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Wednesday, January 29, 2020

Guns found on DUI driver by LCSO



Hayden Jago

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Trial Date set for LC man Charged in Murder



Ronald Grizzle

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“Joe Exotic” Sentenced to 22 Years for Murder-For-Hire and for Violating the Lacey Act and Endangered Species Act

OKLAHOMA CITY – JOSEPH MALDONADO-PASSAGE, also known as Joseph Allen Maldonado, Joseph Allen Schreibvogel, and “Joe Exotic,” 56, formerly of Wynnewood, Oklahoma, has been sentenced to 22 years in prison after a federal jury convicted him of two counts of

murder-for-hire, eight counts of violating the Lacey Act for falsifying wildlife records, and nine counts of violating the Endangered Species Act, announced U.S. Attorney Timothy J. Downing.

“We are thankful for the Court’s thoughtful consideration of the gravity of this mur-

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TDH Announces 2019 Novel Coronavirus Test Results are Negative

The Tennessee Department of Health has been notified by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention that the individual in Tennessee who was recently tested for possible infection with the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) has

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The Bureau and the Great Experiment

How Prohibition Fueled Bootleggers, Mobsters, and Corruption

For some, it was the start of a “great experiment” that would free society from the ills of demon alcohol. For other Americans, it was a time to mourn the loss of an integral part of their lives and

social cultures.

For another group—those willing to violate the law—Prohibition was a chance to grow rich and live the high life at the expense of law and order.

A century ago this January, the Volstead Act authorized the

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Verse of the Day

Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, in our likeness, and let them rule over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air, over the livestock, over all the earth, and over all the creatures that

move along the ground.”

—Genesis 1:26

Wazzup

If you have a sick kid don’t send them to school so we can avoid another school cancellation. Thanks

Weather

Today: Clear. High of 44F.

Tonight: Cold. Low of 37F

Thursday: Cool. High of 46F.

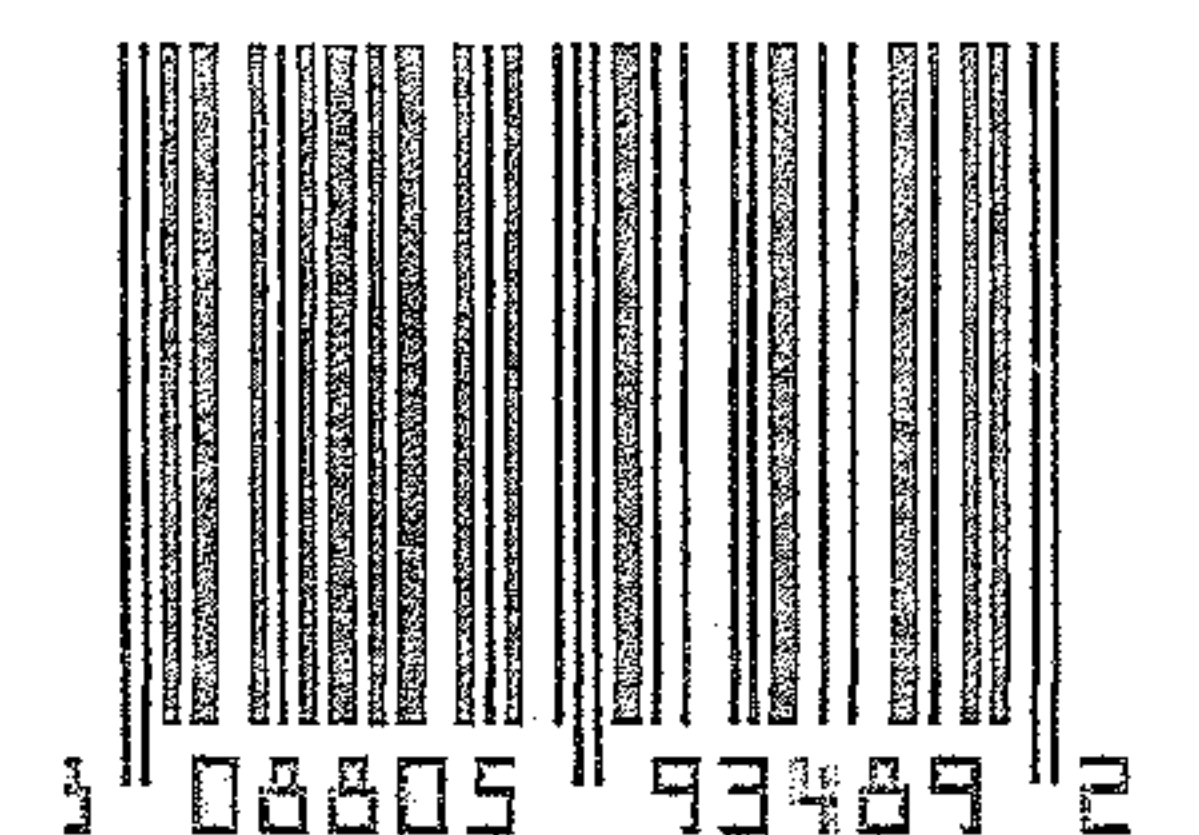
Thursday night: Freezing temps. Low of 32F.

Horoscopes

Aquarius 1/20-2/18

Be as generous as you can afford and there will be little reason for regret. However, its foolish to lend money or things that you’re not prepared

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Guns

Hayden Jago, 25, Maple Tree Lane Lenoir City, was charged with Driving Under the Influence Poss. Of a Handgun while under the Influence, and Open Container.

Deputy Keith Swinney LCSO, arrived on scene at Ridge Bark Lane with a vehicle parked in the roadway and assist Medic 21 with an intoxicated male

identified as Hayden Jago having difficulty breathing. Jago was in the driver seat and had a strong odor of alcohol.

Jago had slurred speech and an open Natural Light Beer in the driver console. Deputy ask Jago how much he had to drink he stated a couple at a friends house. When ask for his license Jago stated to Deputy that he had two hand-

guns in the center console where his wallet was located. Deputy ask Jago to step out of the vehicle and Deputy secured the two weapons.

Jago was ask to perform sobriety test, he stated he was going to fail because he had too much to drink. Hayden Jago was placed under arrest.

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Murder

Trial date set for Lenoir City man charged with first-degree murder

A Lenoir City man arrested for first-degree murder four years ago now has a trial date scheduled.

Fifty-three year old Ronald Gregory Grizzle was charged after the altercation on December 30, 2015 after officers found 27-year-old Cory M. Brown deceased at a home on Clinchview Drive near the Loudon and Roane County line.

Brown sustained a gunshot wound to the face. Court officials say the trial for Grizzle is set

to begin May 27, 2020 and will be held at the Lenoir City Municipal Building instead of the county courthouse.

TDH

tested negative.

TDH will continue to work with the CDC and other agencies to provide guidance to protect the health of Tennesseans as this situation continues to develop.

The CDC recommends travelers avoid all non-essential travel to Wuhan City, China, where the new coronavirus was first identified. To date, there is no evidence of spread within the United States; therefore there are no additional precautions rec-

ommended for the general public. However it's always good practice to take actions to help prevent the spread of respiratory viruses including covering your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing, and washing hands frequently with soap and water.

People with concerns about their health should contact their medical providers. The

CDC is providing updated information and guidance online at www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html.

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February 17, 2020 (Cancelled in Observance of President's Day)

March 16, 2020

April 20, 2020

May 18, 2020

June 15, 2020

July 20, 2020

August 17, 2020

September 21, 2020

October 19, 2020

November 16, 2020

December 21, 2020

FBI

federal government to ban the manufacture and sale of intoxicating beverages.

The Bureau of Investigation (BOI)—the FBI's predecessor—had already been investigating certain liquor-related matters. During World War I, the Bureau helped enforce the Selective Service Act, which included sections aimed at keeping American soldiers dry so they would be fit for fighting. In the Alaskan territories, the BOI worked with Canadian law enforcement to intercept smuggled booze. And as the Volstead Act started to go into effect, it pursued these new criminal violations as well.

As Prohibition really kicked off, the Treasury Department's Bureau of Internal Revenue took over enforcement duties, supported by BOI where the Bureau of Internal Revenue was stretched thin.

By the end of the first six months of Prohibition, BOI special agents had conducted investigations that led to the arrests of 269 people for violations of federal prohibition laws and reported an additional 334 possible violators to the Bureau of Internal

Revenue for further investigation.

Over the next several years, the BOI found that prohibition violations often involved other crimes. In one case, the Detroit Field Office investigated a Michigan sheriff's office where four deputies and two former deputies participated in a fake raid to steal bootlegged alcohol for themselves. Bureau agents secured their arrest—and a large supply of contraband booze smuggled in from Canada. All the deputies received fines and jail time.

The Bureau's emergency role in enforcing the Volstead Act also led to significant cases. In Savannah, over the course of 1922, more than 50 agents were called in to investigate a large-scale conspiracy to violate prohibition laws. By the summer of 1924, 142 people had been sentenced for criminal violations related to the case.

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vestigation special agents had conducted investigations that led to the arrests of 269 people for violations of federal prohibition laws.

The BOI also found that when they investigated the ownership of cars seized in bootlegging operations, some of the cars had been stolen. And of all the criminal matters linked to prohibition, fugitives were the most significant concern as the Bureau worked with the U.S. Marshals and others to track bootleggers who went on the lam.

Impersonation of a federal officer was another problem as criminals would sometimes represent themselves as federal officers to extort money or otherwise threaten their fellow-criminals or members of the general public. A few deeply corrupt individuals, like Gaston Means, used their legitimate connections to the federal government to conduct criminal work.

Means had a long record of unsavory and unlawful actions even before Prohibition—he was accused of spying for Germany, he was suspected of murdering a widow and forging her will (which left him a sizable inheritance), and he was a close and shady confidant of U.S. Attorney General Harry Daugherty.

With this connection, Means became a Bureau agent in 1921 and was soon using his position to extort significant sums of cash from bootleggers in return for promises of using his influence to get them out of jail. When J. Edgar Hoover took over in the Bureau in 1924, Means was shown the door. He came back to the Bureau's attention in 1932, though, when he swindled a wealthy Florida woman. His false promise to her to find Charles Lindbergh's son, who was kidnapped in March of that year, landed him in jail.

In 1927, Congress moved prohibition enforcement to the Department of Justice, creating a Bureau of Prohibition that stood apart from the Bureau of Investigation. Although better organized, this new law enforcement body struggled to keep up. Too many people wanted a drink, too many people were willing to supply that drink, and too much violence and corruption followed.

Prohibition agents like Eliot Ness sought to bring down the bootleggers but had limited success. Despite Ness' famed hunt for Al Capone, it was the IRS that arrested the notorious bootleg king of Chicago. The Bureau played a minor, but important, role in the matter, too. At the end of 1933, Congress passed the 21st Amendment to repeal prohibition. The Bureau of Prohibition, with its more than a thousand investigators, was no longer needed. The attorney general considered integrating them into the Bureau of Investigation, but Hoover convinced him that such a move would destroy the BOI and the work it had made to reform itself since the problematic days of the mid-1920s.

And Ness? Like his fellow prohibition agents, Ness was offered the chance to apply to Hoover's Bureau. And, like his fellow-agents, he was told that he would have to start as a new agent and complete the extensive required training.

Ness, understandably, wanted to enter BOI in a leadership role, but when he was overheard trying to see if political supporters in Washington would back his plea, Hoover marked his application "unacceptable."

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Exotic

der-for-hire scheme, as well as the defendant's egregious wildlife crimes in imposing a 22-year sentence," said U.S. Attorney Downing. "This sentence is the result of countless hours of detailed investigative work by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Federal Bureau of Investigation."

"Wildlife crime is often connected with other criminal activity such as fraud, narcotics, money-laundering and smuggling. Mr. Maldonado-Passage added murder-for-hire," said Edward Grace, Assistant Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Law Enforcement. "The Service along with our partners will continue to bring to justice those involved in wildlife trafficking and other assorted crimes. The successful outcome of this investigation is the result of working jointly with the U. S. Attorney's Office, Western District of Oklahoma, Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conservation to ensure the protection of a federally protected species."

"Today's sentencing of Joseph Maldonado-Passage should serve as a reminder that the FBI and our law enforcement partners will not tolerate those who orchestrate murder-for-hire or violate U.S. wildlife laws," said Special Agent in Charge Melissa Godbold of the FBI's Oklahoma City Field Office. "The FBI would like to thank our partners for their efforts on this joint investigation."

On September 5, 2018, a federal grand jury returned an indictment that accused Maldonado-Passage of hiring an unnamed person in November 2017 to murder "Jane Doe" in Florida and also hiring a person who turned out to be an undercover FBI agent to commit that murder. A superseding indictment handed down on November 7, 2018, further alleged Maldonado-Passage falsified forms involving the sale of wildlife in interstate com-

merce, killed five tigers in October 2017 to make room for cage space for other big cats, and sold and offered to sell tiger cubs in interstate commerce. Because tigers are an endangered species, these alleged killings and sales violated the Endangered Species Act.

During a trial that began on March 25, a jury heard evidence that Maldonado-Passage gave Allen Glover \$3,000 to travel from Oklahoma to South Carolina and then to Florida to murder Carole Baskin, with a promise to pay thousands more after the deed. Baskin, a critic of Maldonado-Passage's animal park, owns a tiger sanctuary in Florida and had secured a million-dollar judgment against Maldonado-Passage.

The evidence further showed that beginning in July 2016, Maldonado-Passage repeatedly sought someone to murder Baskin in exchange for money, which led to his meeting with an undercover FBI agent on December 8, 2017. The jury heard a recording of his meeting with the agent to discuss details of the planned murder.

In addition to the murder-for-hire counts, the trial included evidence of violations of the Lacey Act, which makes it a crime to falsify records of wildlife transactions in interstate commerce. According to these counts, Maldonado-Passage designated on delivery forms and Certificates of Veterinary Inspection that tigers, lions, and a baby lemur were being donated to the recipient or transported for exhibition only, when he knew they were being sold in interstate commerce.

Finally, the jury heard evidence that Maldonado-Passage personally shot and killed five tigers in October 2017, without a veterinarian present and in violation of the Endangered Species Act.

After only a few hours of deliberation, the jury returned guilty verdicts on both murder-for-hire counts, eight Lacey Act

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Public Notice

The Loudon County Commission will hold a public hearing at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, March 2, 2020 in the Loudon County Courthouse Annex to receive public comments regarding amending the Zoning Map of Loudon County, TN to rezone Parcels 024.02, 24.04 & 24.05, Loudon County Tax Map 068, located at Chatuga Drive in the 7th Legislative District from R-1, Suburban Residential District to R-1, Suburban Residential District with PUD/2.5 units per acres overlay, approximately 13.74 acres.

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR LOUDON COUNTY, TENNESSEE

Regarding the Estate of:
REBA P. JOHNSTON, deceased
DKT# 6020

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(As required by Chapter No 180, Public Acts of Tennessee 1809
As Amended by Public Chapter 806 on 05/09/2012)

Notice is hereby given that on the 16th DAY OF JANUARY 2020 Letters of Testamentary in respect of the estate of REBA P. JOHNSTON who died on the 28th day of November 2019 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 above named court on or before the earlier of the dates prescribed in (1) or (2) otherwise their claim will be forever barred:

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

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Exotic ctd. from pg. 5 counts, and nine Endangered Species Act counts.

On January 22, 2020, U.S. District Judge Scott L. Palk sentenced Maldonado-Passage to 264 months in federal prison. That sentence includes (1) 108 months on each of the two murder-for-

hire counts to run consecutively to each other, (2) 12 months on each of the Endangered Species Act violations to run concurrently to each other and to all other counts, and (3) 48 months on each of the Lacey Act violations to run concurrently with each other but consecutive to the two

murder-for-hire counts. Judge Palk also ordered Maldonado-Passage to spend three years of supervised release upon release from prison. In announcing the sentence, the Court noted the seriousness of Maldonado-Passage's conduct and his reluctance to accept responsibility. This case is the re-

sult of an investigation by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Office of Law Enforcement, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Oklahoma Department of Wildlife Conserva-

tion, with assistance from the U.S. Marshals Service. Assistant U.S. Attorneys Amanda Green and Charles W. Brown prosecuted the case.

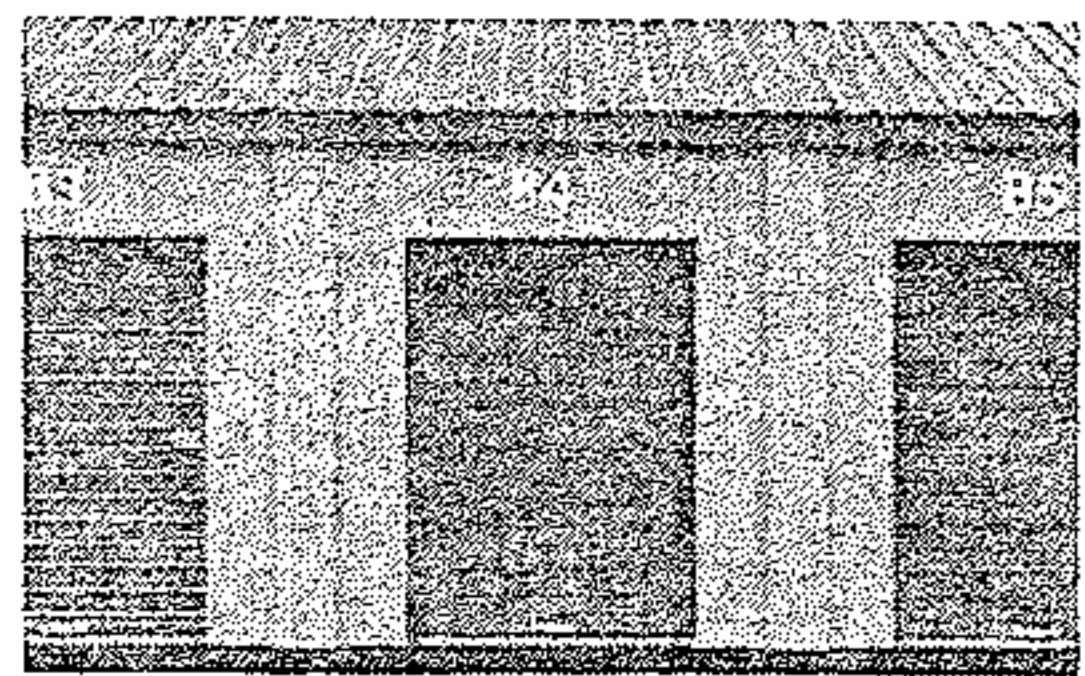
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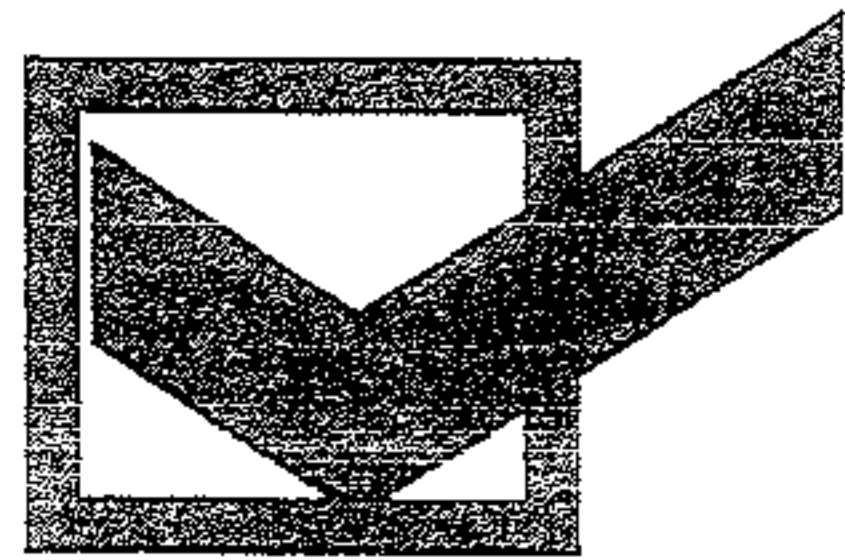
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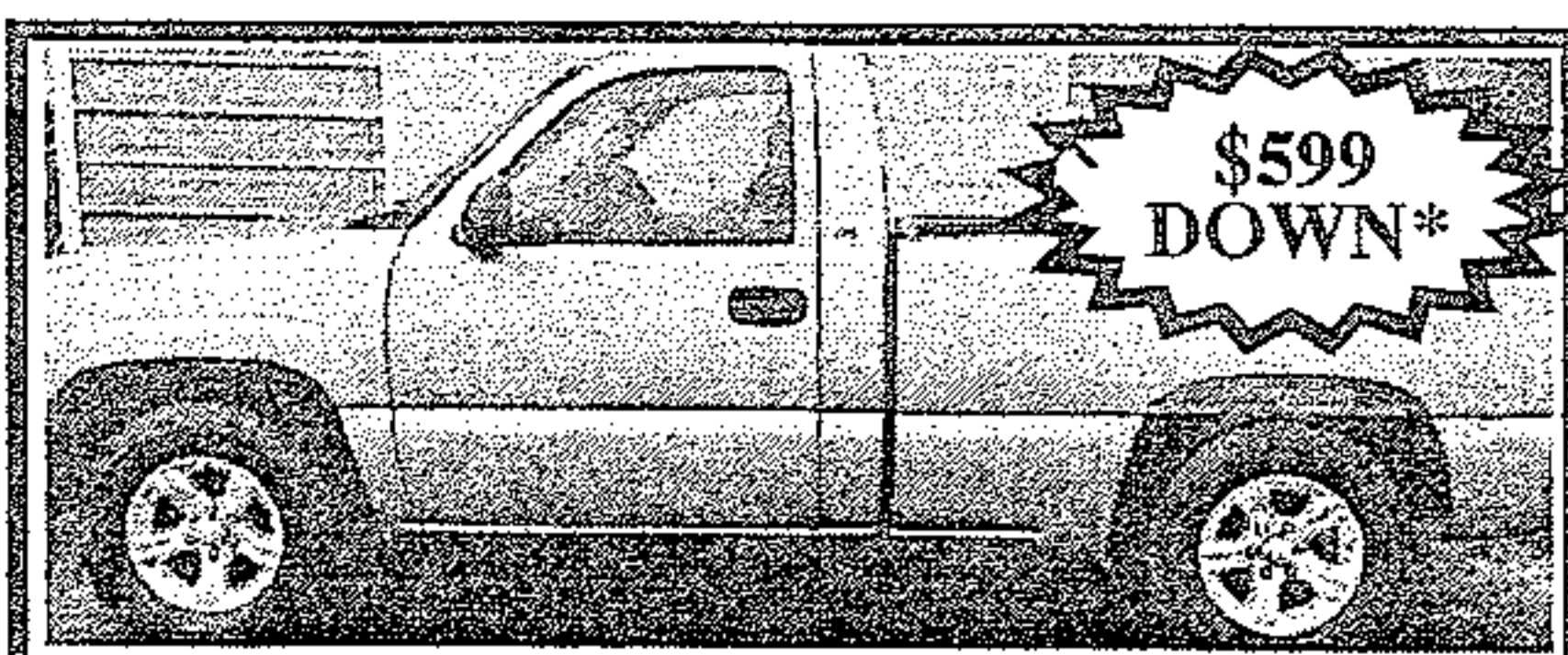
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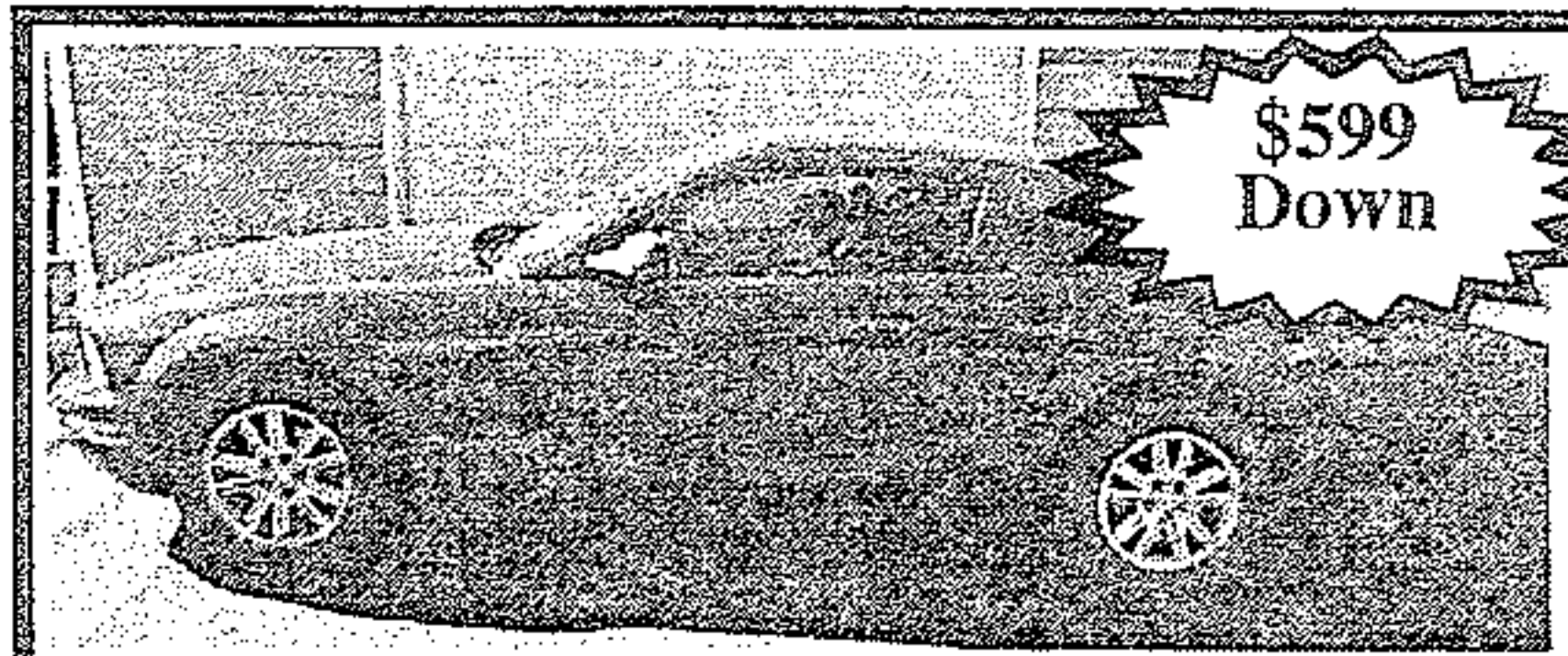
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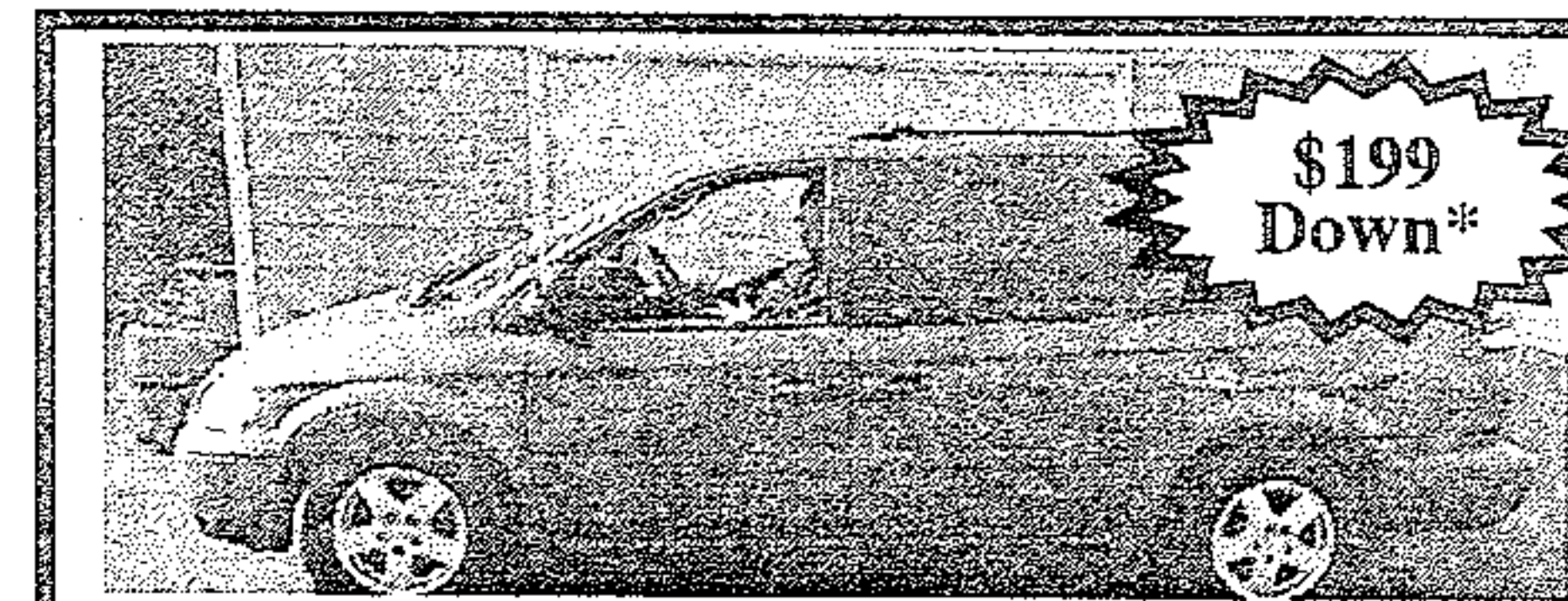
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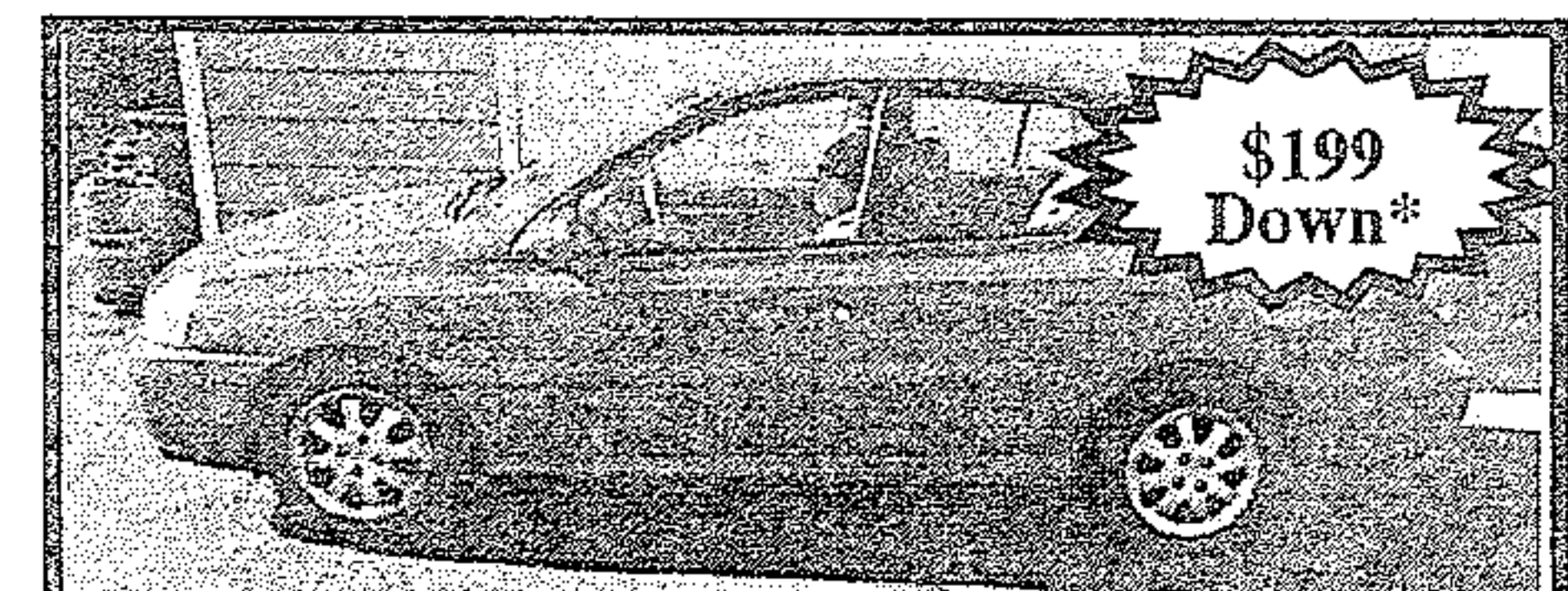
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