

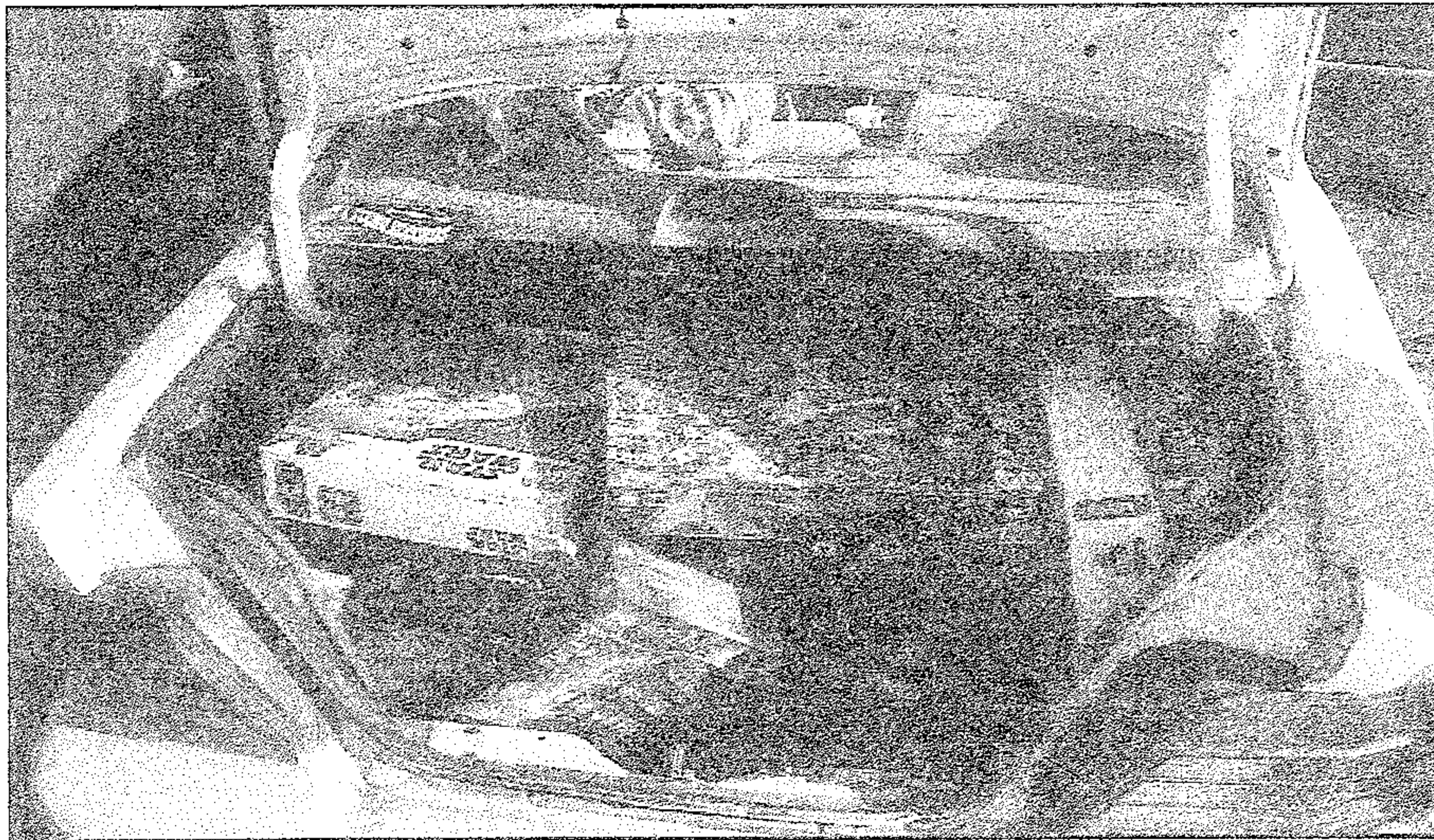
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Wednesday-Friday, December 16-18, 2020

Retail Theft Task Force Update

From District Attorney Russell Johnson



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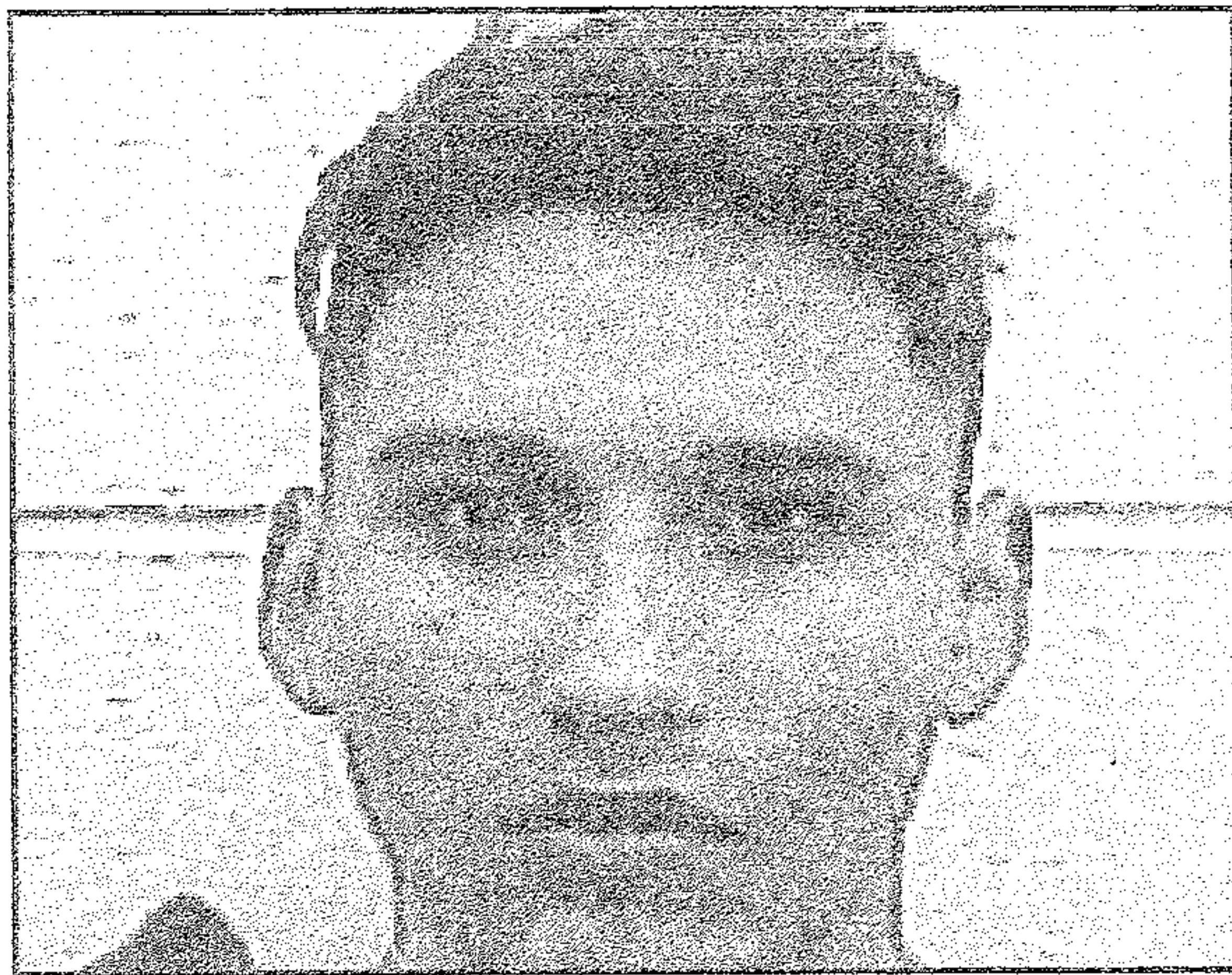
Loud Music Gets Woman Charged



Regina Helton

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Philly Man Charged with Aggravated Rape of a Child



Miguel, Rivera-Gonzalez

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Jackson County Leaders Must Address Repeated Audit Findings

The Tennessee Comptroller's Office has released its audit of Jackson County government for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020. The audit report includes 10 findings, seven of which were also noted in last year's report.

The findings detail deficiencies, weaknesses, or noncompliance within the Office of County Mayor and Office of County

Clerk. Repeated findings show that management has been unable or unwilling to correct issues that were noted in the previous year's audit report.

The findings in the Office of County Mayor included several problems with the office's purchasing procedures including purchase order deficiencies; paying invoices without doc-

umentation that goods or services had been rendered; and not coding purchases to the proper accounts.

Auditors also had to make material adjustments to the county's financial statements to ensure accuracy. This is a strong indicator that the county has ineffective controls

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Verse of the Day

Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. — Romans 12:15

Wazzup

In Order to Enjoy The Holidays We Will Be

Publishing One Paper for Monday of next week and then we will go back after the Christmas Holiday

Weather

Today: Morning Showers. High of 43F.

Tonight: Clear. Low of 32F.

Thursday: Cloudy. High of 40F.

Thursday night: Clear. Low of 25F.

Friday: Mostly sunny. High of 46F.

Friday night: Clear. Low

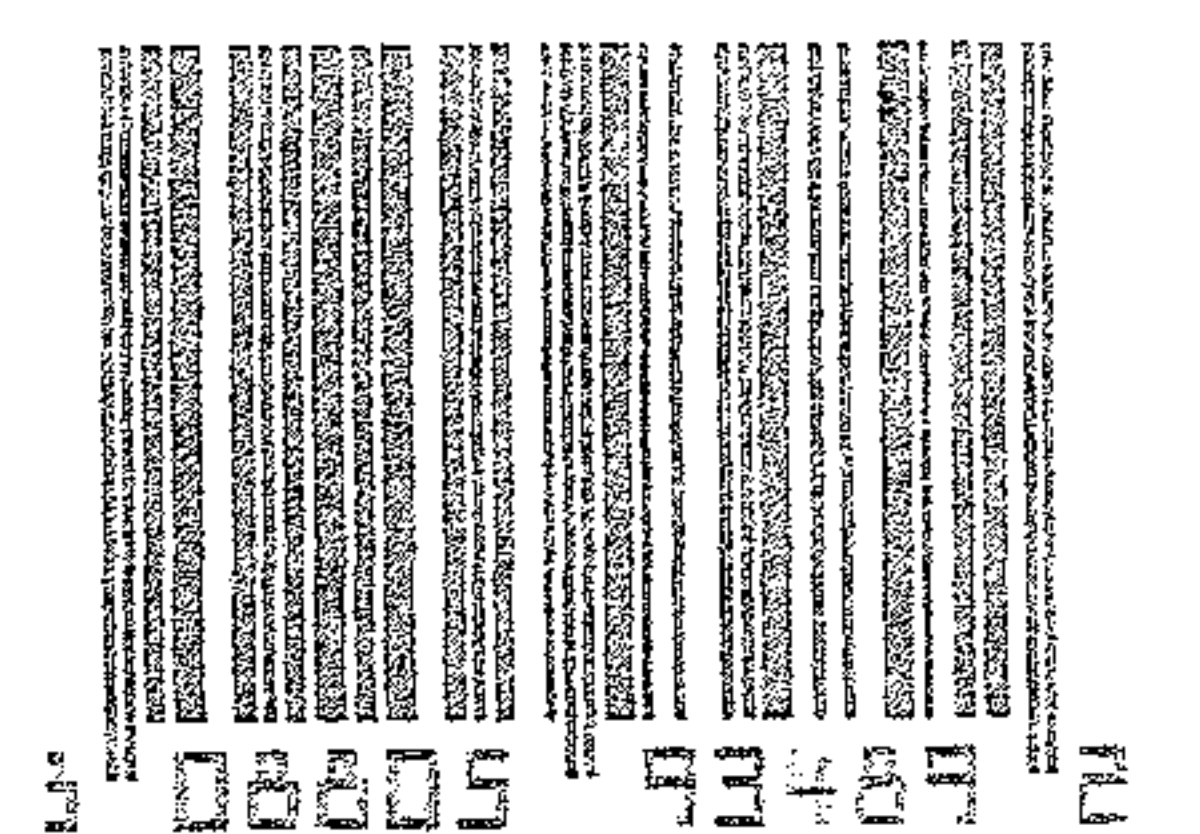
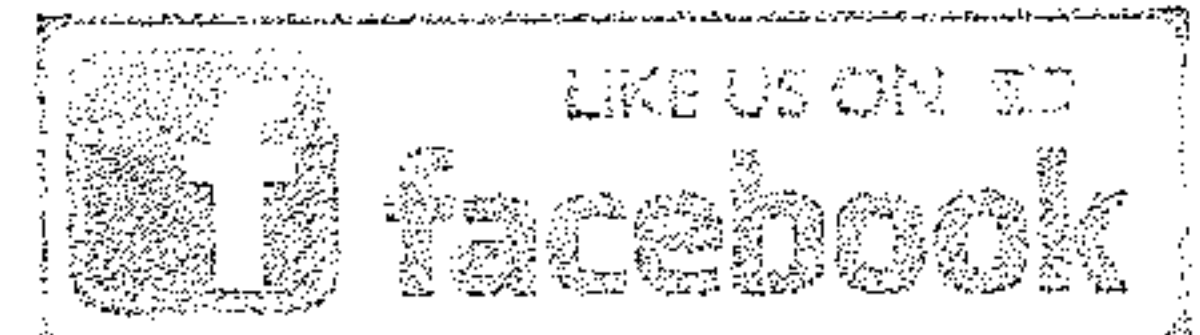
of 26F.

Saturday: Mostly cloudy. High of 51F.

Saturday night: Clear. Low of 37F.

Sunday: Showers. High of 48F.

Sunday night: Clear. Low of 32F.



Theft

On (Thursday 12/7/20) at around 1:30 pm agents with the 9th District Drug Task Force working with officers from Lenoir City Police De-

partment recovered a stolen vehicle (Hyundai Elantra) that was traveling through Lenoir City. The vehicle was stolen out of Knox County and the defendant had outstanding warrants in Jeffer-

son County for additional vehicle thefts and had just been released from Knox County. The owner of the car was an elderly woman from Knox County who was mainly concerned that the Bible she had left in the vehicle was safe. The tag on the car was actually from a stolen Ford F-150 that was not recovered. LCPD is bringing charges.

Lego box sets allegedly stolen for the Lenoir City Wal-Mart and potentially other locations. Agents had to act fast to keep the driver from running over an elderly male in the parking lot, averting possible serious injury to the innocent bystander. Drug paraphernalia was found in the car as well. LCPD is bringing charges.

Just after this incident at about 4:19 pm Agents were notified of another scene

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Then at 2:50 pm they apprehended five individuals trying to escape in their older model white Mitsubishi from the Wal-Mart parking lot after stealing over \$1,000 in Lego sets from the Lenoir City Wal-Mart. These individuals are also suspected in numerous retail thefts in Knox County and agents discovered that the trunk of their car was loaded with

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in the Wal-Mart parking lot where a male individual (who is suspected of being a convicted felon) had evidently shot himself in the hand and leg. According to an eye witness, the man was loading his handgun with a magazine and racking the slide, when the gun discharged. Upon reaching him in his white Toyota Matrix agents discovered that the round had evidently penetrated through his hand and then his left leg possibly hitting his femoral artery. Citizen witnesses acted quickly to use a belt as a tourniquet to save the man from bleeding out. DTF agents assisted the good Samaritans to render first aid and to stem the flow of co-

pious amounts of blood that could have caused serious consequences for the 'victim'. The victim was transported to UT Medical Center.

All three incidents happened in a span of about three hours. The 9th DTF is working with other local agencies as part of a retail theft task force during the holiday season. Frequently,

items are stolen from retail stores and resold or traded for drugs, furthering drug activity in the community. Folks, be careful while out shopping – Covid-19 and crooks abound! Stay smart and stay safe.

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Disturbance

Regina Helton, 41, Abbott Road Lenoir City, was charged with Disorderly Conduct, and Resisting Arrest.

Deputy Green LCSO., responded to Abbott Road in reference to a disturbance. The complainant was a neighbor which advised a subject by the name of Regina Helton was outside in her yard playing loud music and yelling. Deputy arrived on scene and heard the loud music coming from the carport. Deputy requested Ms. Helton to turn the music down to prevent her from causing additional calls and left the residence. Approximately 20 minutes later Deputy received another call advising Ms. Helton was playing loud music and shouting in the front yard. Deputy arrived on scene and once again

heard loud music and heard Ms. Helton shouting. Deputy exited the vehicle and Ms. Helton began to walk away towards the residence as she saw Deputy. Deputy ordered for Ms. Helton to stop but she continued to the house stating she was going inside the residence. Ms. Helton entered the residence and locked the door. Deputy advised Ms. Helton to open the door several times. Deputy finally advised Ms. Helton to open the door or he would force entry. Ms. Helton refused so Deputy forced entry to the residence by kicking the front door and took her into custody. Ms. Helton was transported to Loudon County Jail where she was charged with Disorderly Conduct and Resisting Stop, Halt, Frisk, and Arrest. All the above did occur in Loudon County, TN.

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There will be a Special Called County Commission Meeting Tuesday, December 29, 2020 at 6:00 PM at the Courthouse Annex meeting room located at 101 Mulberry Street, Loudon, TN

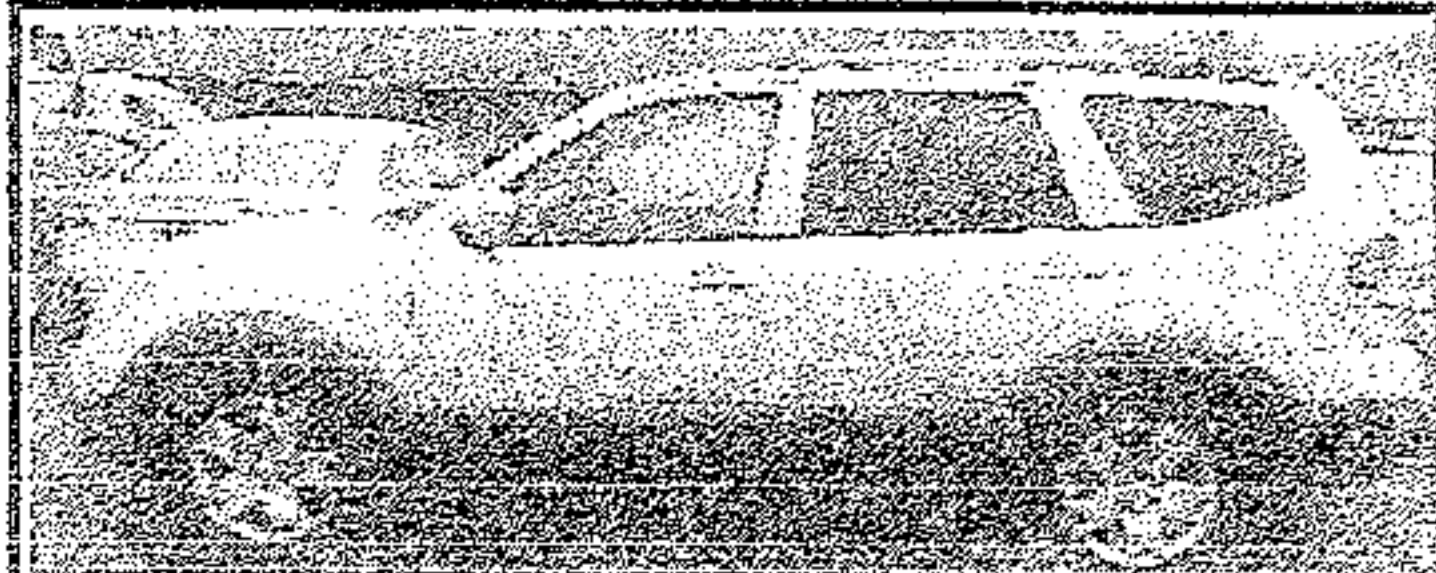
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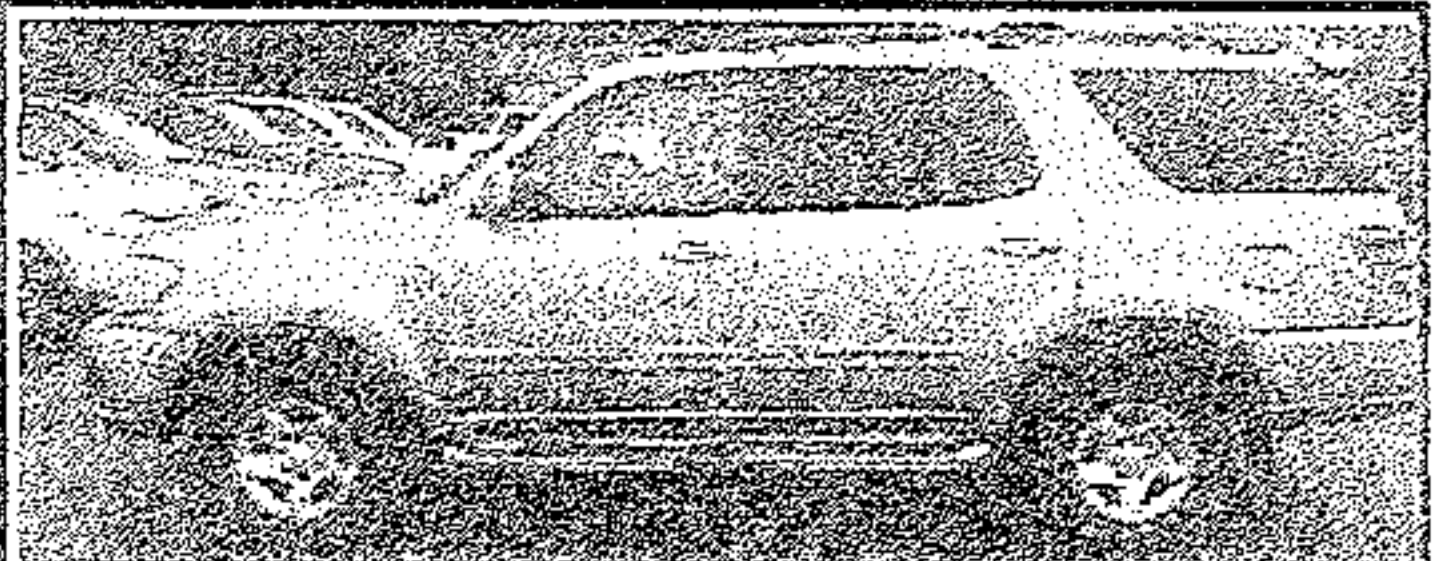


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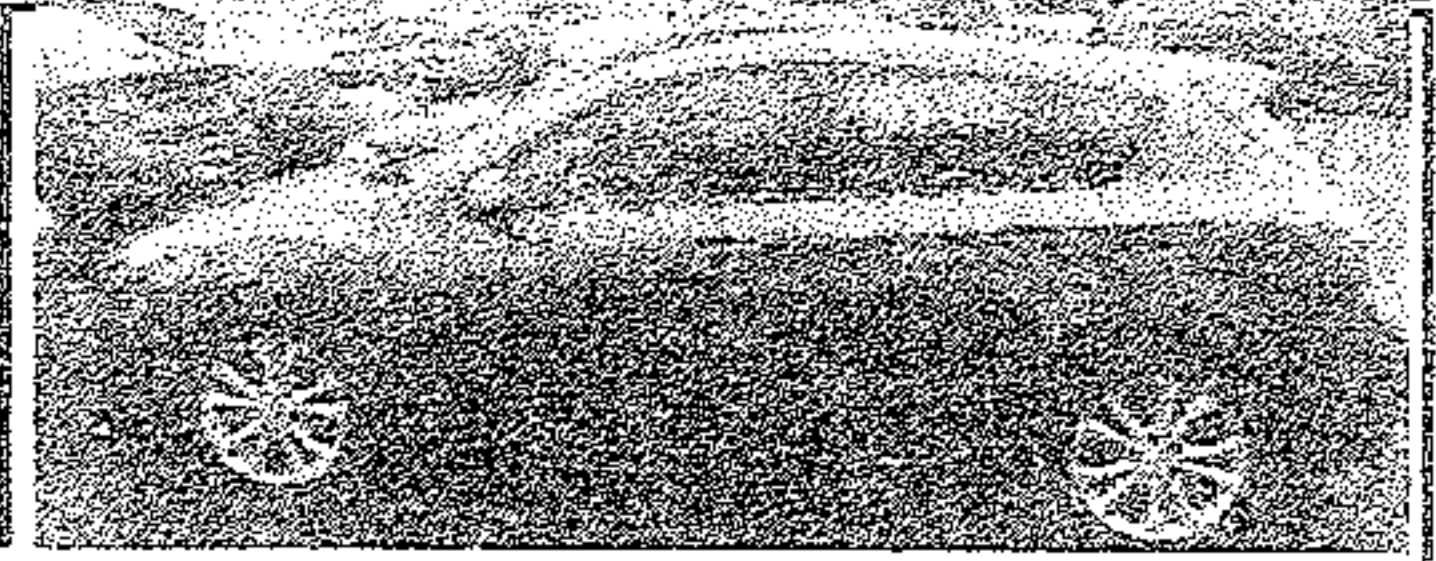
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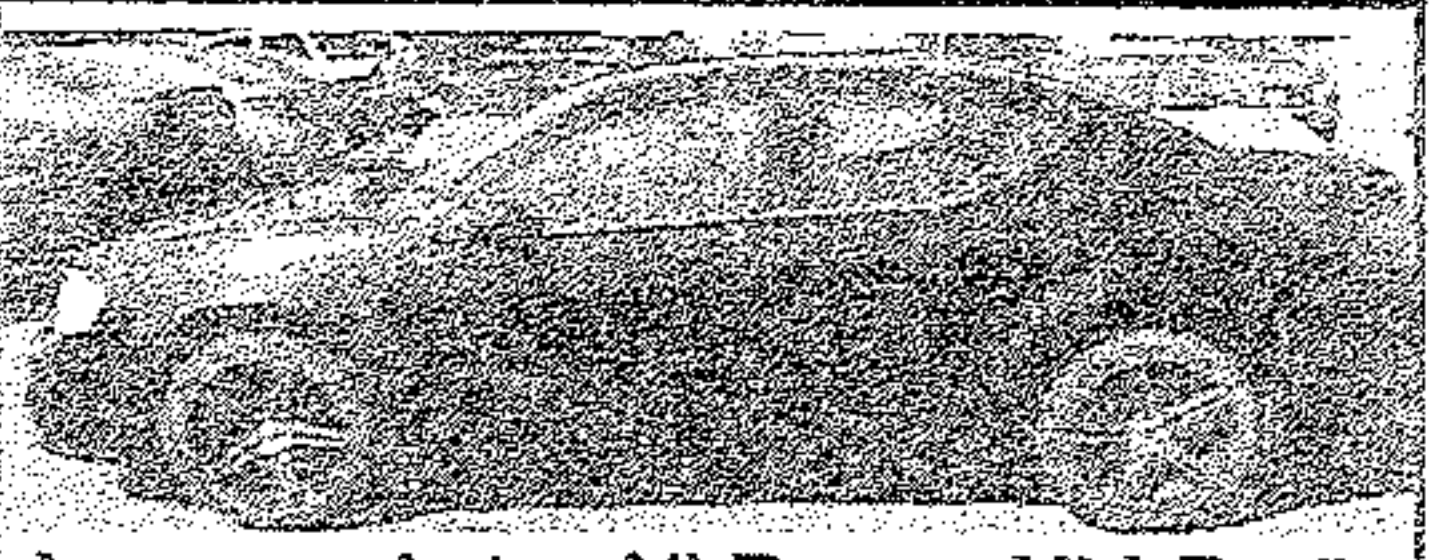
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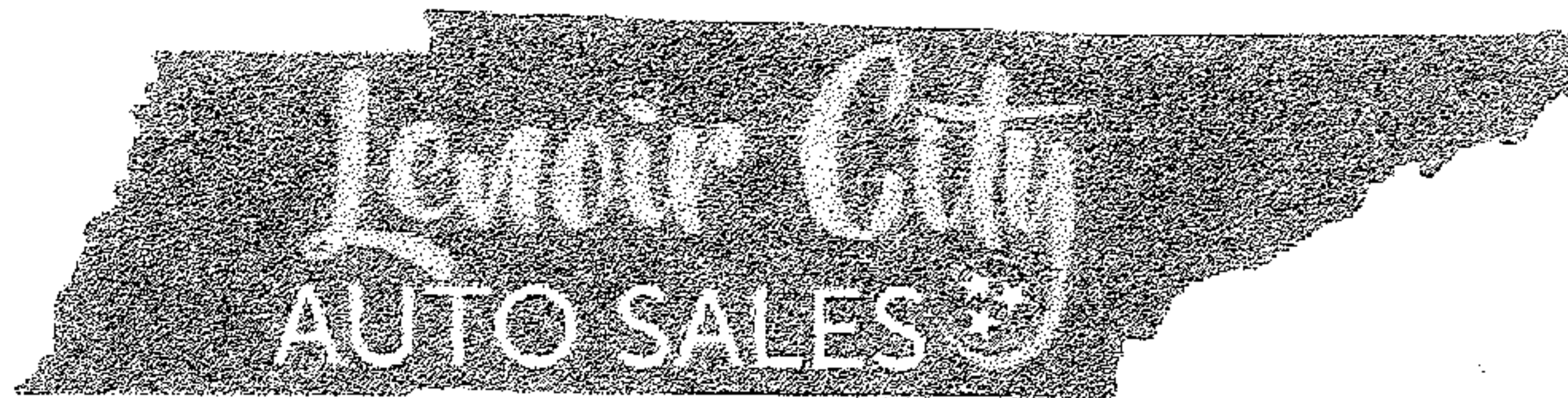
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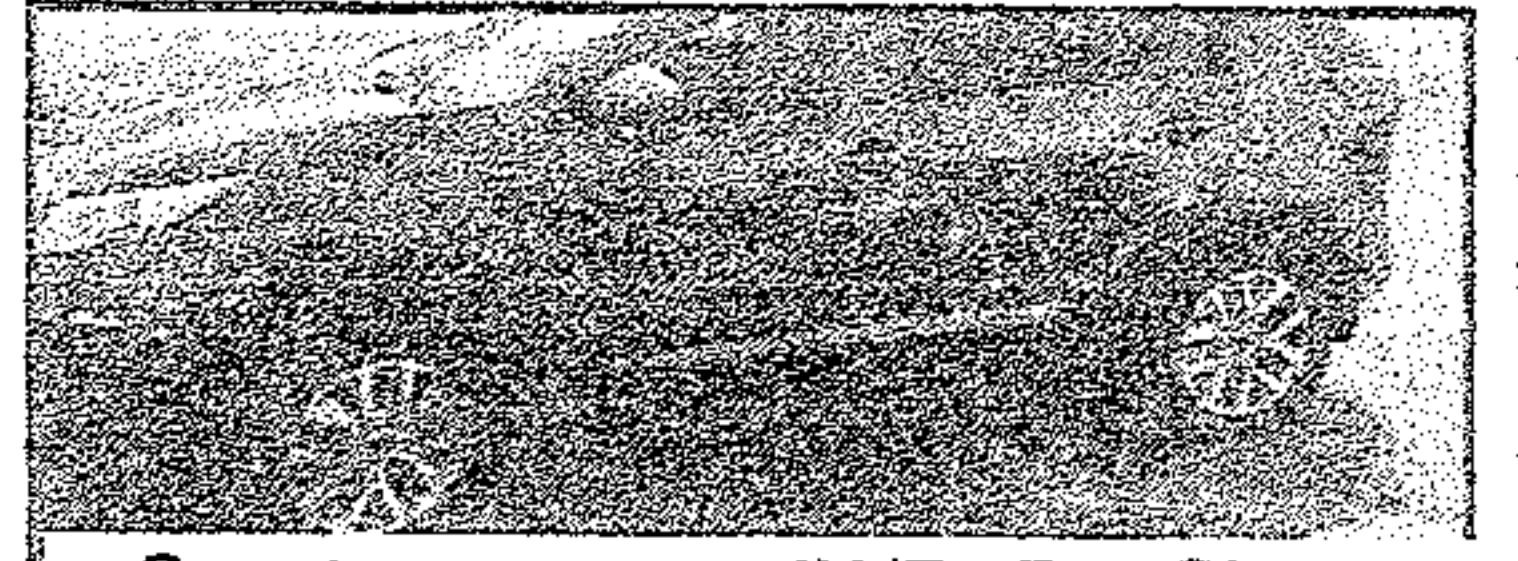


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Rape

Miguel Rivera-Gonzalez, 20, Warrior Trail Philadelphia, was charged with Aggravated Rape of a Child.

Deputy Clay Jenkins LCSO, responded to the Dollar General in Philadelphia for a possible child molestation. Upon arrival, Deputy made contact with complainant who advised the victim had told her that her uncle offender Miguel Rivera Gonzalez had touched her private parts inappropriately by putting his fingers inside of her making her urinate, kissing her on the mouth, and making her touch his private area. While on scene, Miguel then called complainant and while on speaker phone advised that victim had walked in on him masturbating. He then ad-

vised that he made victim rub lotion on his penis for masturbation and did not want to live anymore with this secret while being recorded by my body camera. Deputy then notified Sgt. Detective J. Bowen and he responded. Jenkins, Deputy Caleb Green, Sgt. Det. J. Bowen, Lt. Det. Charlie Cosner, and Deputy Chase Lane then made contact with Miguel at his residence Warrior Tr. Deputy then placed Miguel into custody and transported him to the Loudon County Jail. All of this did occur in Loudon County, TN.

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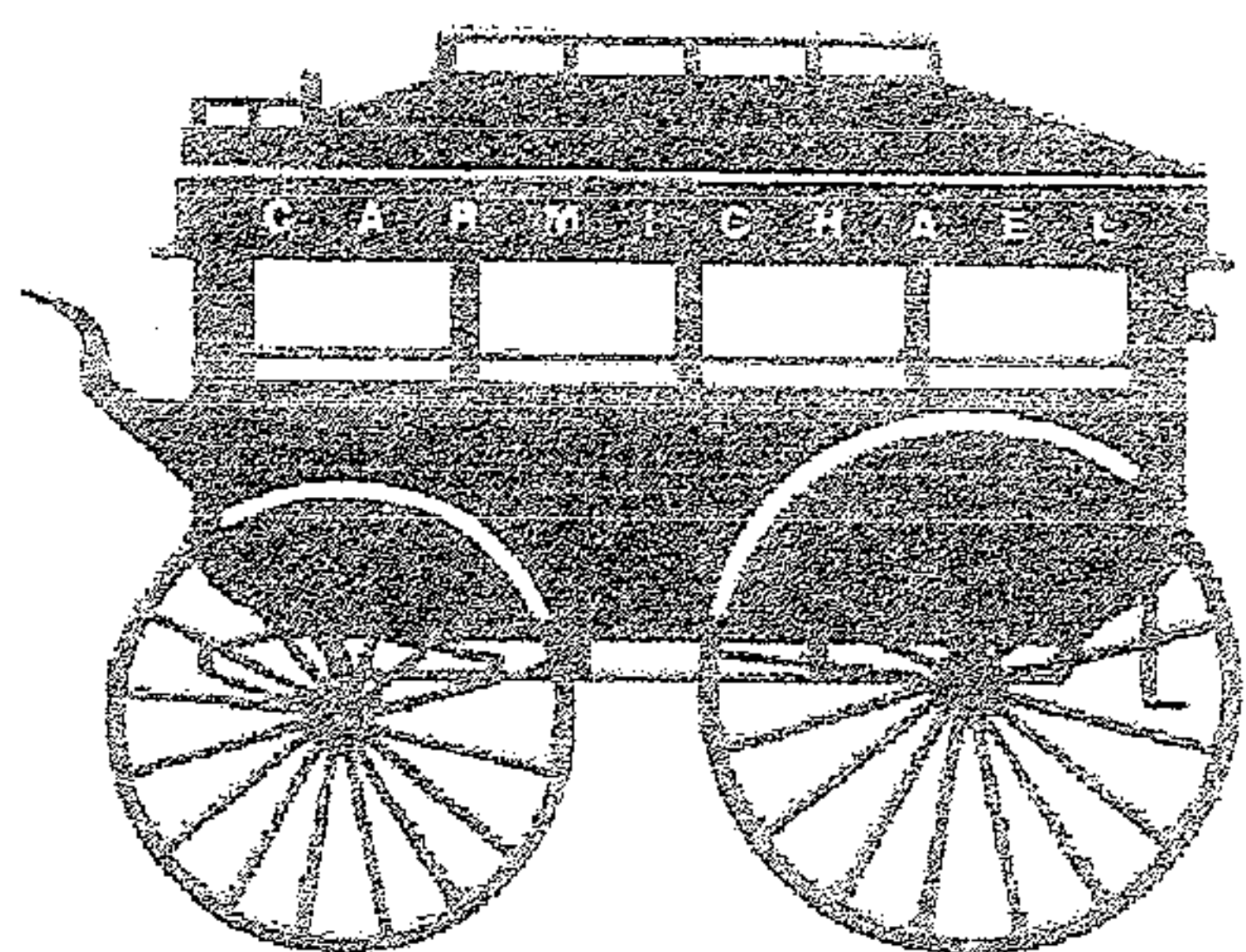


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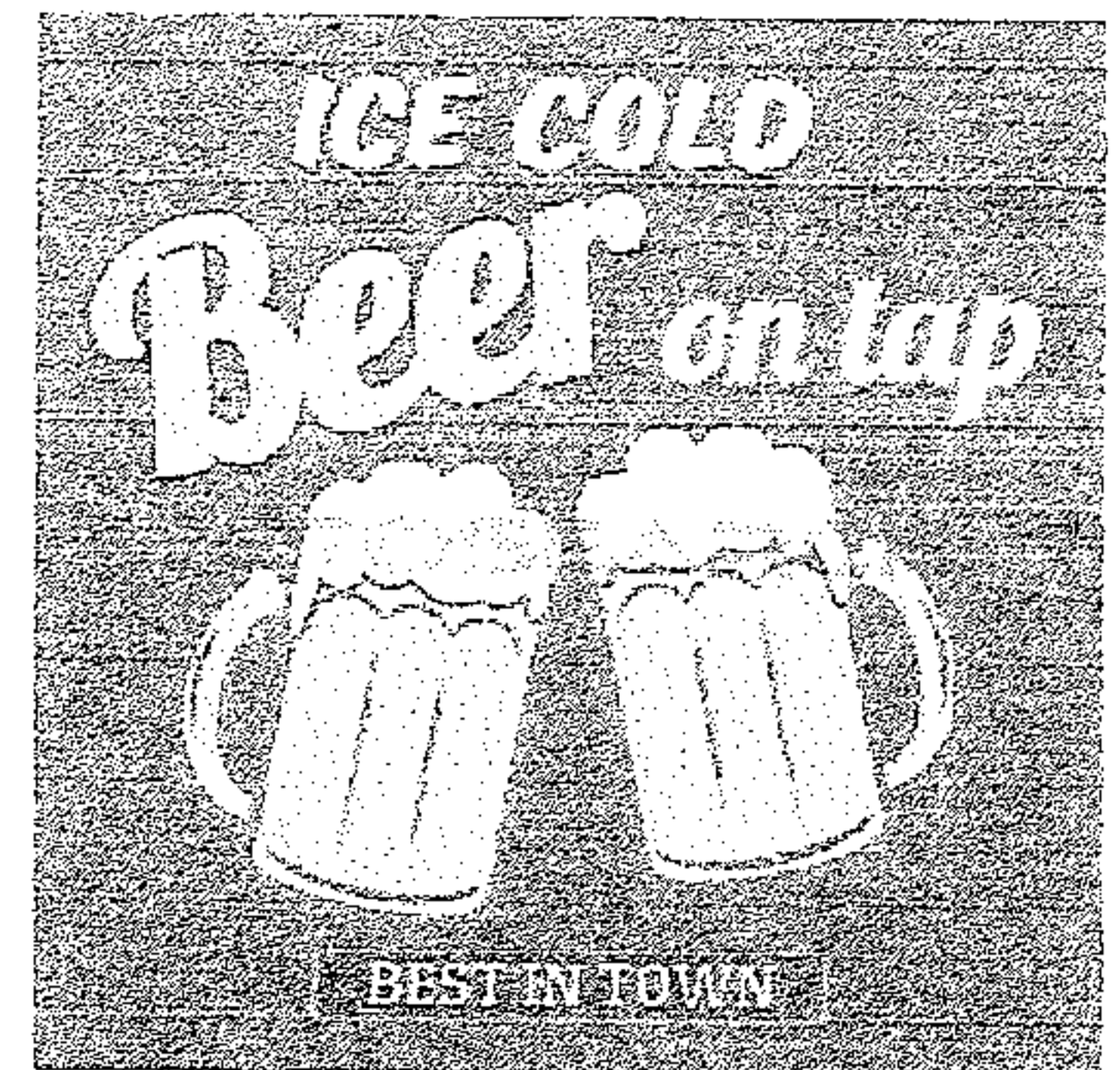
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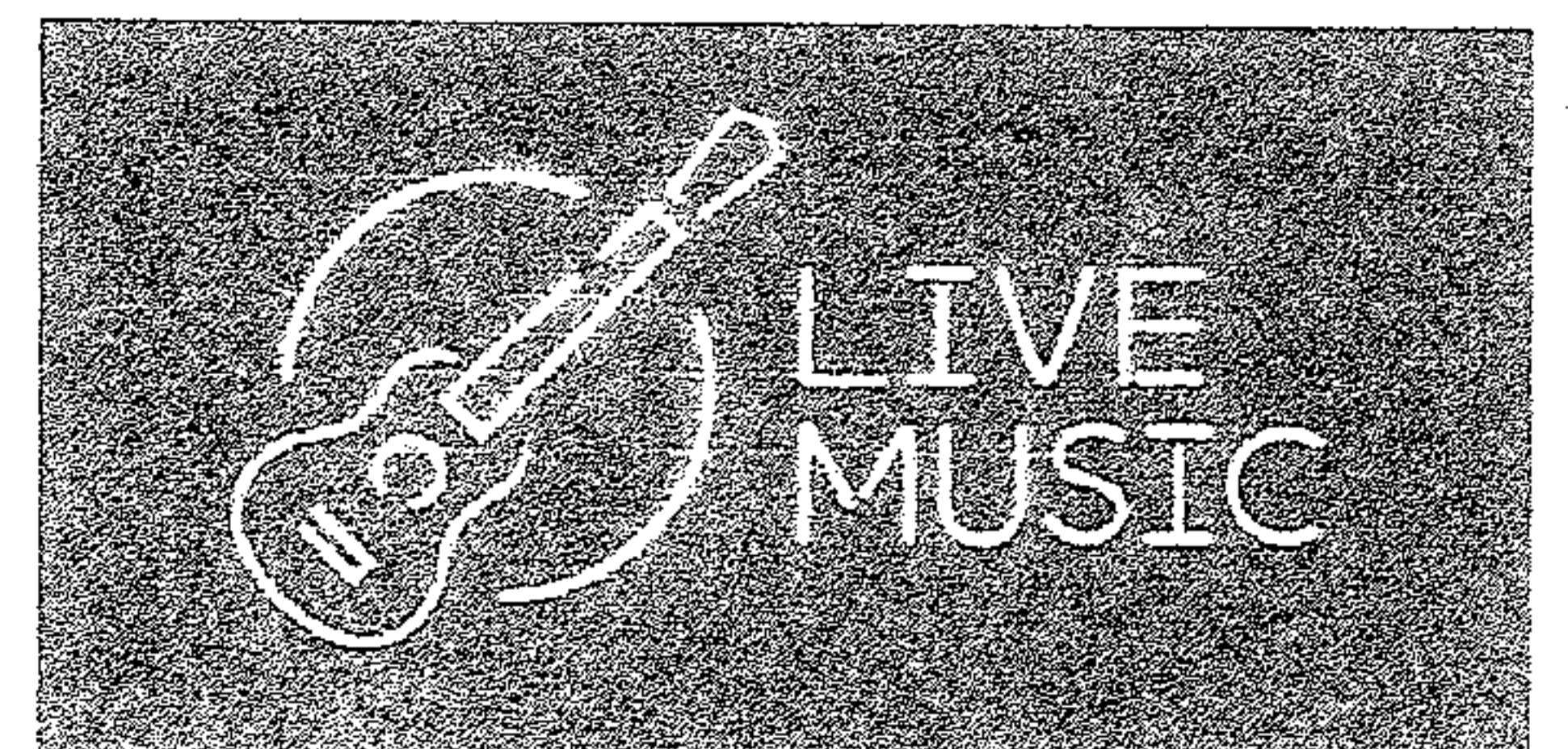
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Findings

over the maintenance of its accounting records.

The findings in the Office of County Clerk note that a \$40,514.23 cash shortage existed in the Office on June 30, 2020. This shortage primarily occurred during the tenure of former Jackson County Clerk Amanda Stafford. On May 28, 2020, Amanda Stafford pled guilty to two counts of theft over \$2,500 after a Comptroller's Office investigation revealed her misappropriation. The Clerk's Office received a check from its insurance company in September 2020 to eliminate the cash shortage.

The clerk's office must also take steps to address repeat findings that include failing to document changes and deletions to receipts; not depositing funds within three days of collection; not segregating duties adequately; not reviewing its audit software logs; and failing to restrict access to its accounting software.

"I encourage the County Mayor and new County Clerk to take the necessary steps to address all of these audit findings," said Comptroller Justin P. Wilson. "It is especially important that county leaders fix problems that have continued across multiple years. The county's audit committee should meet regularly to ensure corrective action is taken."

To view the Jackson County Audit Report click [here](#).

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History Project will join co-host Thomas Anderson as they regale the audience with tales of tinsel, Christmas parades, and all sorts of seasonal cheer.

The free program will be held via Zoom at 7 p.m. on Dec. 15. Registration is required at www.knoxlib.org/trivia.

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Obituaries

William Ben "Billy Ben" Galyon - age 73 of Lenoir City, went home to be with his Lord on December 12, 2020. Bill was a member of Highland Park Baptist Church and a retired machinist from Oak Ridge Y-12 and K-25 Plants after 33 years of service. Bill was born on December 1, 1947 and graduated from Loudon High School with the class of '67; he was a graduate of Athens Vocational Center where he learned his machine skills. He was also a talented wood worker sharing his Heirloom pieces with family and friends to be enjoyed by future generations. His love of golf shined through on any day the temp was above 50 degrees and he could find somebody to play with him. He also helped his son-in-law, Matt Fugate, restore several antique Mustangs and remodel his wife's family home place. He was happiest when he was working with his hands or playing golf.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents, Gene

and Helen Redmond Galyon of Loudon; sister, Gloria Hughes of Lenoir City; grandparents, Ben and Mary Bell Redmond of Loudon; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Bill and Sue Fine of Knoxville; Donna Fine and Lucy Thurmer of Lenoir City; also his fur-babies: Mitzi, Shawn and Sandy.

Survived by his wife of 40 years, Betty; daughter and son-in-law, Beth and Matthew Fugate who cherished him with all their hearts of Cleveland, TN; son, Billy (Missy) Galyon of Maryville; grandchildren: Ashlyn, Madison and Emma Galyon of Maryville; the breakfast gang from Krystal; the gang at Jack's Auto Parts; and his "special brother and sister", Jim and Mary McCarroll of Lenoir City and his "grand-dog, Kylie".

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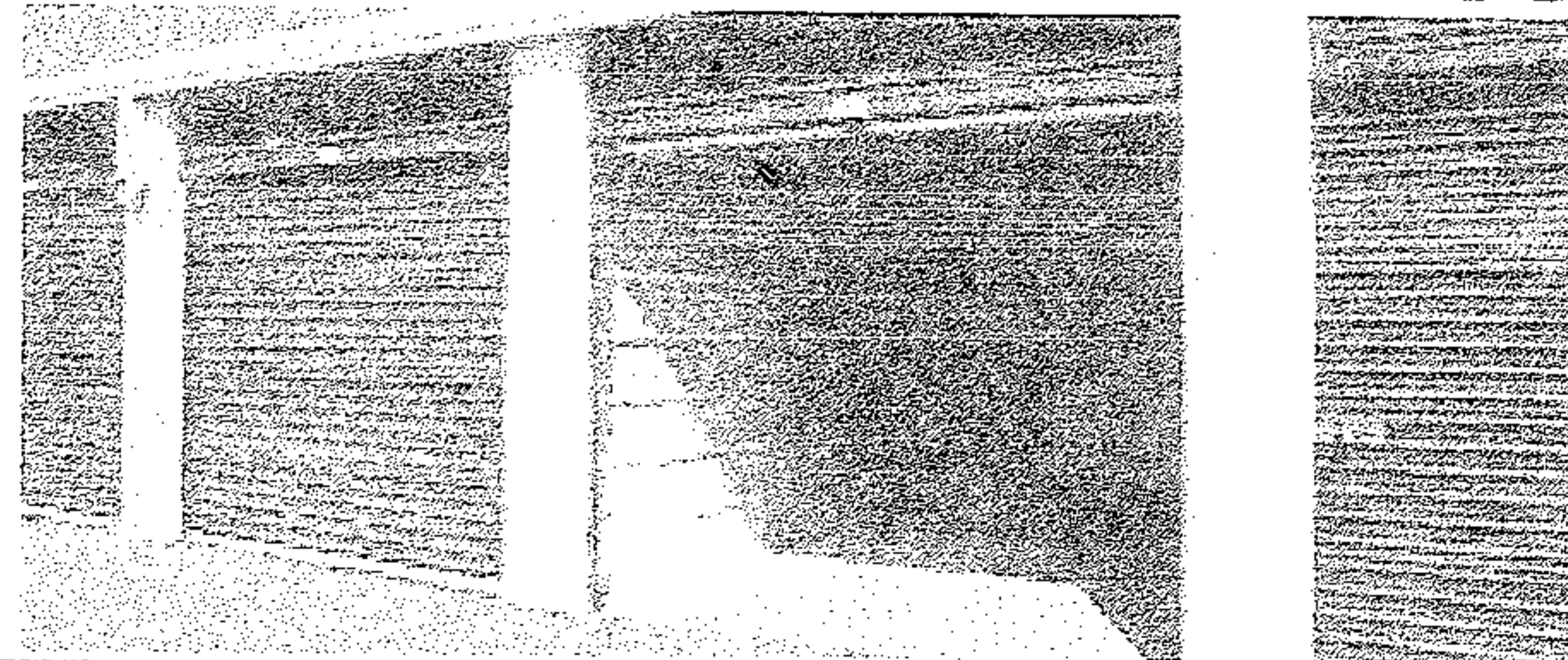
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