

## Chickens cause adult fight in LC becomes wrestling event

Jeffrey Seifert, 45, Coon Hunt Road Baxter, was charged with Domestic Assault, and Assisting other Agency.

Officer J. Samuels LCPD, was dispatched to Hwy 321 N. (Tractor Supply) in reference to an officer investigation.

(see chickens pg. 2)



Jeffrey Seifert

She called out another man's name in the bedroom and ends up in the jailhouse!



Lauren Sigmon

see charged pg. 5

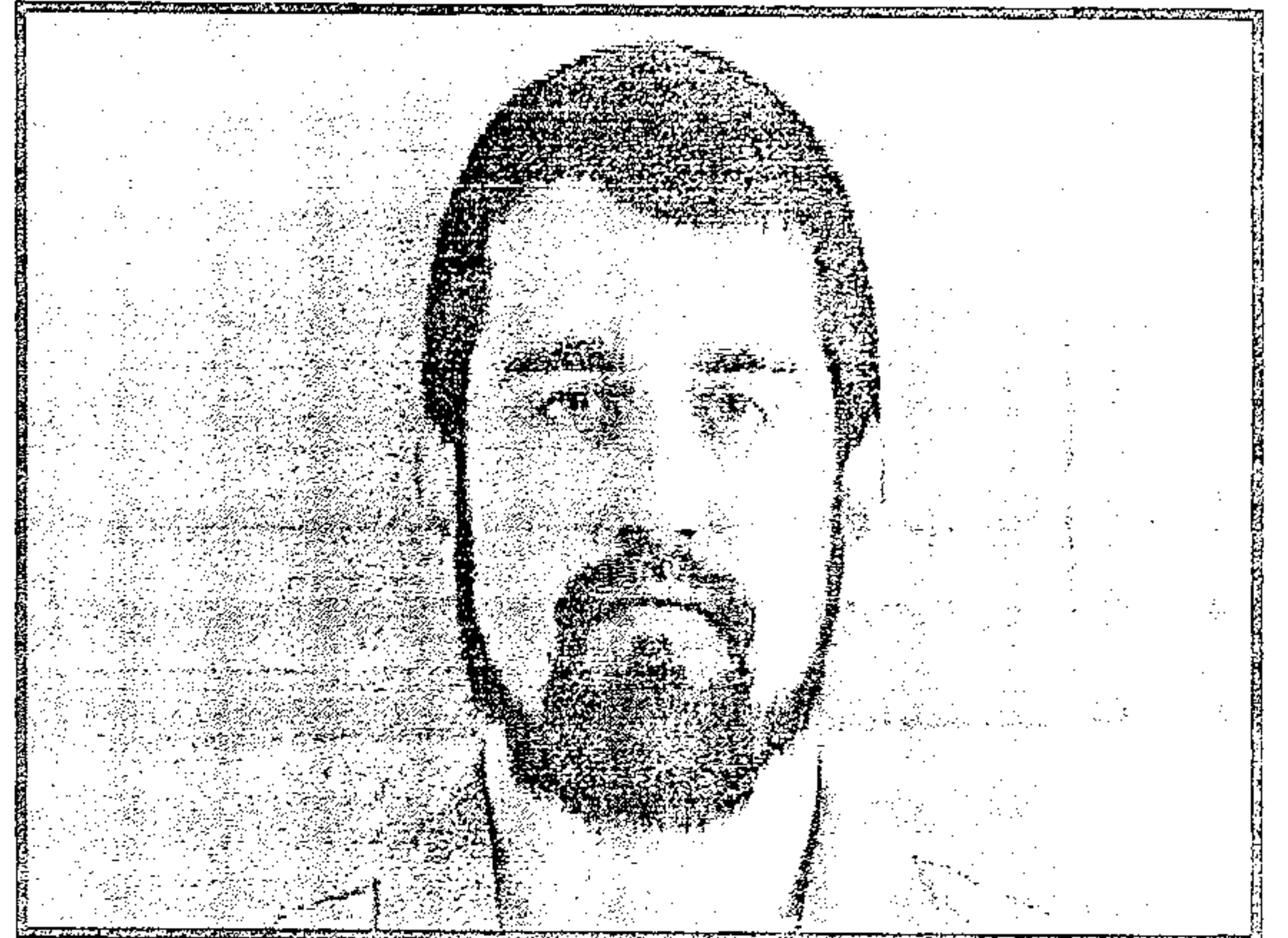
Mobile crisis has long history with victim and assailant



Timothy Sapp

see DV pg. 7

## Card used illegally 20+ times; one charged



Mack Dockery

see card pg. 3

## Fraudulent Scheme Costs City of Decherd More Than \$210,000

The Tennessee Comptroller's Office, working in conjunction with the 12th Judicial District Attorney's criminal investigator, has revealed that the City of Decherd's former water and sewer superintendent and a local business owner engaged in a fraudulent billing and kick-back scheme that cost the city at least

\$210,774.

City officials first identified questionable activity and brought their concerns to the Comptroller's Office and District Attorney's office.

Investigators found that during the period January 2012 through August 2014, former superintendent James Wesley Parks assisted Poultry Electric and Hardware owner

(see Fraud pg. 4)

Thaddeus Webb



### Verse of the Day

How much better to get wisdom than gold, to choose understanding rather than silver!

— Proverbs 16:16

### Obituaries

see inside

### Wazzup

Sorry to see you go so soon Mason and Jordon, sure hope you enjoy that weather out there!

### Weather

Today: Partly cloudy. High of 86F. Tonight: Mostly clear.

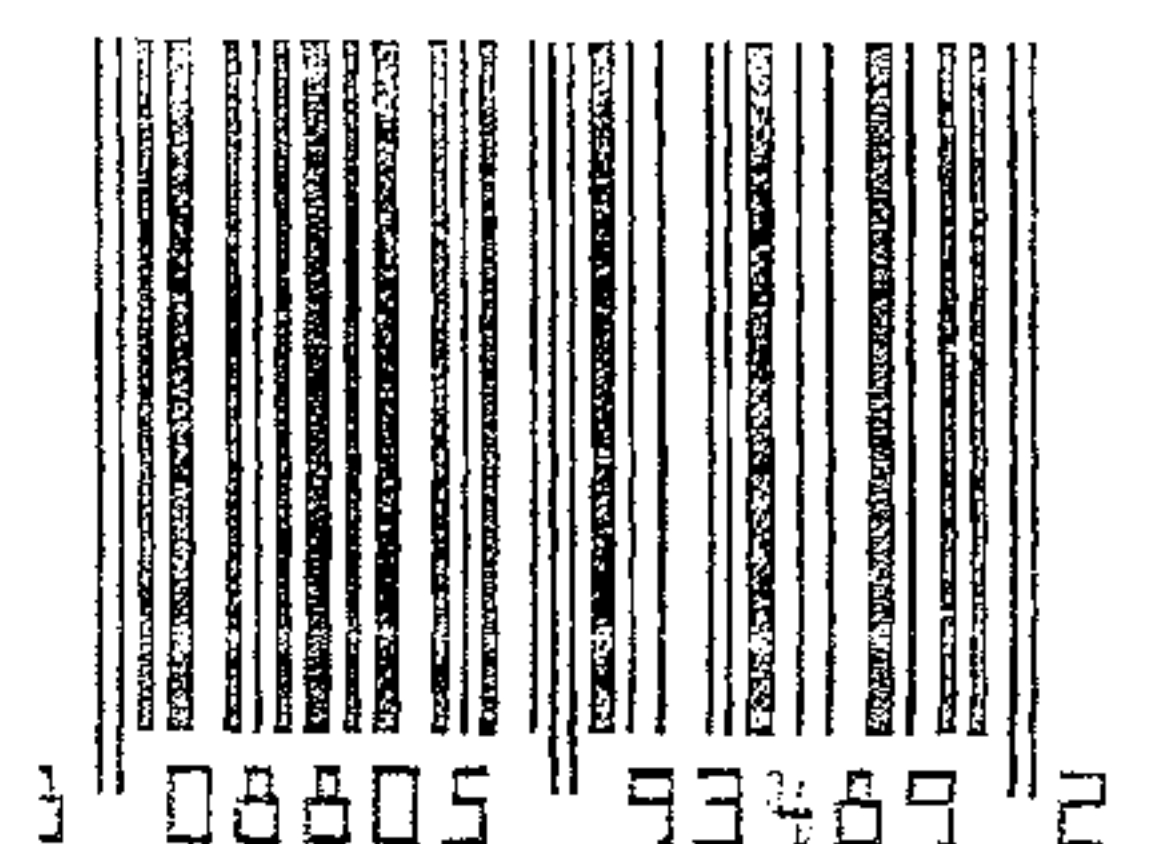
low of 64F. Saturday: Partly cloudy. High of 86F. Saturday night: Partly cloudy. Low of 65F. Sunday: Clear. High of 85F. Sunday night: Clear. Low of 63F.

### Horoscopes

Virgo 8/23-9/22

You know what you want but you may be so preoccupied with creating a successful plan that you lose sight of your original intentions. Someone or something ap-

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### Chickens

Upon arrival Officer, spoke with the complainant/ offender, Mr. Jeffrey Seifert, who gave a written statement saying " We got into an argument about the price of some chickens and it got a little physical and that's it." While speaking with Mr. Seifert Officer could smell

an intoxicating beverage coming from his person. Officer then asked Mr. Seifert if he had been drinking today at which time he stated he had a few beers. Officer, then spoke with the victim, who gave a written statement saying " He got mad because victim wouldn't sell a man two cages for five (5) dollars. Then he went

to getting smart and put his fingers in victim face. We then went to the ground and started wrestling." While speaking with victim he stated during the altercation his shirt was ripped and he had a

small scrape on his left knee. He also stated that Mr. Seifert had been drinking since approximately 0900 hours on this date.

During investigation it see Chickens ctd. from pg. 2

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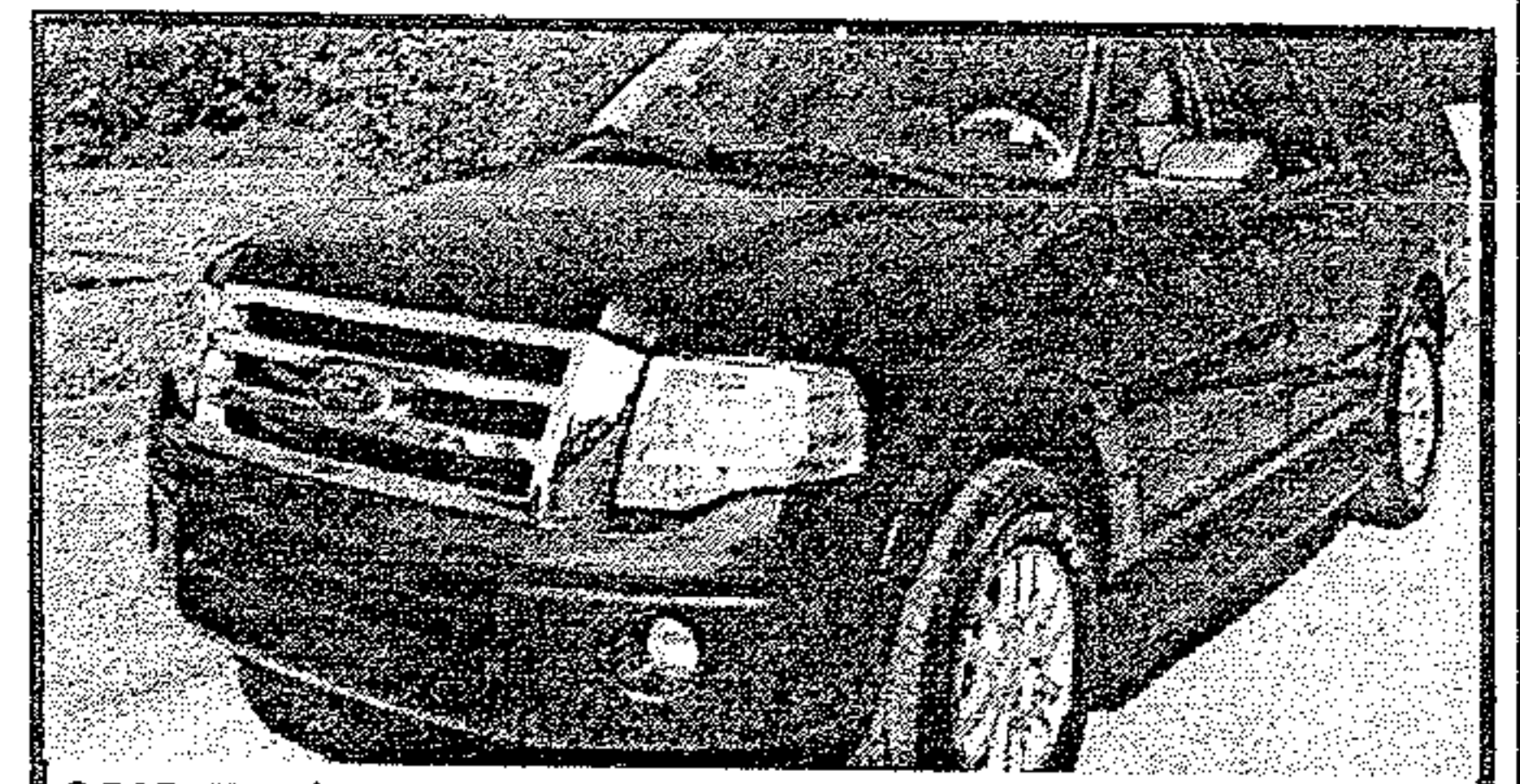
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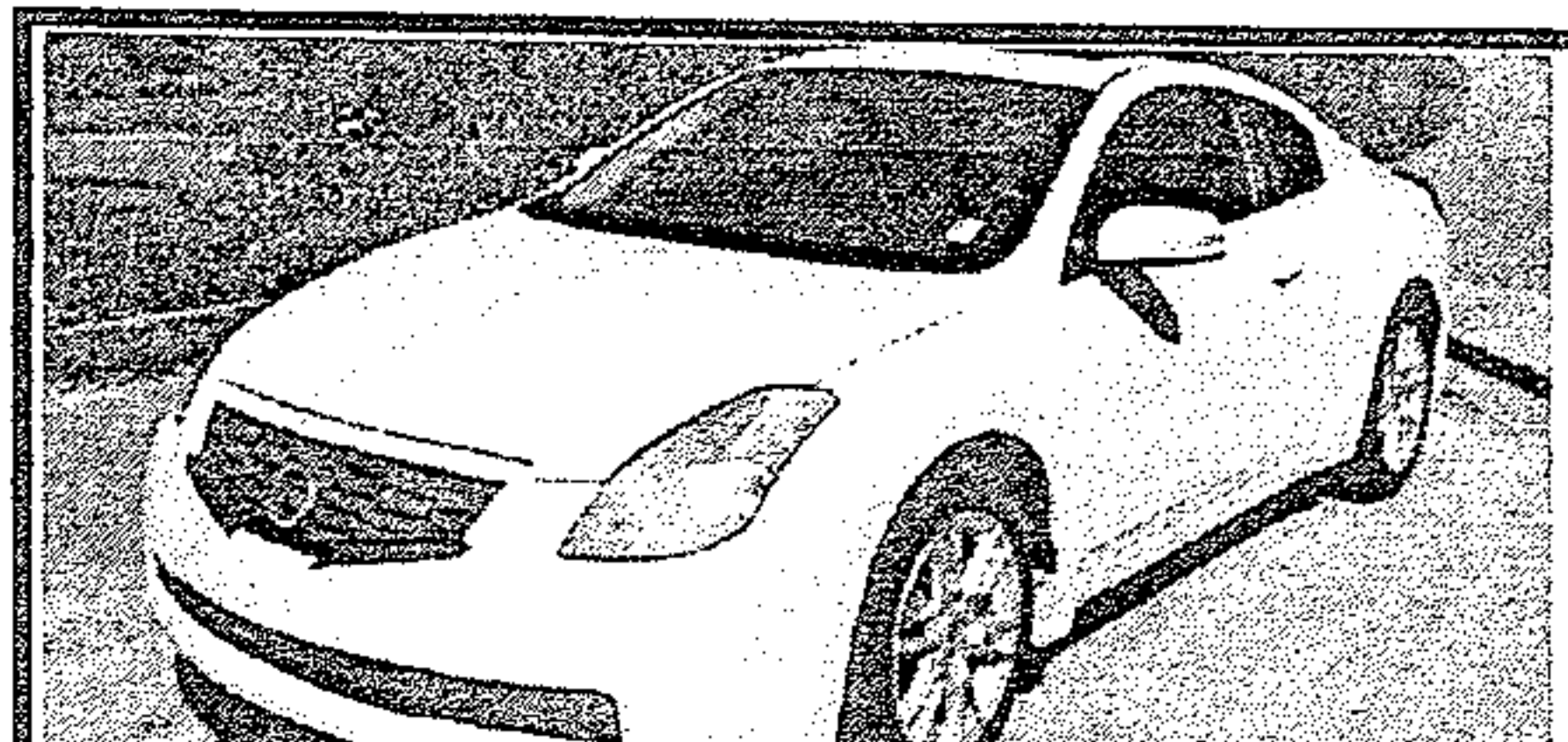
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2013 Ford Expedition EL Low Miles, PS, PW, PL, Sunroof, 3rd Row Seating, Running Boards, Luggage Rack



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**Card**

Mack Dockery, 30, Manor View Drive Knoxville, was charged with Illegal Possession/Fraudulent use of Credit Card.

Deputy was dispatched to Morganton Road to the report of a theft and fraud of a bank card. Upon arrival Deputy came in contact with the complainant. She stated that she had received her new bank card and had activated it at her branch there at Regions Bank on or about Wednesday May 24, 2017. She then went and made a purchase at Ross Store and then subsequently returned it. On this date she noticed that she had a negative balance and as a check showed there had been approx. 21 attempts to use her card.

Making her account -522.59. Getting Approx. 480.00. The owner did not give permission or have knowledge of this.

She stated that the first attempt was at the Greenback branch ATM on Tuesday May 30, 2017 at approx. 1026 am. She stated that corporate security was pulling video and could possibly have by end of business this date. Contact for corporate security. This did happen in Loudon County.

Chickens ctd. from pg. 2

was determined that victim is the step-father to Mr. Seifert. Officer ran Mr. Seifert's name and date of birth through dispatch at which time they advised Mr. Seifert

had an active warrant out of Putnam County General Sessions Court. Mr. Seifert was determined to be the primary aggressor and was placed under arrest for domestic violence and, transported to the Loudon County Jail without any further incident.

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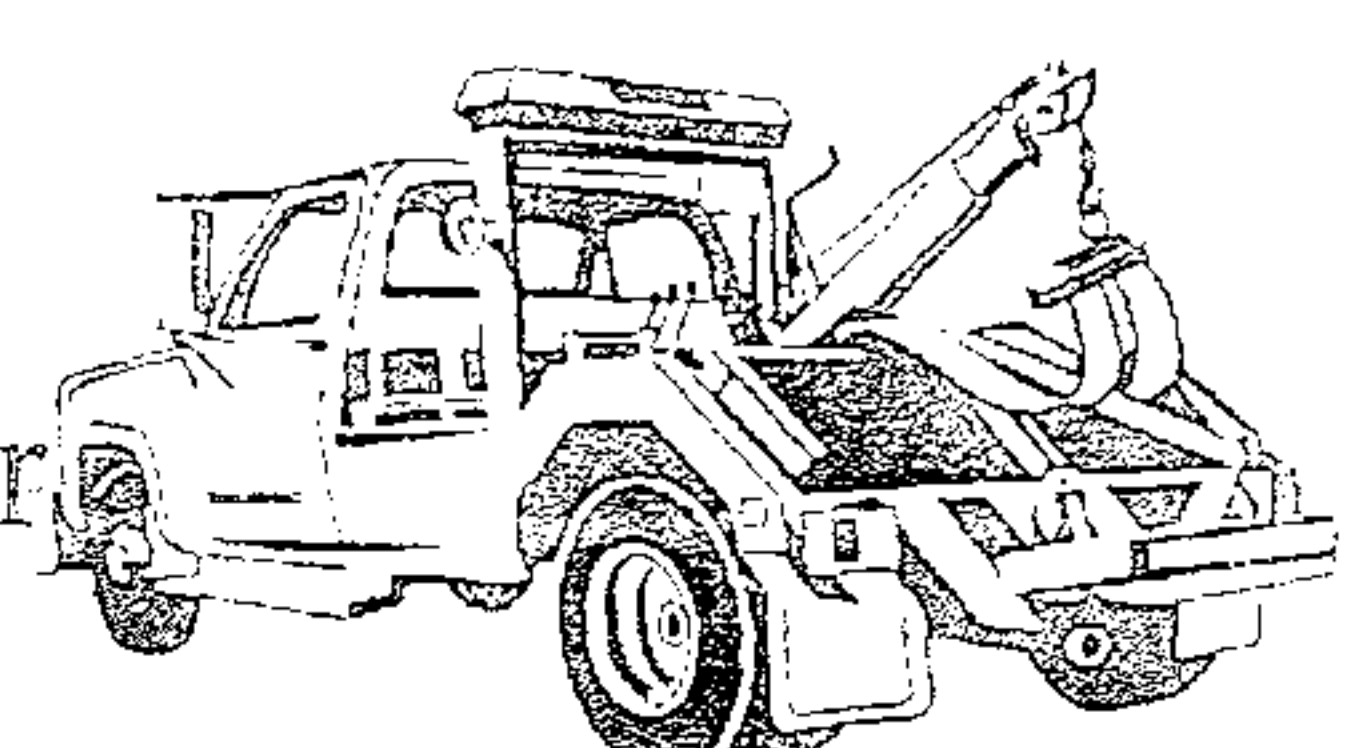
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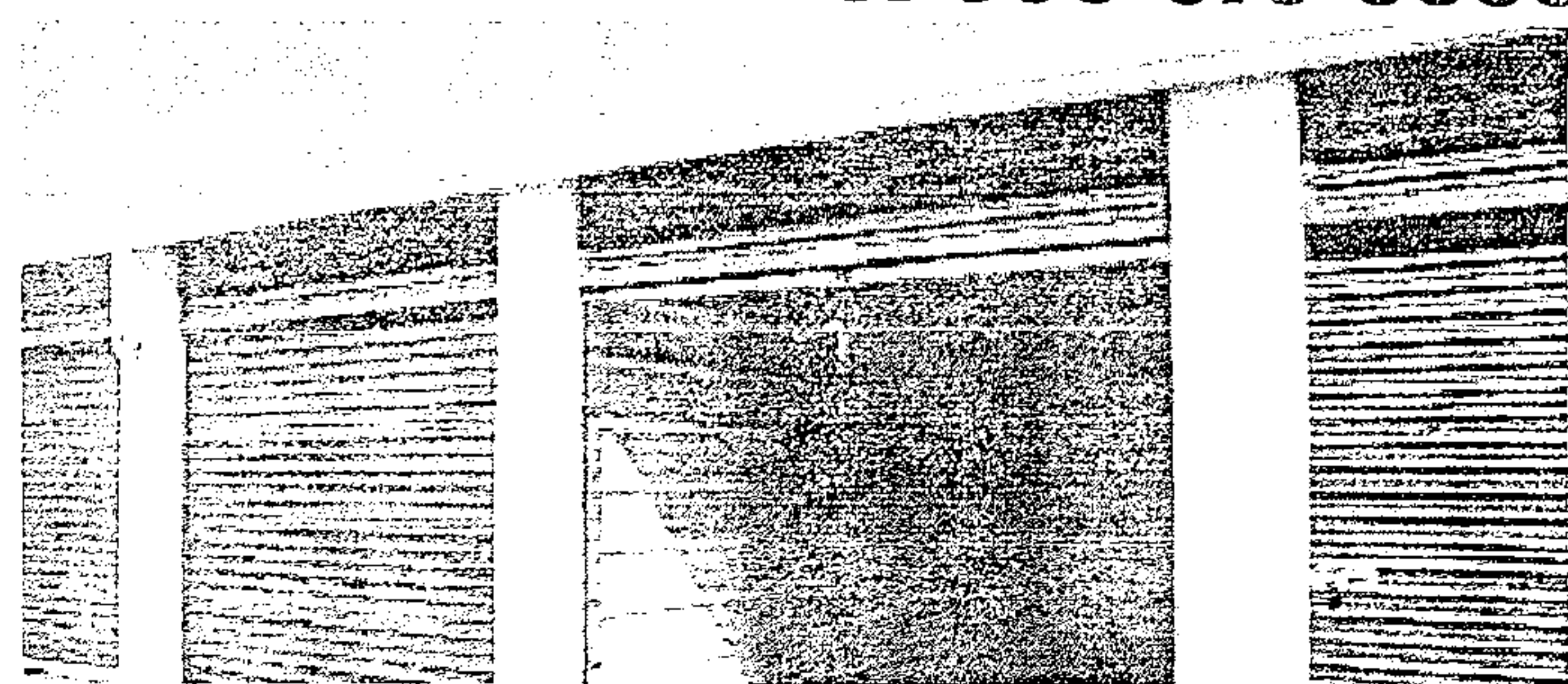
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**Fraud**

Jeff Frame in creating fraudulent invoices to the city totaling \$210,774. Investigators established that Frame's company was submitting fraudulent invoices to the city for equipment, supplies, chemicals and services that were never delivered.

Former water and sewer superintendent James Wesley Parks acknowledged the scheme and claimed that Frame shared the proceeds from this arrangement with Parks and another former city employee. Purchases from Poultry Electric and Hardware sometimes exceeded \$30,000 in a single month.

The investigative report includes examples and exhibits depicting fraudulent invoices for work that was never performed and fictitious products that were never received by the city.

In September 2017, James Wesley Parks was indicted by the Franklin County Grand Jury on one count of theft over \$60,000. Jeff Frame

was also indicted by the Franklin County Grand Jury on one count of theft over \$60,000.

"As with so many of these cases, a significant problem within the City of Decherd allowed this scheme to go undetected for many months," said Comptroller Justin P. Wilson. "The former superintendent was solely responsible for ordering and approving the purchases from Poultry Electric and Hardware. These responsibilities should be separated."

City officials have indicated they have corrected or intend to correct these deficiencies.

To view the investigative report online, go to: <http://www.comptroller.tn.gov/ia/>.

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DUI

Timothy Sapp, 27, Highway 72 Loudon, was charged with Domestic Assault.


Officer Brandon Nix LPD, was dispatched to Highway 72 ( Inn of Loudon ) for a possible disturbance upon ar-

rival this officer was met outside by a female she stated her son a Mr. Timothy Brandon Sapp was in his room at the inn of Loudon room and they got into a verbal argument and he assaulted her just moments before officers arrived on scene she also stated that he was having a mental status change and that's when he assaulted her. After making contact with


Mr. Sapp he stated that him and his mother got into a verbal argument inside the hotel room that's when he stated they both went outside and he assaulted victim . after speaking to victim she stated that he hit her on her side with his elbow. That's when

this officer placed Mr. Sapp under arrest for Domestic Assault. While on scene of-ficers did speak to a female from mobile crisis she did state that he had a long history with them the above actions did occur in the City of Loudon

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