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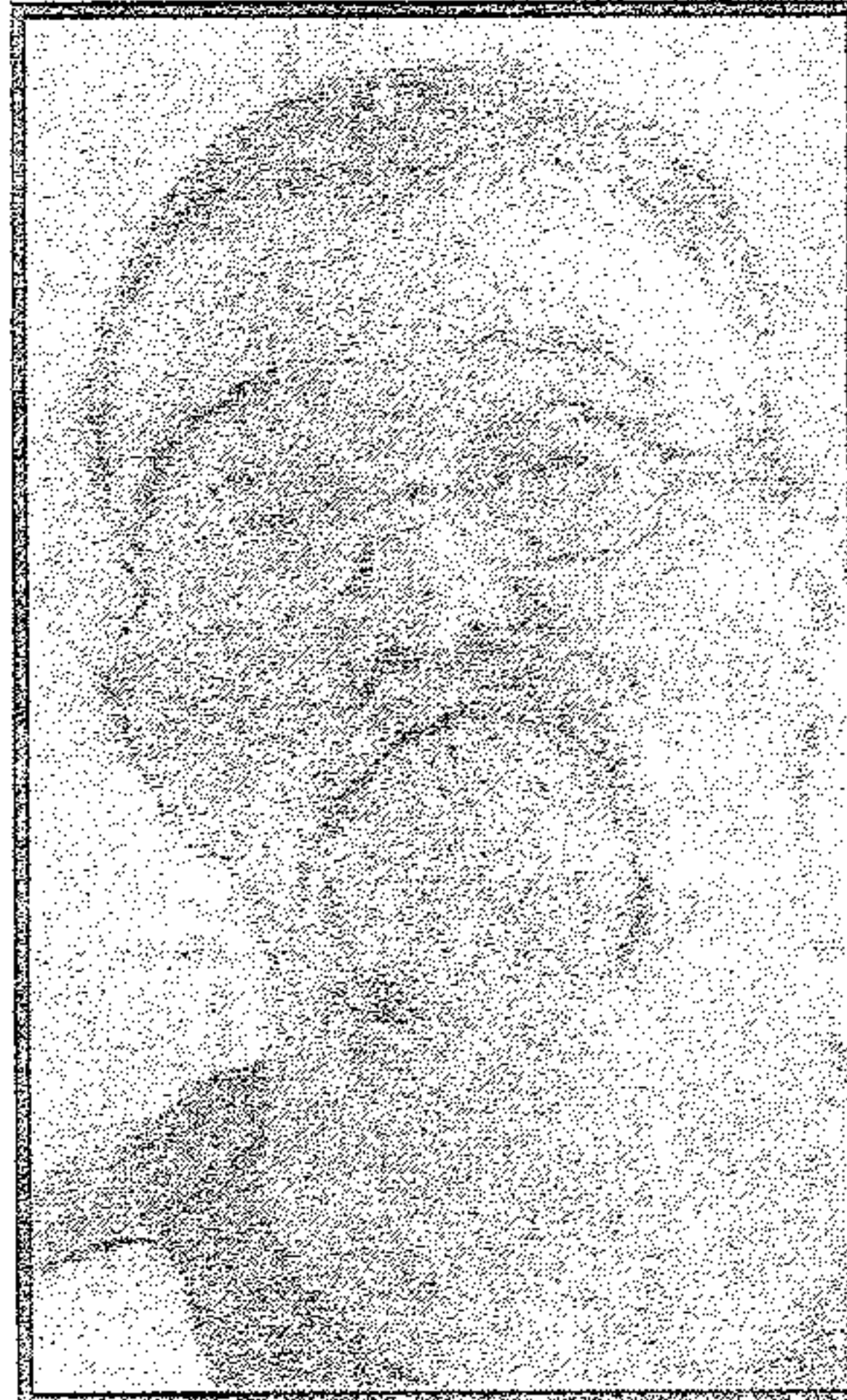
## Drugs in reach of Juvenile while parent is outside the car

## 5 drinks later, and lets have dinner at Shoney's



Dustin Webster

see Resisting pg. 2



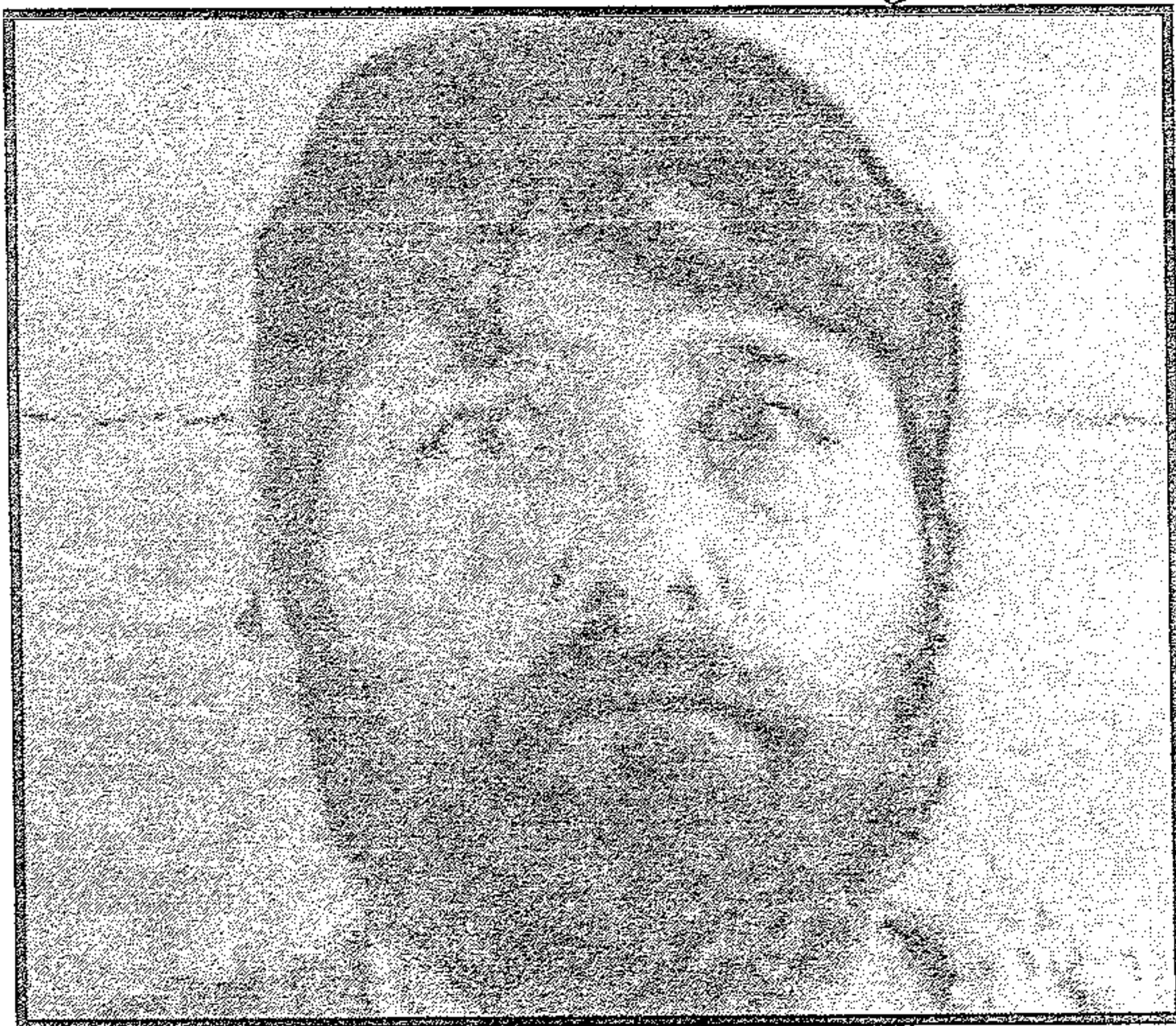
Bryan Patterson



Antonio Francisco

see Shoney's pg. 3

## Speeding and no signal leaves Loudon man drunk in jail



Arnold Presley

see Signal pg. 3

## Ohio man wrecks car on Hwy 11



Christopher Byrd

See Wreck P.2

## Former High School Principal Charged with Child Enticement and Possession of Child Pornography

United States Attorney Matthew D. Krueger of the Eastern District of Wisconsin, announced that David A. Hay (age: 39), a resident of Brooklyn, New York, was charged via a criminal

complaint following his December 29, 2019, arrest by local authorities.

According to the complaint and supporting affidavit, starting in July of 2019, Hay,

See School P.4



### Verse of the Day

You became imitators of us and of the Lord; in spite of severe suffering, you welcomed the message with the joy given by the Holy Spirit.

— 1 Thessalonians 1:6

### Wazzup

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### Weather

Today: Sunny. High of

54F.

Tonight: Clear. Low of 27F

Thursday: Cloudy. High of 59F.

Thursday night: Cloudy. Low of 50F

### Horoscopes

Capricorn 12/22-01/19

A healthy dose of transparency is good for your soul today. Although you appear to be in control of your feelings, your cool responses dont tell the whole story. People

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**Resisting**

Melissa Blevins, 30, Lori Lea Drive Maryville, was charged with Child Endangerment, Public Intoxication, Simple Possession, and Poss. of Drug Para. Deputy Billy Lewis LCSO, was dispatched to Hines Valley Road for a suspicious person. Prior to Deputy arrival Deputy Jenkins arrived on scene and

observed Melissa Blevins with a green leafy substance weighting approx. 9 grams and a pipe within the juveniles reach. Deputy placed Melissa Blevins under arrest. DCS was advised of the incident.

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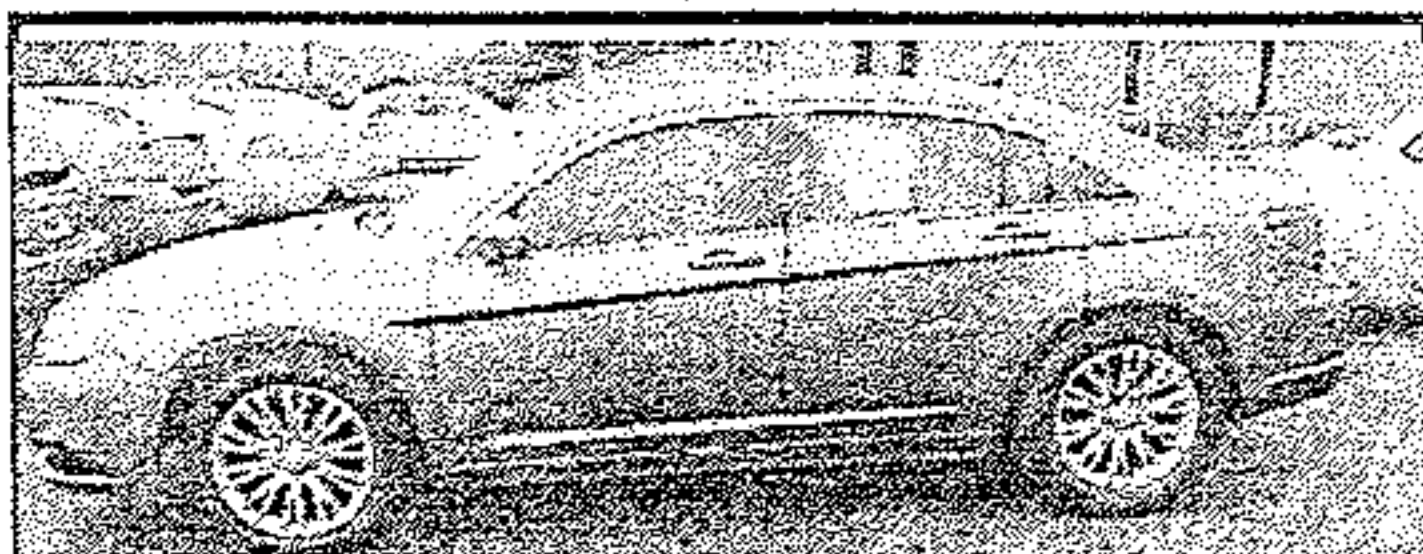
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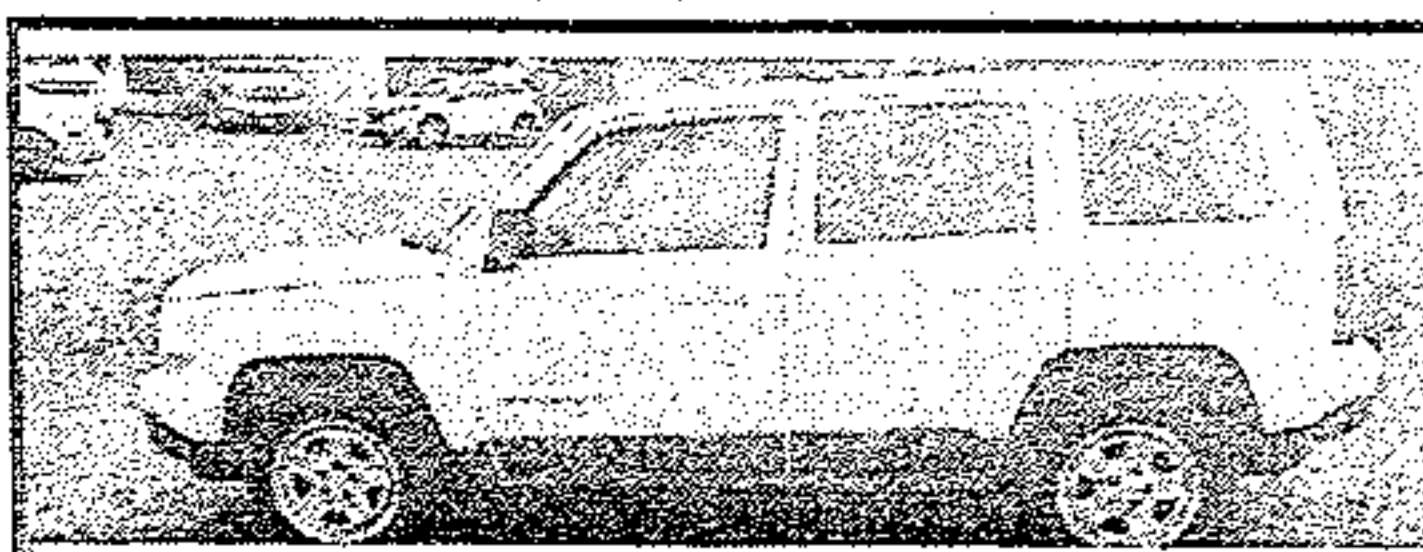
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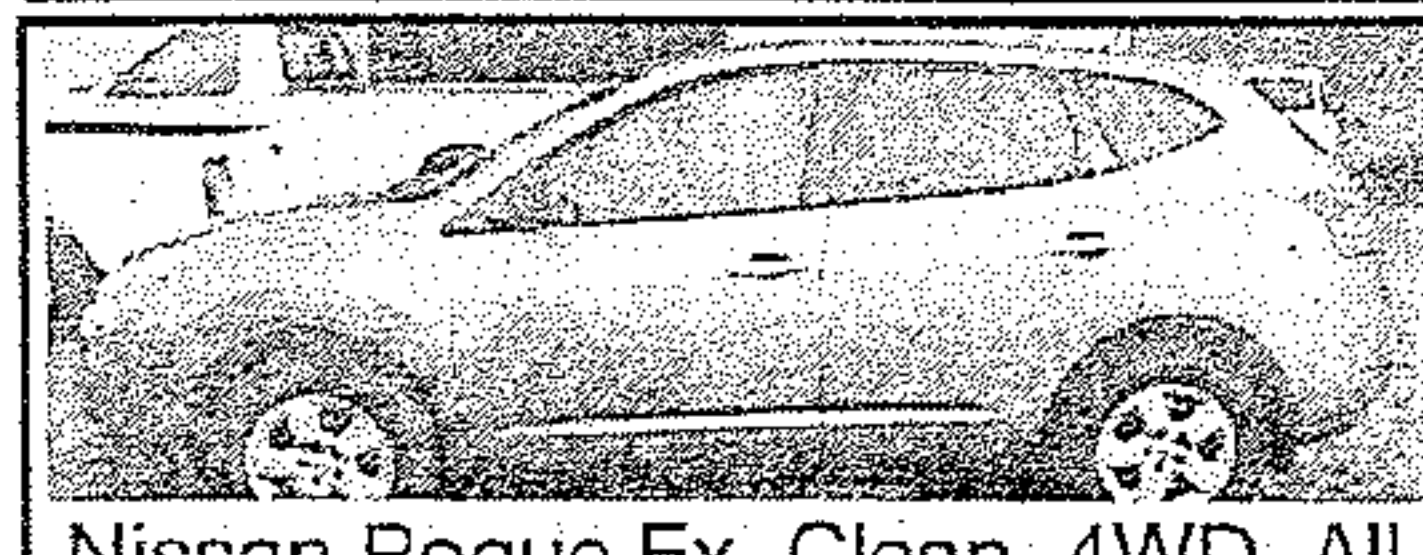
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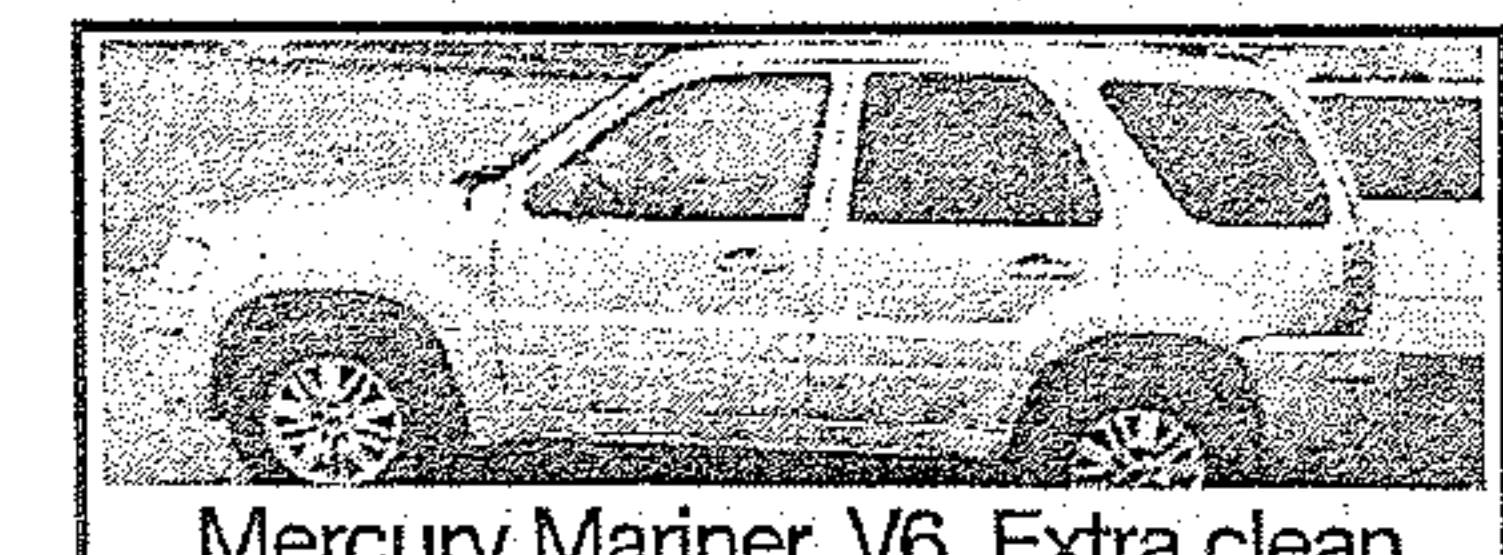
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### Shoney's

Bryan Patterson, 45, Turman Drive Lenoir City, was charged with DUI, Open Container, and Violation of implied Consent. Antonio Francisco, 27, Chipewa Ave SE Lenoir City, was charged with Public Intoxication, and Open Container. Officer C. Watson LCPD, was made aware of an intoxicated person inside the Kenjo Gas Station on Hwy 321. The subject had got back into a vehicle as the passenger and the vehicle was leaving the parking lot. Officer followed the vehicle out of the parking lot onto Hwy 321 and down to Shoney's. Both subjects got out of the vehicle and started inside Shoney's. Officer stopped both subjects identified as Bryan Patterson, and Antonio Francisco, to make sure they were not too intoxicated. Francisco was unsteady on his feet and slurring his speech. Of-

icer ask Francisco for his identification he stated he did not have any, Patterson stated Francisco's wallet was in the vehicle. Officer allowed Francisco to retrieve the wallet before looking into the vehicle Francisco stated it was not in the vehicle, Officer ask for his name and social security number he stated he didn't know it. Francisco was placed under arrest. Officer then observed an open container in the driver floorboard of the vehicle. Officer ask Patterson if he had been drinking, he stated he had 5 beers at a friends house. Officer ask Patterson to perform sobriety test which he did poorly on and was placed under arrest. Both were transported to the Loudon County Jail.

### Signal

Arnold Presley, 42, Riverbend Drive Loudon, was charged with driving on Revoked/Suspended License, and DUI. Deputy W. Jenkins LCSO,

responded to the Kwik Pantry where Cpl. Fagi- ana had a vehicle traf- fic stopped for speeding and failing to signal on Hwy 11. Deputy made contact with the driver Arnold Presley. Depu- ty observed Presley to have bloodshot watery eyes and had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage emitting from his person. Presley did poorly on sobriety test and stated he had drank 2 beers in a 15 min span and had taken an opioid today. Dispatch advised Presley license were re- voked. Presley did agree to blood draw. Arnold Presley was transported to Fort Loudon Medical for blood draw then to the Loudon County Jail.

### Wreck

Christopher Byrd, 50, Spring Valley Road Ohio, was charged with DUI, and Open Container. Of- ficer C. Watson LCPD, responded to an accident with out injury on Old Hwy 95. Upon arrival Of- ficer observed the driver identified as Christopher Byrd still seated in a run-

ning vehicle that had been disabled. Byrd had slurred speech and was having trouble compre- hending Officer ques- tions. Officer ask Byrd to step out of the vehicle for his safety due to the vehi- cle still being in the mid- dle of the road. As Byrd was exiting the vehicle he was unsteady on his feet and held his hands out for balance. Byrd was placed in Officer patrol vehicle until the vehicle was moved and safe for him to perform sobriety test. Officer got Byrd out of the vehicle and ask him to perform sobriety test which he re- fused to do. Christopher Byrd was placed under arrest. Officer located an open container in the seat and floorboard of the ve- hicle.



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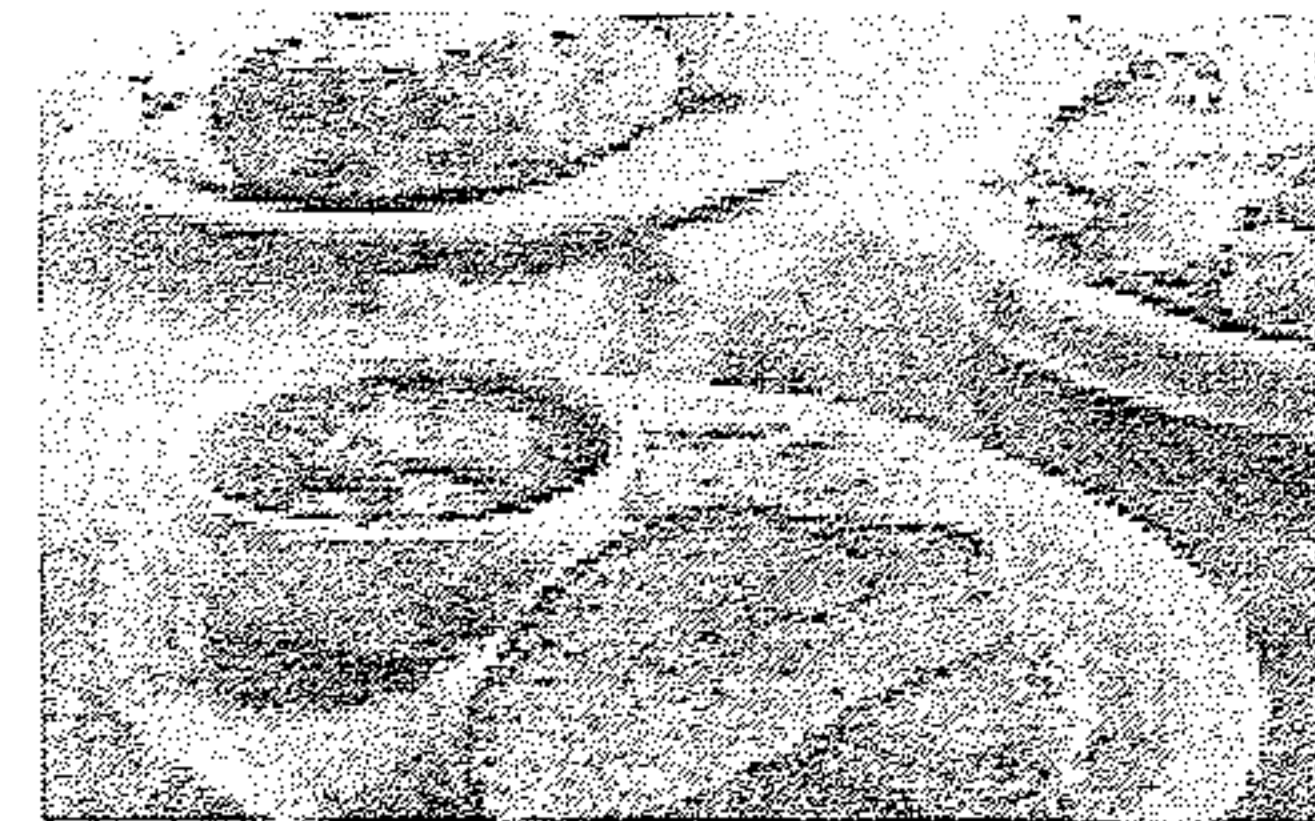
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## School

a former Wisconsin resident, began corresponding on a popular dating app with "Colton" whom he believed to be a 14 year-old boy living in Neenah, Wisconsin. Hay began engaging in sexually explicit conversations with "Colton" and making plans to meet up with the minor to engage in sexual activity. "Colton" was, in fact, a City of Neenah Police Investigator operating undercover. The complaint alleges that Hay procured a "whirlpool suite" at a Neenah area hotel for the purpose of meeting up with the child for sexual activity. Following Hay's arrest, a search of his smart phone revealed sexually explicit images of a former Tomah High School student. Hay was the principal at that school from 2011-2014. Prior to that he was an administrator at Ket-

tle Moraine High School for several years. Hay faces charges of using a computer to attempt to persuade, induce, or entice a minor to engage in unlawful sexual activity, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2422(b), and possession of child pornography, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2252A(a)(5)(B). He faces a mandatory minimum sentence of 10 years and up to a lifetime of imprisonment if convicted of the enticement charge, and up to 10 years imprisonment if convicted of the child pornography possession charge. This case was investigated by the City of Neenah Police Department with the assistance of the Green Bay office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office. It will be prosecuted by Assistant United

States Attorney Daniel R. Humble. A criminal complaint is only a charge and is not evidence of guilt. The defendant is presumed innocent and is entitled to a fair trial at which the government must prove him guilty beyond a reasonable doubt. This case was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide initiative to combat the growing epidemic of child sexual exploitation and abuse launched in May 2006, by the U.S. Department of Justice. Led by U.S. Attorneys' Offices and the Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section (CEOS), Project Safe Childhood, marshals, federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as to identify and rescue victims.

## Additional Counties Affected by Laurel Wilt Disease

The Tennessee Department of Agriculture (TDA) is advising forest landowners to monitor their sassafras trees after detecting new cases of laurel wilt disease in Robertson and Hamblen Counties. In the last quarter of 2019, the disease was detected in

trees in Montgomery, Cheatham, Dickson and Williamson Counties. "These new detections of this invasive disease show a significant geographic jump across the state," State Forester David Arnold said. "This is yet another unfortunate example of an invasive pest impacting our

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## Press Release From Lenoir City Mayor Tony R. Aikens

The city of Lenoir city recently underwent a bond rating review with S & P global ratings. This was a periodic process in which all municipalities and county governments participate.

The city is pleased to report that a rating of "AA/Stable" was determined from the review. Experts continue to say, "that's an extremely good rating for a city the size of Lenoir city." Having a strong bond rating is a positive indicator of the financial and economic stability of a community.

This is the result of myself and City Council's philosophy to conserve fiscal management responsibility, while keeping the tax rate at \$.99 per \$100.00 value of assessed property. The city leaders always place the needs of residence as the priority and guiding focus in all financial decisions.

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forests. Landowners should take caution to prevent the spread of this disease if detected on their property.”

Laurel wilt is a fungal disease caused by an invasive pathogen, *Raffaelea lauricola*, which can affect a range of plants, including sassafras and spicebush in Tennessee. The disease is transmitted by the wood-boring redbay ambrosia beetle and prevents the movement of water within the tree. Choked of water, trees wilt and die within a few weeks or months. Currently, no treatment has been developed that can cure laurel wilt disease or protect trees from infection.

Sassafras is found in all regions of the state. The wood is often used for small woodworking projects, interior finish, cooperage, and fence posts. The tree is the host plant for the

spicebush swallowtail butterfly and is ecologically important.

The best way to prevent the spread of laurel wilt is to avoid movement of firewood or other untreated timber. Laurel wilt is most likely in Tennessee due to human movement of contaminated wood. For more information on sourcing disease-free, treated firewood, visit [www.firewoodscout.org/s/TN/](http://www.firewoodscout.org/s/TN/).

If infected, trees should be cut down and chipped to prevent further spread. Chips from the infected tree should be destroyed by burning on site or covered with a tarp to prevent spread of the beetles. Stumps should be ground down to the soil level and no debris of the tree should be transported from the site.

Tennesseans are urged to monitor their sassafras trees for browning of leaves, leaf loss, and staining in the inner bark. If you suspect your trees might

have laurel wilt disease, contact Forest Health Program Specialist Sam Gildiner at 615-837-5439 or [sam.gildiner@tn.gov](mailto:sam.gildiner@tn.gov). TDA Division of Forestry staff will assist in identifying the disease and recommending management actions, if appropriate.

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