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Wednesday, November 6, 2024

Suspicious Driving Leads to Traffic Stop; Drug Charges Follow



Bradley Miller



Kimberly Devine

(see Stop pg. 4)

SECOND CO-DEFENDANT, SHANE PARKS, PLEADS GUILTY TO MURDERING QUENTON McCULLOUGH AND GETS 45-YEAR SENTENCE TO SERVE

In Roane County Criminal Court Shane Douglas Parks (44 YOM) pled guilty to kidnapping and second degree murder for his role, along with oth-



Shane Parks



Quenton McCullough
see Murder pg. 2

Charge Follows Police Response to Local Inn



Wu Tian Fang

see Charged pg. 3

Tennessee's Retail Accountability Program Produces Sales Tax Compliance

The Tennessee Comptroller's Office has completed an evaluation of Tennessee's Retail Accountability Program (RAP) which is designed to ensure businesses remit the proper amount of sales tax revenues to the state.

RAP was created by the General Assembly in 2012 to improve sales tax compliance among

retailers of beer and tobacco products. The program has since been expanded to include nonalcoholic beverages, soft drinks, candy, and certain nonperishable foods. These expansion products are scheduled to sunset from being inside the program in 2025.

RAP identifies retailers that underreport, either willfully or accidentally, the amount of sales taxes collect-

ed and remitted to the state. The Tennessee Department of Revenue compares reported sales of wholesalers to retailers and audits retailers that do not address noncompliance.

From fiscal years 2013-2023, the state has directly collected \$36,597,304 in unpaid taxes, penalties, and interest revenue

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Verse of the Day

"The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is preached to the poor."

—Matthew 11:5

Wazzup

We will have the election results in Friday's Daily Edition!

Weather

Today: Partly cloudy. High of 78F.
Tonight: Overcast. Low

of 63F.

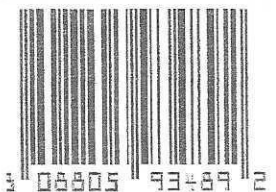
Thursday: Partly cloudy. High of 76F.

Thursday night: Clear. Low 60F.

Horoscope

Scorpio 10/23-11/21
Your ego may be un-

der some stress today, Scorpio. The tricky part is that the threat you feel is probably a result of something that isn't even completely real. It could be that someone is acting on false information that has no



Murder

ers, in beating and hog tying Quenton McCullough then taking him from Rockwood to an abandoned single wide trailer in the Oakdale area of Morgan County where he was left to die. McCullough's body was not found until December 2020.

The investigation began as a missing person report that McCullough's family submitted. Detective Greg Scaff of the Roane County Sheriff's Office questioned multiple persons in Roane County to attempt to ascertain McCullough's whereabouts without success. A tip finally led RCSO Investigators Art

Wolff and John Mayes to the trailer in Oakdale where the severely decomposed body of McCullough was discovered decomposing in closet. The scene indicated that McCullough had been "hog tied" by drawing a rope around his hands and feet behind his back and gag placed in his mouth. They transported the remains to the Knox County Regional Forensic Center for an autopsy that revealed he may have been strangled.

The original tip to law enforcement identified Parks, Joshua Aikens and one other person as being potentially responsible for the murder. Over time the investigation turned up several persons who gave

statements to the effect that Mr. McCullough was assaulted at the home of the third person in Rockwood, Tennessee. At some point he was restrained by ropes as described and transported in the back of an SUV to the trailer in Oakdale.

The inconsistent statements of the defendants and witnesses made it difficult to determine if he died before or after he was transported. In any event he died as a result of the assault and the restraint ropes that caused the strangulation. Furthermore, it was developed that the assault was likely the consequence of an 'offer of a reward' made by others to anyone who would "break his fingers" as retribution for

a theft alleged to have been committed by McCullough.

Joshua Aikens has already pled guilty to his role in the homicide and received a life sentence. He is presently serving that sentence in the Tennessee Department of Corrections where Shane Parks will also serve his sentence which consists of two 45-year sentences that will run concurrently.


Assistant District Attorneys Bob Edwards and Jonathan Edwards prosecuted this case for Russell Johnson's District Attorney General's Office. ADA Bob Edwards handled the plea and sentencing hearing. Judge Jeff Wicks presided over the hearing. Attorney Kit Rodgers represented the defendant, Shane Parks.

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Charged

Wu Tian Fang, 28, Covey Rise Trail Knoxville, was charged with Domestic Assault.

Officers Eldridge and Mendez LCPD, responded to Inn of Lenoir located at US Hwy 321 in reference to a disturbance between a male at room 250 and his mother. Upon arrival contact was made with the victim, who stated that her son had pushed her and was mentally unstable. They then spoke with the hotel manager who also stated that he had witnessed the tenant at room 250 push the victim. We then responded to room 250 in an attempt to make contact with the tenant who was identified as WU TIAN FANG. Mr. Fang stated that he had pushed her. While speaking with Mr. Fang, we observed Mr. Fang raise his right hand while holding a soda bottle in his hand in a threatening matter. After reviewing the video of the surveillance cameras at the hotel we observed Mr. Fang pushing the victim out of his room in an aggressive manner while she was carrying a bag. Fang was placed in custody for domestic assault and transported to the Loudon Co Jail. All of the above occurred in Lenoir City, Loudon County TN

Domestic Charge for Both

Sarah Arden, 37 Caldwell Road Loudon, was charged with, Domestic Assault.

Malcolm McKeag 31, Highland Circle Lenoir City, was charged with, Domestic Assault.

Deputy Brockwell LCSO, arrived at Caldwell Road for a verbal domestic in progress. When the deputy arrived on scene, he spoke with Sarah Arden (complainant/victim/offender). Arden stated that her husband, Malcolm McKeag (offender/victim), has been verbally threatening her and that she had video proof. Arden proceeds to show the deputy a video that was dated back to October 1, of a video where McKeag walked into the bedroom and said, "I'm going to drag you out of the house," but you could not see who he was talking to. The deputy told Arden that he could not do anything about what happened on October 1, and that he was there to investigate what happened tonight. She then stated that she was scared McKeag was going to hurt her kids because she caught

him cheating on her, and that he had a history of domestic violence against other women. She continued to explain to the deputy that she wanted him out of the house, but he refused to leave and that every time she asks him to leave, he hits her. The deputy then spoke with Malcolm, and he stated that he never touched her or her kids and that she was trying to throw him in jail because he would not sign the divorce papers. The deputy asked if anybody else in the house was up during this verbal argument, and he stated that his 10-year-old son, saw and heard the whole thing. The deputy asked the Malcolm if there was any place he could stay for the night, and he stated that he was not leaving his home. The deputy spoke with the juvenile in private and he stated that Malcolm and Sarah got into an argument about them cheating on each other, but it never got physical. Cpl. Wallen and Brockwell, then spoke to Arden and explained her options to her about an order of protection, marital property, and the eviction notice. The deputy then asked Arden if there was any place she could stay at for the night. She also refused to leave her house and stated that if he threatens her or hits her, she was going to kill him. She continued by stating that her 18-year-old son, was scared of Malcolm. During the conversation with Arden, she refused to listen to us and had a very argumentative approach during the conversation. The deputy then went to speak to the son, and he stated that him and Malcolm were best friends. Arden refused to speak to us further and a primary aggressor could not be determined at this time as it was a verbal argument. Both parties refused to separate and refused to speak further about the incident. Arden went back into the house, and at this time, Malcolm exited the residence and stated that Arden pushed him. Arden then states that she was just grabbing bags and that is when Malcolm pushed her. Based on the allegations, the facts involved, and the likelihood that this would continue, both Arden and Malcolm were arrested for domestic assault. The son stated that he would watch the kids until either party got out of jail. Cpl. Wallen and I transported both Arden and Malcom to the Loudon County Detention Facility. A DCS referral (referral # 1491121231) was completed against Arden and Malcolm based off the charges.

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Gregory Devine, 27, Highway 411 Madisonville, was charged with, Man/Sell/Del/Resale Sch. I & II, and Poss. of Drug Para.

Bradley Miller, 38 Homeless Madisonville, was charged with, Man/Sell/Del/Resale Sch. I & 2, Identity Theft and Poss. of Drug Para.

Kimberly Devine, 58, Childress Avenue Sweetwater, was charged with, Man/Sell/Del/Resale Sch. I & 2, Man/Del/Sale or Poss. of Meth, Contraband in Penal Institution, Identity Theft, and Poss. of Drug Para.

Joshua McLemore, 30, Miller Road Vonore, was charged with, Man/Sell/Del/Resale Sch. I & 2, and Poss. of Drug Para.

Kevin Spears, 57, College Road North Madisonville, was charged with, Man/Sell/Del/Resale Sch. I & 2, and

Poss. of Drug Para.

Deputy Watson LCSO, observed a grey SUV traveling on Kingston Pike approaching the intersection of Highway 11. Before the vehicle approached the intersection, the traffic light was green displaying a green arrow. The SUV came to a complete stop in the turn lane for approximately 3 seconds before making the left turn. The vehicle was positioned in the inside turn lane before making the left turn and drifted into the outside lane during the turn. Deputy Watson stopped the vehicle due to suspicion of impaired driving at 16405 Highway 11. The deputy made contact with Joshua McLemore (Offender/Arrestee) in the driver's seat of the vehicle and 4 other passengers. Loudon County Dispatch advised him that Joshua had a suspended driver's license. The deputy asked

Joshua to exit the vehicle and step back to his patrol vehicle. As Joshua stepped out of the driver's seat, The deputy observed a red cut straw with what appeared to be drug residue on the end of it on the driver's seat. Deputy Pekala and Deputy Owens arrived to assist with the stop and they removed each passenger from the vehicle and attempted to identify them. When Deputy Owens removed the front passenger from the vehicle, a cut straw fell from his lap onto the ground. That passenger was identified as Gregory Devine (Offender/Arrestee). The deputy was given the name David with a social security number that ended in 6700 from another male passenger. Deputy Pekala was given the name Kathy 01/10/1965 to run out of the state of Illinois from the female passenger. During the investigation, the deputy determined that the male was Bradley Mill-

er (Offender/Arrestee), who is wanted out of Blount and Knox County TN. The female was later identified as Kimberly Devine (Offender/Arrestee) and was wanted out of Monroe County. Kathy did return to a female related to Kimberly out of Illinois. The information that Bradley Miller provided to me did return to David Parrot DOB 04/15/1980. Kevin Spears (Offender/Arrestee) was identified as the final passenger. Deputy Pekala performed a probable cause search of the vehicle and recovered approximately 15 grams of Fentanyl, .3 grams of Heroin, and several small twisted baggies that contained a mixture of narcotics that appeared to be packaged for resale. Deputy Pekala recovered an envelope containing U.S. currency. Due to the narcotics recovered inside the vehicle and the way they were packaged, the deputy


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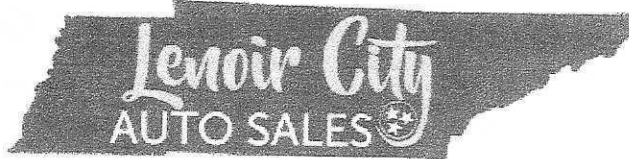


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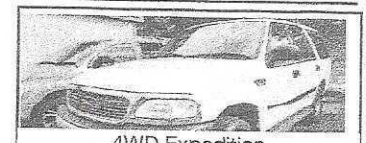
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uty suspect the U.S. currency to be from the sale of illegal narcotics. The U.S. currency was secured in evidence along with the narcotics. The narcotic items and drug paraphernalia were recovered in the passenger compartment of the vehicle, some inside a cigarette pack stuffed under a seat and some stuffed in a chip bag on the middle seat. All passengers of the vehicle denied ownership of the narcotics. All parties were placed in custody for drug possession and drug paraphernalia. The vehicle was towed by Malones Wrecker Service. All individuals were transported to the Loudon County Jail. While en route to the Jail, Bradley revealed that he had a pipe on his person and that he had given him the name, David to hide his true identity. Once on scene at the jail, corrections staff removed Bradley

from his patrol vehicle and took him inside the facility to be searched. They recovered a glass pipe with what appeared to be drug residue inside. While the corrections staff was searching Kimberly inside the facility, they recovered approximately 3.2 grams of a crystal-like substance from her pants. All narcotics and paraphernalia were placed into evidence. The total amount of U.S. currency seized is \$7,093. This did occur in Loudon County, TN.

Tax

as a result of the program while costing the Tennessee Department of Revenue \$3,896,089 to administer over that time period.

Additionally, it is probable that more retailers began collecting and remitting the correct amount of sales tax to the state to avoid being identified by RAP. TDOR

estimates \$300 million was voluntarily remitted over the past 11 years as a result of RAP.

The Comptroller's Office of Research and Education Accountability (OREA) and Division of State Audit have reviewed the program and produced a legislative brief providing an evaluation of this program since its creation. This legislative brief includes six conclusions and a policy option for the Tennessee Department of Revenue.

To read the report and see

the one page snapshot, please visit the Comptroller's website at: tncot.cc/orea

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Horoscopes

bearing on the reality of the situation. You might be swept away by someone else's false impression of who you really are.

Sagittarius 11/22-12/21

You could develop a stomachache if you try to sort out all the confused issues of the day, Sagittarius. There are apt to be too many matters for you to handle alone, so don't even try. It's one of those situations in which you start to untangle one knot only to create another somewhere down the line. It's best to just let the ball of string lie where it is for now.

Capricorn 12/22-01/19

You may have your mind set on some big plans that you've been working on for some time now, Capricorn. The problem is that today there is some conflict with something or someone with a large ego who suddenly wants a piece of the pie. Either that or this person wants to burst your bubble.

Aquarius 1/20-2/18

You may have been feeling more emotional lately, Aquar-

ius. Today a fanciful energy could sweep you off your feet and into another realm entirely. Feel free to take off for at least a little while in order to gain a better perspective on the issues at hand. Strong, forceful powers are urging you to let someone else take the reins on a particular project.

Pisces 2/19-3/20

People and situations that you were counting on may suddenly run into opposition today, Pisces. Don't be surprised if the seat you're sitting on is suddenly pulled out from under you.

Aries 3/21-4/19

Your ego has probably been feeling strong lately, and you may feel an extra boost of self-confidence, Aries. Don't be surprised if your ego gets threatened by someone who appears out of the blue with an aggressive, opinionated attitude, someone who isn't on quite the same track as you.

Taurus 4/20-5/20

If you knew the truth of all the things that are going on outside your world, you'd be appalled, Taurus. You shouldn't

take things at face value today. It's important to simply go and see things for yourself. Don't trust another's word on what is true and what isn't.

Gemini 5/21-6/20

It isn't a good idea to try to fit people into a mold today, Gemini. This will only annoy others and frustrate you. It's important that you relax and simply let people blossom into the people they want to be. If you have a preconceived notion of who they should be, you're only setting yourself up for failure and disappointment, as well as anger from the other party.

Cancer 6/21-7/22

Consider subscribing to an alternative newsletter of some sort, Cancer. You will find some amazing information that the general public doesn't necessarily know. Knowledge is power. For the most part, common knowledge is quite limited. Try to seek news from a wider community.

Leo 7/23-8/22

Don't expect others to take much notice of your emotions today, Leo. You're more re-

spectful of theirs than they are of yours. Find peace among all you encounter. This could be difficult since other people's wills are involved. In that case, people aren't likely to back down.

Virgo 8/23-9/22

Your aggressive attitude is likely to start a fight that might be difficult to settle now, Virgo. There are extremely stubborn forces at work, and you may find that no one is willing to budge from their position. The thing that is apt to make this even more difficult is that people may misinterpret certain pieces of the puzzle.

Libra 9/23-10/22

People may be difficult to deal with today, Libra. You may soon discover that they're just as stubborn as you are. Try to give others the benefit of the doubt or there will be a stalemate in just about every corner of your life. Don't consider it a loss or failure of character if you find you need to make some concessions in order to get things to work.

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Obituaries

Glen Lillard Watson - age 85 of Loudon County, Tennessee, passed away peacefully on October 31, 2024 at his home with his wife and family by his side. He loved the Lord with all of his heart. Glen and his wife were missionaries for many years. They took Bibles into many countries that didn't allow them so that the gospel could reach those searching. He and his wife had a great love for the country of Albania and the great people who live there. They started a church ministry that grew to be a wonderful family to them as well. Glen had a vision to get milk cows to the villages to help feed and nourish the families. He never wanted them to go without. Glen was able to share his testimony with other churches in the Lenoir City area as well as churches in Greenville, Kentucky, and they would help Glen and his wife, Sheila, with finances to help in their ministry. He retired from being a supervisor at large power plants all over the US and even in Iran. His family was able to travel with him so that lead them on a wonderful adventure in life. Glen and his wife also owned their own construction company. He was a very hard worker, and loved to farm and garden. But most of all he loved God and his family.

Glen was preceded in death by his parents, Mack and Mammie Watson; children, Mike Watson, Glen Jr. Watson and April Summers; brothers and a sister. He was one of 15 children. Survived by his loving wife, Sheila Watson; children, Jerry Watson (Becky) of Inverness, Florida and Glenda Pierson (Bill) of New Smyrna Beach, Florida; daughter-in-law, Pam Watson of Greenville, Kentucky; grandchildren: Erika, Michelle, Chris, Tyler, Brian, Angelica, and Destiny; great-grandchildren: Cayden, Callie, Keagan, Madison, Lorenzo, Dezaya, Maasai, and Alyssa; great-great grandson, Colson; sisters: Janice Cole, Trula Zecco, Lois Holder, Annette Morgan and Brenda Starritt along with many nieces and nephews.

The family will receive

friends from 1p.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, November 9th at Click Funeral Home in Lenoir City. Funeral services will follow at 2 p.m. We will then proceed to Lakeview Cemetery for graveside services and interment.

Click Funeral Home, 109 Walnut Street, Lenoir City is in charge of arrangements.

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of **Diane How** on September 24, 2024 at the age of 91.

Born in Evanston, Illinois, Diane spent most of her life in the Chicago area, with a 6-year stint in northern Kentucky, before retiring to Tellico Village in 1995. She and husband Bud loved Tellico Village, where they had many cherished friends and were long-time members of the Tellico Village Community Church. Diane spent her final years at The Neighborhood assisted living community in Tellico Village, where she found much love and comfort among the caring staff and other residents.

Diane was known for her caring and generous spirit, touching the lives of family, friends, and even strangers. Throughout her life she embraced her roles as wife, mother, grandmother, and homemaker while exploring several vocations including travel agent, beauty care sales, interior decorator, and real estate agent. She volunteered as a reading tutor to elementary school kids both at Loudon County schools, and near their home in Chicago. She was an avid and accomplished bridge player, and participated in several bridge groups within the village. Her warmth and kindness will be deeply missed, but always remembered, by all who knew her.

Diane is survived by husband Julian (Bud), son John (Kim) How, son Peter (Karen) How, daughter Julie (Greg) Blank, 6 adoring grandchildren, and 2 great grandchildren.

Memorial service will be held on Saturday, November 9, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. at The Community Church at Tellico Village located at 130 Chota Center, Loudon, TN 37774.

Condolences may be sent to Bud How, 100 Chatuga Drive W., Apt 402, Loudon, TN 37774.

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR LOUDON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Regarding the Estate of: **CAROLYN MELTON PECK**, deceased DKT# 7226

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

(As required by Chapter No 199, Public Acts of Tennessee 1999

As Amended by Public Chapter 996 on 05/09/2012)

Notice is hereby given that on the 28TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2024 Letters of Testamentary in respect of the estate of **CAROLYN MELTON PECK** who died on the 26TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2024 be issued to the undersigned by the Loudon County Probate Court of Loudon County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and nonresident, having claims, matured or unmatured against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the abovenamed court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claim will be forever barred:

(1) (A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting, as the case may be) of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting); or

(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication (or posting) as described in (1) (A); or

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

THIS THE 28TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2024

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published October 30, 2024 and November 6, 2024

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR LOUDON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Regarding the Estate of: **MARTHA WIERS**, deceased DKT# 7228

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

(As required by Chapter No 199, Public Acts of Tennessee 1999 As Amended by Public Chapter 996 on 05/09/2012)

Notice is hereby given that on the 5TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2024 Letters of Testamentary in respect of the estate of **MARTHA WIERS** who died on the 1ST DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2024 be issued to the undersigned by the Loudon County Probate Court of Loudon County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and nonresident, having claims, matured or unmatured against the estate are required to file the same with the Clerk of the abovenamed court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claim will be forever barred:

(1) (A) Four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting, as the case may be) of this notice if the creditor received an actual copy of this notice to creditors at least sixty (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting); or

(B) Sixty (60) days from the date the creditor received an actual copy of the notice to creditors if the creditor received the copy of the notice less than sixty (60) days prior to the date that is four (4) months from the date of first publication (or posting) as described in (1) (A); or

(2) Twelve (12) months from the decedent's date of death.

THIS THE 5TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2024

Steve Harrelson, Clerk
BY: Penny Glasgow, Sr. Deputy Clerk

By Personal Representative(s)
DIANA WIERS-STONE

Notice to Creditors:

All Claims must be submitted on a claim form, notarized with invoices/statements; in triplicate, with a fee of \$20.00 to Loudon County Probate Court, 12699 Highway 11 West Ste. 3, Lenoir City, TN 37771

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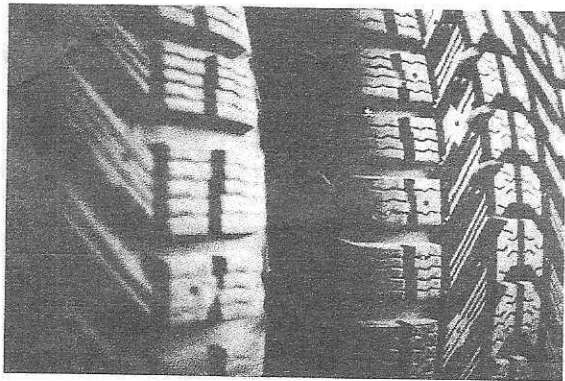
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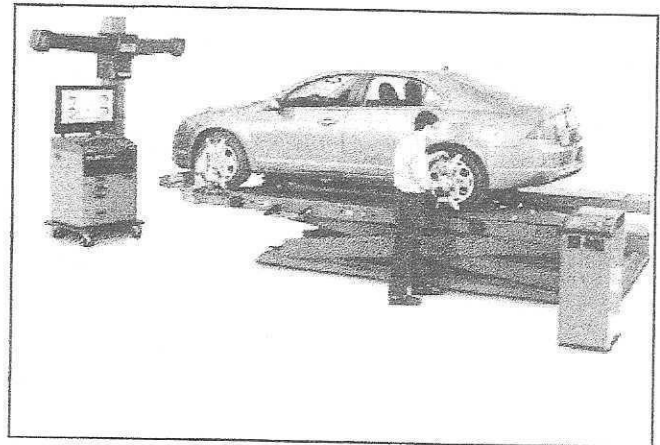
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