

Woman Already Wanted in Criminal Court Now Charged With Fraud Using CashApp

Kyle Davis, 24, Shubert Street Loudon, was charged with Theft of Property, and General Session Capias. Deputy Mills LCSO, responded to a report of a possible fraud/theft call at Harrison Lane. Upon arrival, Deputy was met by the victim. The victim and her daughter, informed Deputy that a family friend,

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Kyle Davis

Fight Leads to Charge for Family Member



Trevor Hart

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Slumped Over The Wheel Is Not A Good Sign



Crystal McFarland

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Sextortion

Case Highlights Growing Online Crime with Devastating Real-Life Consequences

The doors were locked, the alarm system was on, and the 13-year-old girl never left her room. But a child predator was able to reach her simply because she was tricked into connecting with him online.

The link between Presley (her name has been changed to protect her identity) and someone she believed was another teenage

girl named K.C. started out as a friendly exchange over a popular messaging app. They sent each other occasional messages and pictures of their outfits over a few weeks.

One mildly revealing photo from Presley, however, gave K.C.—who was actually a grown man in Florida named Justin Richard Testani—an

opening to begin his threats. He said he would share the photo and spread rumors about her to friends and family if she didn't do as he asked.

"She let her guard down," her mother said. "She let her guard down because she thought it was an

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Verse of the Day

"All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to re-

veal him. Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."

—Matthew 11:27-28

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It's Almost Unreal That Believe It or Not Christmas Is Nearly

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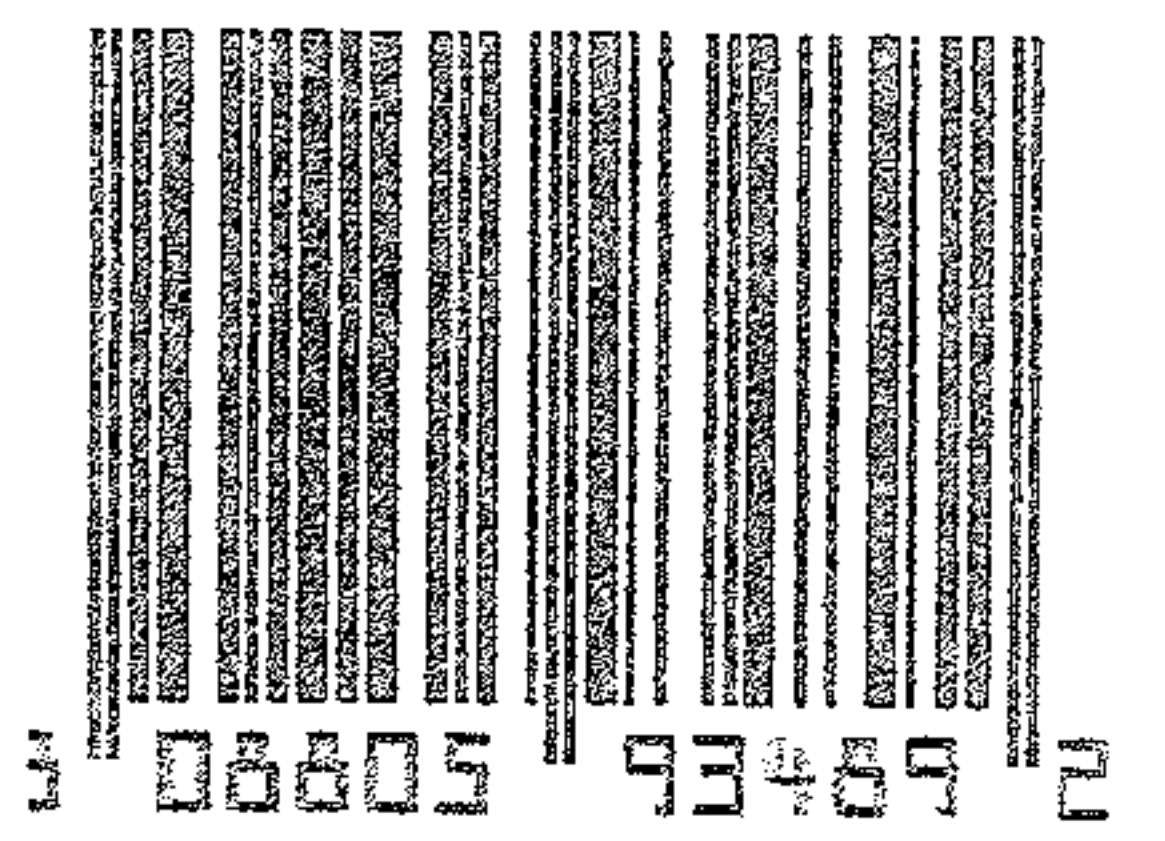
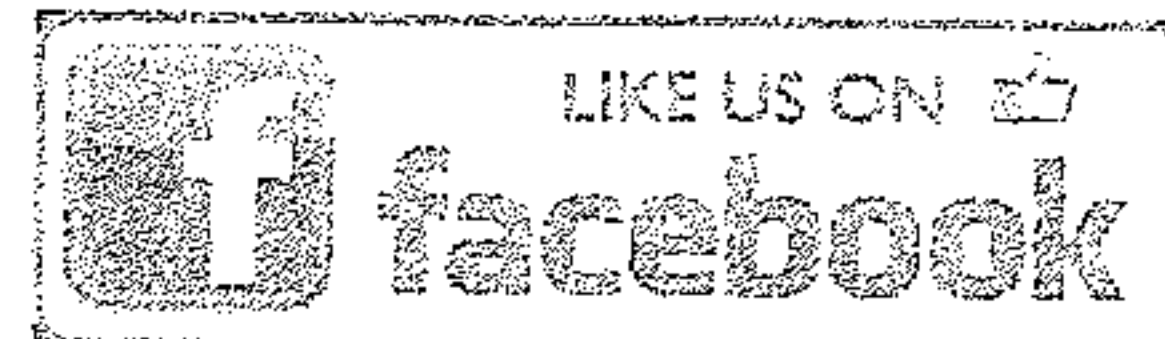
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Today: Few Showers. High of 46F. Tonight: Clear. Low of 27F. Tuesday: Cold and Clear.

High of 39F. Tuesday night: Clear. Low of 22F.

Horoscope

Sagittarius 11/22-12/21 You're obviously struggling with something big, Sagittari-



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publication dates November 25, 2020 and December 2, 2020

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 later identified as Ms. Kylie Davis, had taken around \$7,100 from her mother in the previous months. Witness informed Deputy that she had let Ms. Davis stay with her mother due to the hard times she had fallen on. Ms. Wilson informed me she felt sorry for Ms. Davis and wanted to help her out. Ms. Wilson stated that Ms. Davis began staying with her around September 8, 2020. Witness informed Deputy that shortly after she began

staying at Harrison Lane she was sent to the grocery store with victims debit card. That is when Davis began taking the money out of victims bank account by making electronic payments through a payment application called "CashApp." The victim showed Deputy her bank statements and over a period of approximately three months, Ms. Davis had made numerous CashApp payments which totaled \$7,164. The payments ranged from being as small as \$7 to as large as \$300.

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Sextortion

other teenage girl.”

The demands and threats escalated quickly from there. According to FBI investigators, Testani told Presley he would rape and kill her and her loved ones if she didn't perform the increasingly graphic and extreme acts he demanded over a video call.

Presley had become a victim of sextortion. With the internet allowing predators to hide their identities and easily reach thousands of young people over games and apps, it's a crime the FBI is seeing in alarming and rising numbers.

To keep Presley from hanging up, the predator used details he'd gathered from their conversations and information she'd posted online to make his threats specific and terrifying. According to Presley's mother, he told her, "I know where your

mom works. If you don't do what I'm telling you to do, I'll go kill her.”

He told Presley he knew where she lived. He knew where she went to school. He knew how to get to her friends. "She was convinced it was someone who was standing right outside the door," Presley's mother said. "Someone who could get to her immediately.”

Presley was desperate and terrified when she finally reached her mom to ask for help.

We have several resources to help caregivers and young people understand what sextortion is, how to protect against it, and how to talk about it.

If a young person is being exploited, they are the victim of a crime and should report it. Contact your local FBI field office, call 1-800-CALL-FBI, or report it online at tips.fbi.gov.

Learn more at fbi.gov/sextortion.

Presley's mother said her daughter called at her first opportunity to break the phone connection with the predator. Testani wanted to take over one of her social media accounts so he could use it to contact her friends, giving him the ability to deceive and exploit another group of young girls. But as he took over her existing account, he needed her to create a new one for herself so they would still be connected

online.

As she was carrying out that demand, Presley had a chance to call for help. "He told her she had two minutes to get it done," her mother said. "When they broke that connection, she felt she could call me.”

Presley's mother and stepfather raced home. And although they were confused about what was happening, they couldn't mistake the terror in Presley's voice. Her

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Crystal McFarland, 47, Badgett Road Knoxville, was charged with DUI, and Due Care.

Deputy Rogers, came upon a vehicle stopped on the I75 SB exit ramp at the intersection of Sugarlimb Rd. After an extended amount of time Deputy repositioned by vehicle to view the driver. Upon doing so, Deputy observed a female slumped over at the wheel.

While running the vehicle's registration the driver awoke and began to drive off. Deputy initiated a traffic stop and upon contact with the driver/offender, later identified as Crystal McFarland, she smelled strongly of an alcoholic beverage and had blood shot watery eyes. The offender stated she had consumed a 750ml bottle

of Seagram's Vodka before leaving Knoxville enroute to Nashville and became lost.

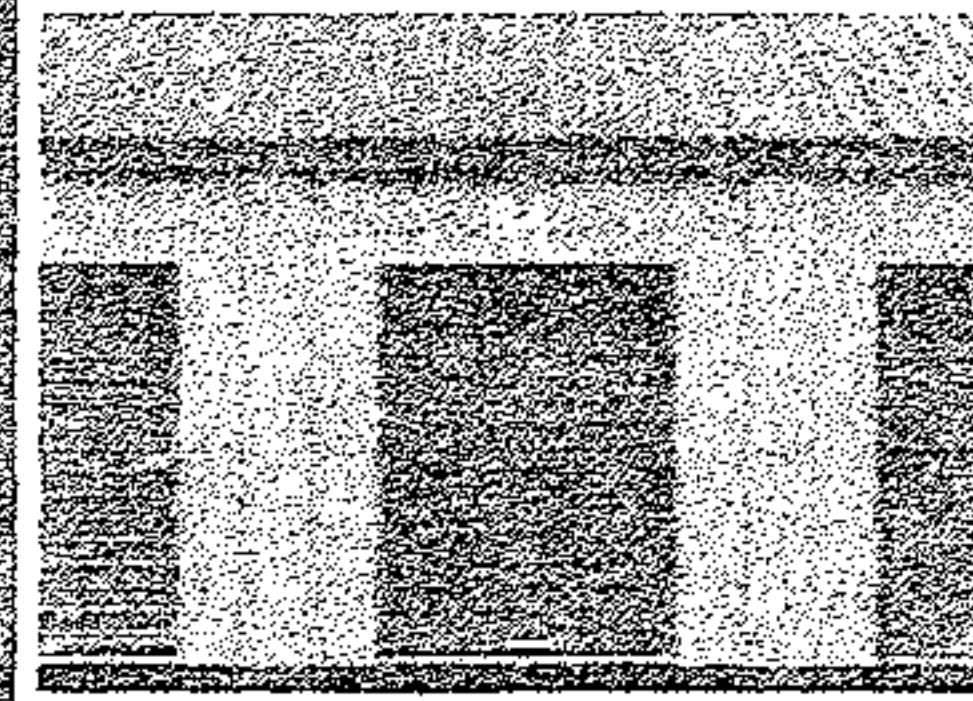
The offender further stated she had 'vaped' THC while driving and fell asleep at the intersection while trying to get directions on her phone. Deputy had the offender exit the vehicle at which time she did consent to S.F.S.T.

The offender did not pass and even tried to walk into the middle of the roadway believing it to be the shoulder. Deputy placed Ms. McFarland under arrest for Driving Under the Influence and then read her TN Implied Consent to which she stated she understood and did consent to a blood draw.

The offender was transported to the Fort Loudoun E.R where the blood draw was conducted and then to the Loudon County Jail.

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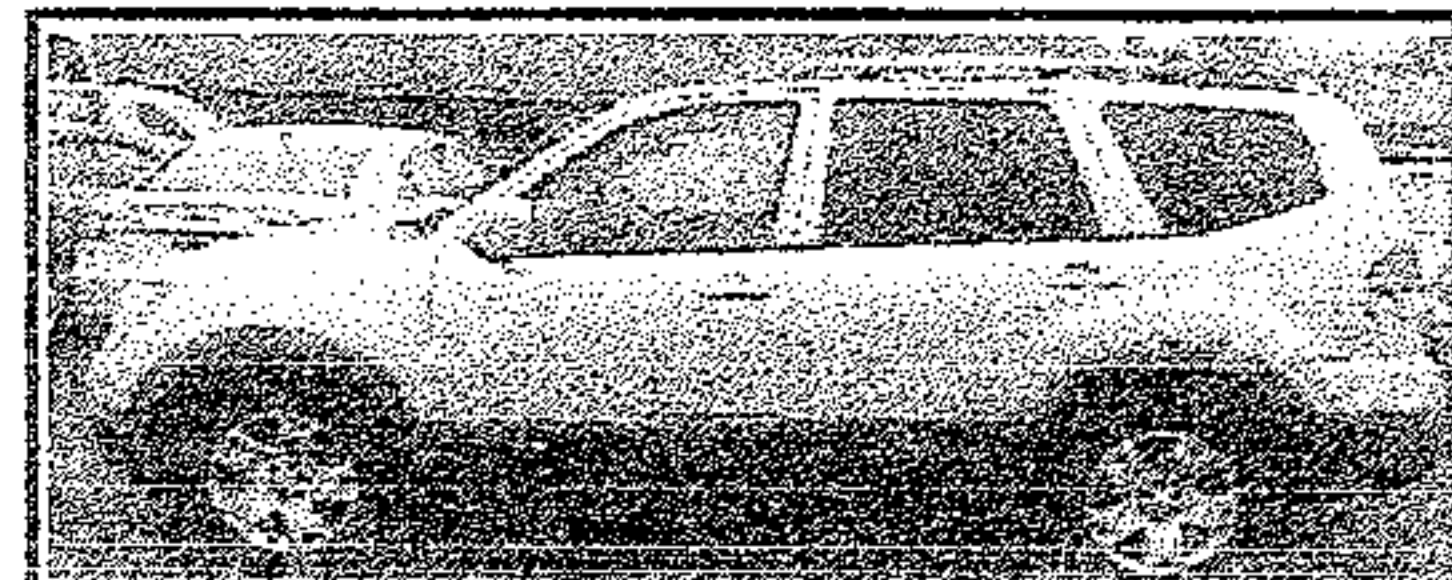


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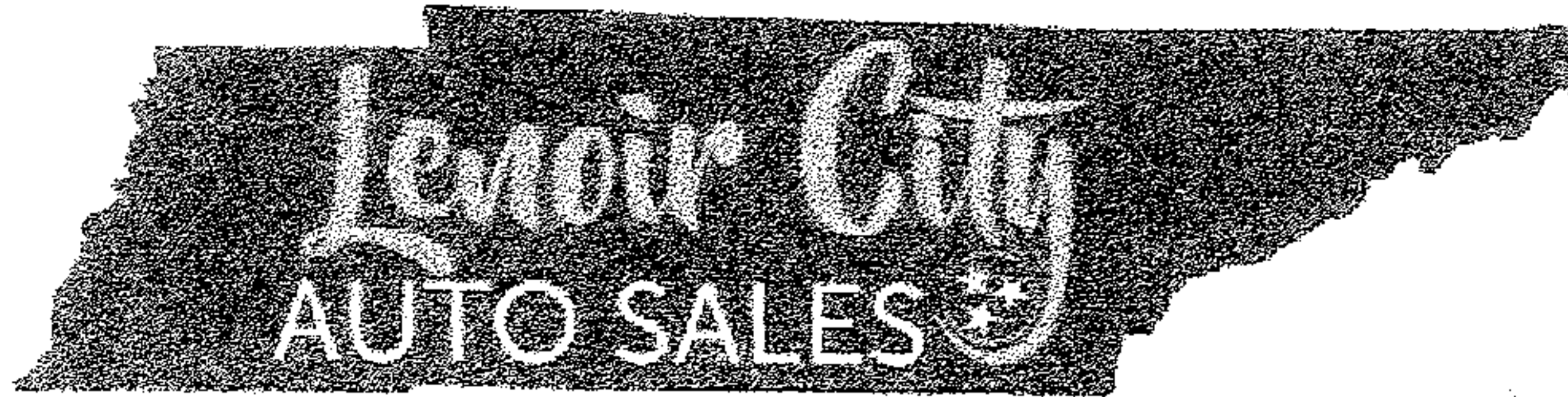
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stepfather reached her first and immediately called the police when he saw what was happening on her phone.

Presley's bravery in reporting helped investigators find the man who terrorized her. Testani pleaded guilty to child sexual exploitation in February and was sentenced to 60 years in federal prison on August 6, 2020.

Special Agent Kevin Kaufman, who investigated the case for the FBI in Tampa with local law enforcement, said that they identified several other victims across the country—some as young as 10 years old.

The investigation showed that Testani obtained the log-in information for other victims' social media accounts, which allowed him to message hundreds of other young people.

The length of Testani's sentence reflects the number of children he hurt, the extreme

nature of his crimes, and the devastating effects this type of sexual violence has on its victims. Presley's mother said her daughter is still dealing with depression and anxiety, has trouble concentrating in school, and experiences panic attacks.

The fact that Presley never met Testani in person and never even saw his face only amplified her fear. This man who hurt her could be anyone, anywhere. "That's why she went from a social butterfly to absolutely terrified to leave the house," her mother said.

The New Stranger Danger Kaufman stressed that this case and the many he sees like it are a reminder to children, teens, and those who love and care for them to rethink dated assumptions about where children are safe and at risk.


"Parents—and kids, too—think that if they are home, they are in their safe hav-

en," Kaufman said. "But these are professional on-line predators who have perfected their craft. You're putting them up against 11-, 12-, 13-year-old children. I have seen victims who were straight-A students. I've seen victims who were adults, for that matter."

Presley's mother hopes that parents and caregiv-

ers shift the conversations they're having with their children. "We teach our children from the time they are old enough to walk about stranger danger," she said. "We teach them what to do if someone says something to you or touches you in the wrong way, but we don't

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teach them about stranger danger online.”

She wants kids and parents both to understand that sextortion can happen so they can recognize it as a crime and can act. Many parents don't know enough about the current online environment and what their children may be doing.

Kaufman agrees. “Know what these applications can do,” he said. Parents may not know that a texting app also allows their child to video chat with multiple people at once or that their children are getting friend requests from strangers and accepting them without a second thought. “People can portray themselves to be anyone online,” Presley's mom said. “Know that you know who you're talking to.”

“We teach our children from the time they are old enough to walk about stranger danger. We teach them what to do if someone says something to you or touches you in the wrong way, but we don't teach them about stranger danger online.”
-Mother of sextortion victim

Additionally, Kaufman warns that many people aren't aware of easy-to-download applications that let someone record anything online, even without the other person knowing. Any so-called private or “disappearing” interaction can be saved and shared.

Presley's case, with the perpetrator's pattern of taking over his victims' accounts, shows that even if a message is from a friend's account, there can still be a risk. The best protection against that uncertainty is to avoid doing anything in front of a screen that you wouldn't be comfortable doing in real life.

“I fear the belief some people—especially kids—

have that if it happens behind a screen, it's not real,” Presley's mom said. Her family's experience shows the risks are real, and the possibility of long-term harm is, too.

DV

Trevor Hart, 20, Foster Road Lenoir City, was charged with Aggravated Assault.

Deputy Bengel LCSO, responded to Foster Rd. for an Active Fight call. Upon arrival Deputy found the Offender, Trevor Hart, actively trying to hit and kick his grandfather, a Witness. Witness was holding Trevor down because he was in an altercation with his brother. Deputy attempted to take Trevor into custody but he continued to pull his arms away and continued to try to kick his grandfather. Deputy was finally able to gain control of Trevor and took him into custody. Cpl Smith, Parks, and Huskin, arrived on scene to assist. Deputy spoke with the Victim, who stated he got into an argument with Trevor and it turned physical. Trevor pulled a stick out from under a pillow and hit victim in the head with it 2 times. Witness', all attempted to break up the fight. The stick was taken from Trevor and hidden so he could not continue to commit an assault with it. Witness gained control of Trevor and held him there until deputies arrived. Trevor was checked out by Priority Ambulance Service and cleared. Trevor was transported to the Loudon County Jail. Trevor Hart was charged with Aggravated Assault. This did occur in Loudon County, TN.

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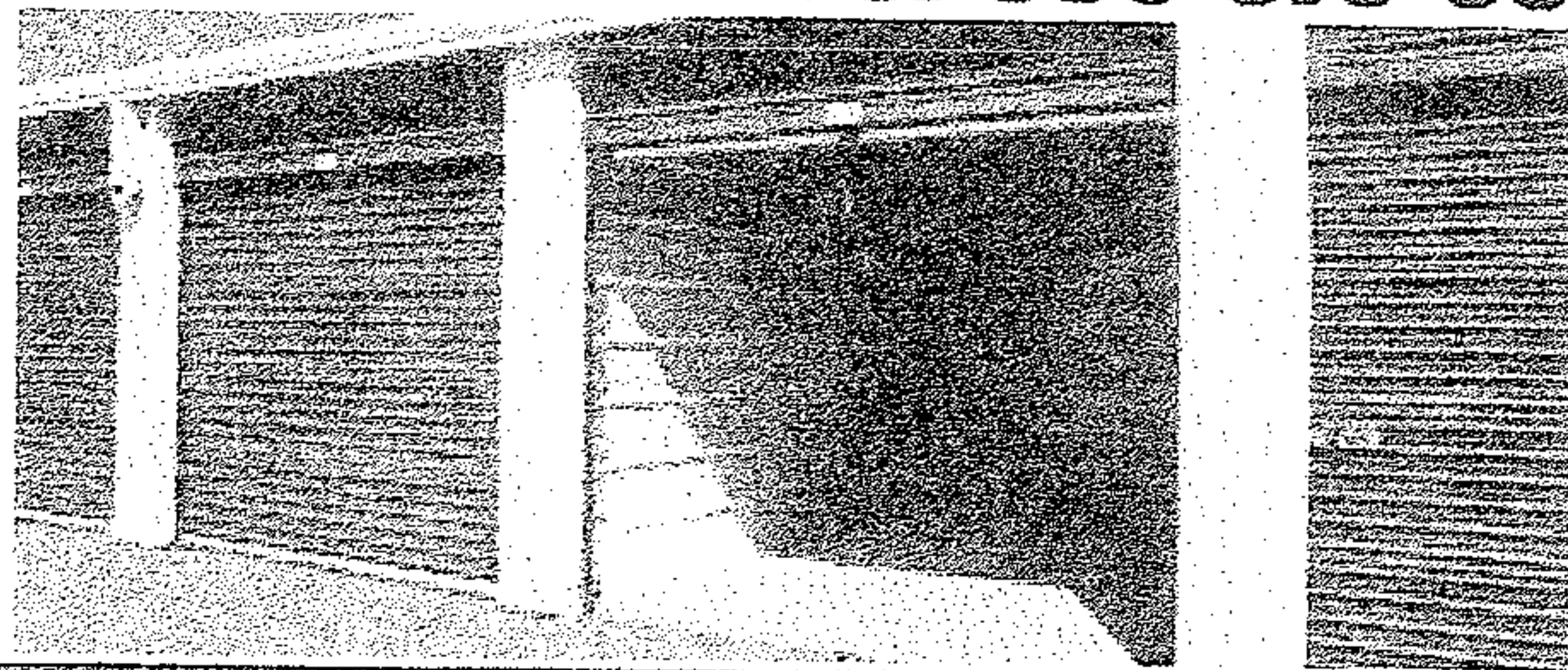
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