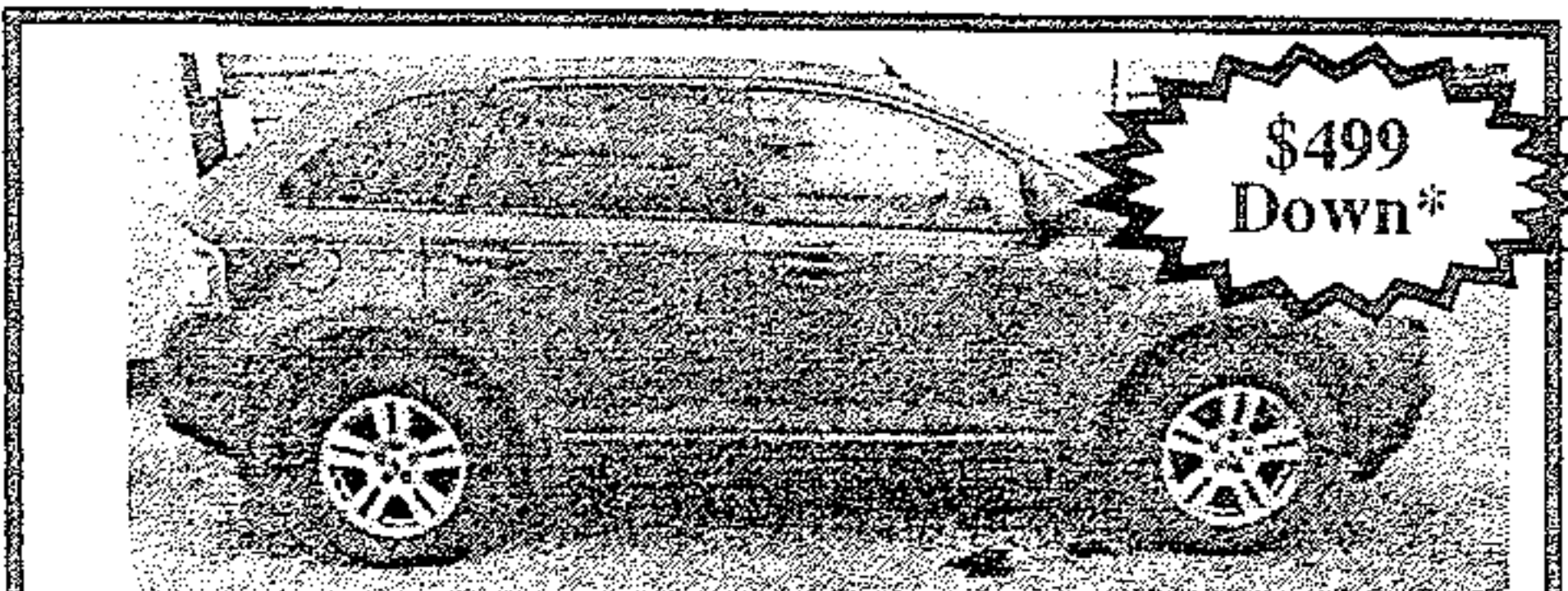
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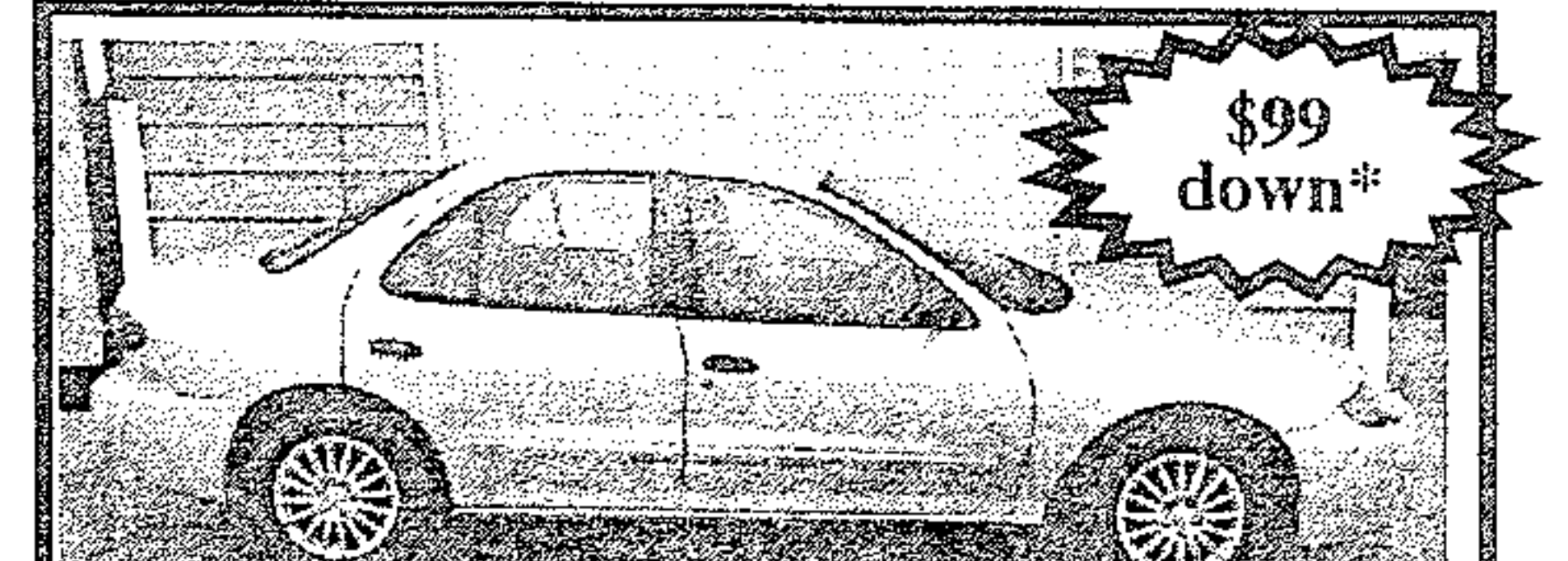
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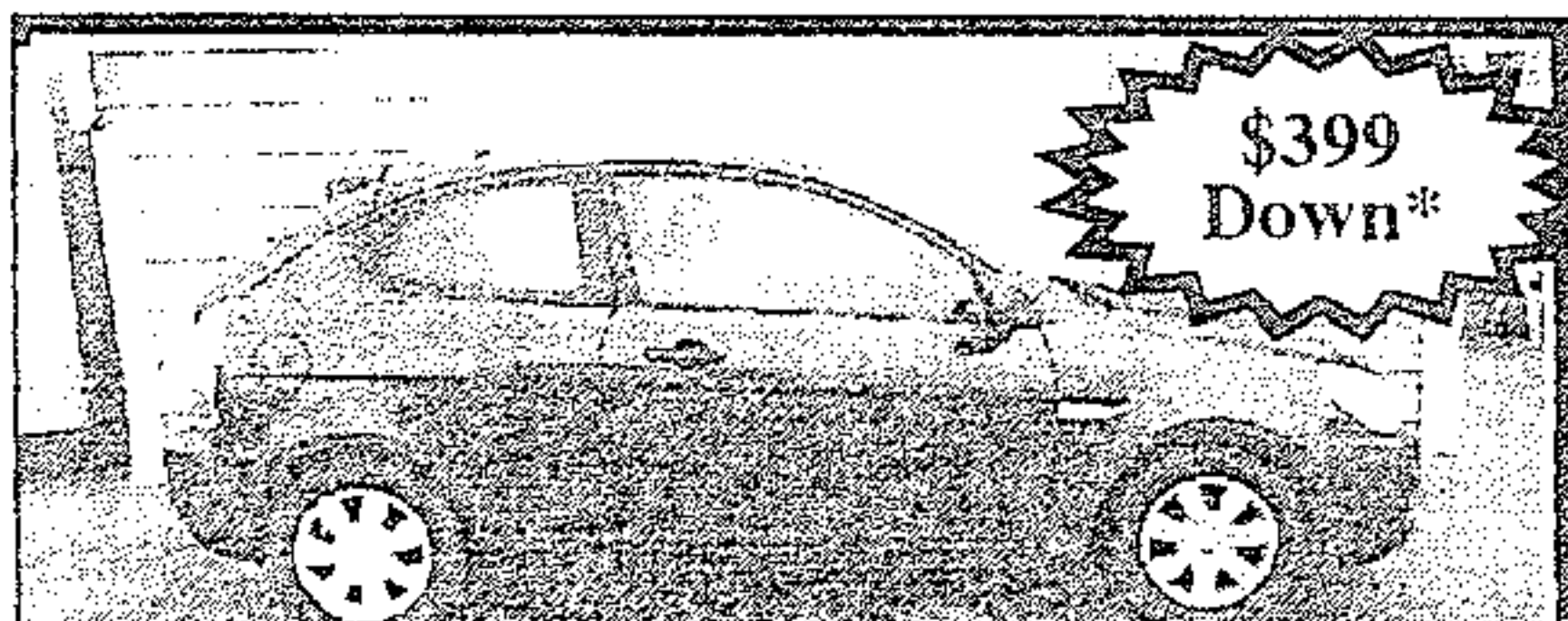
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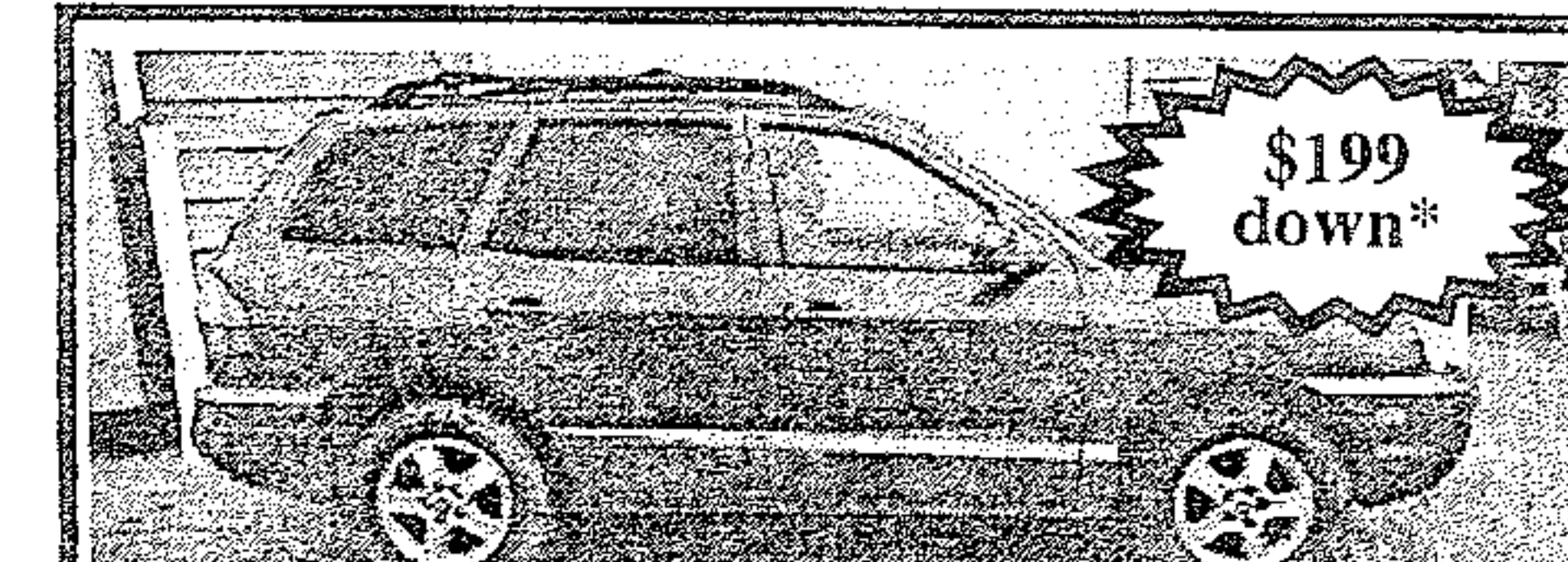
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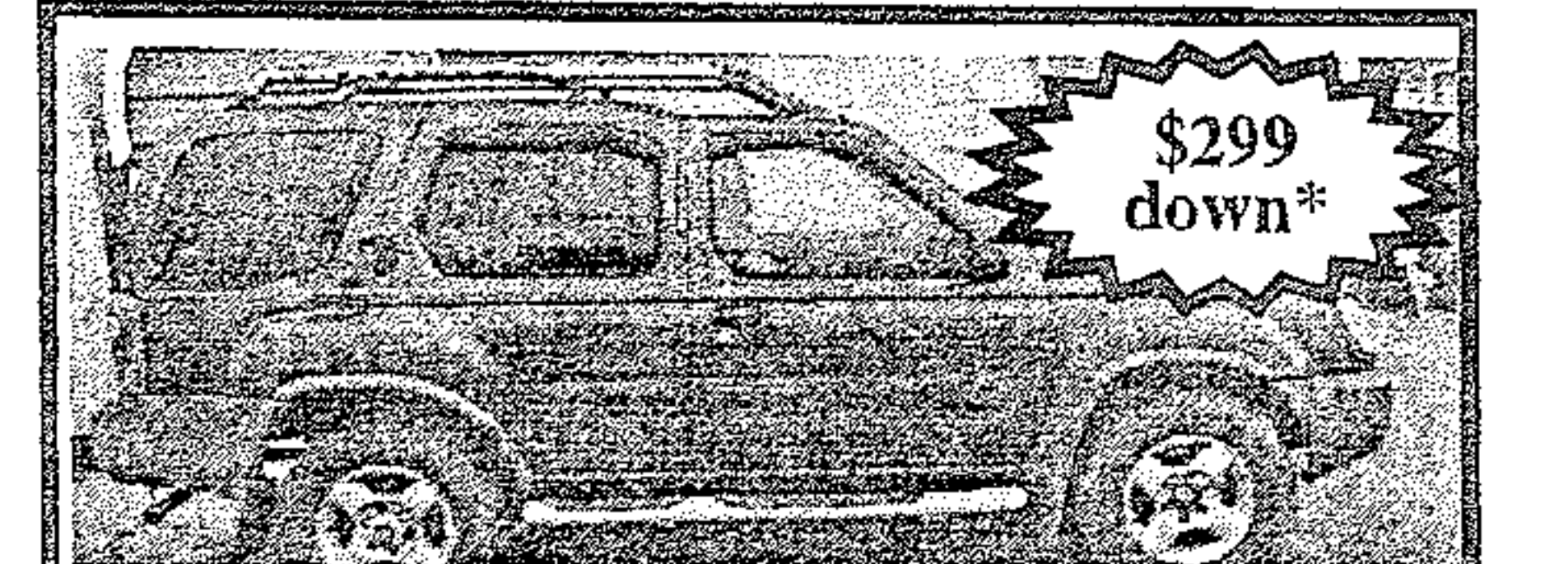
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