

Aggravated Robbery At Gunpoint by Convicted Felon



John Stone

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Boater Charged After Colliding With Jet Skis



Aaron Garner

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Domestic Charge Follows Call Over Argument



Brooklyn Wood

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Money Mule Reined In

Man Sentenced for Laundering Money Stolen from School District in BEC Scheme

A small Texas school district suffered a major blow in 2018, losing nearly \$2 million in a business email compromise (BEC) scheme. And a Florida man who helped facilitate the crime is now serving time behind bars.

Two years ago, an employee of a school district near Fort Worth received an email requesting a wire transfer

payment for a school construction project. The school district was building a new elementary school at the time, and the employee sent the money as instructed. However, unbeknownst to the employee, the email was actually from a scammer posing as the construction company. The wiring instructions directed money to an account controlled by

criminals.

That's where Donald Conkright, of Big Pine Key, Florida, came in. Conkright assisted the scammers by using his own bank account to move the ill-gotten gains overseas, helping them profit even more from the BEC scheme in the process. People who further crimes

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Verse of the Day

[After Jesus had raised the son of the widow from Nain:] They were all filled with awe and praised God. "A great prophet has appeared among us," they said. "God has come to help his people." —Luke 7:16

Wazzup

Looks like Walmart is Going Nationwide with the Mask Requirement.

Weather

Today: Nice and Hot. High of 96F.

Tonight: Clear. Low of 76F
Friday: Clear. High of 93F.
Friday night: Clear. Low of 74F.
Saturday: Hot. High of 92F.
Saturday night: Clear. Low of 74F.
Sunday: Hot. High of

92F.
Sunday night: Clear. Low of 74F.
Horoscope
Cancer 6/21-7/22
Because your tendency recently has been to brood over everything, Cancer, a day



Robbery

John Stone, 23, Church Street Philadelphia, was charged with Aggravated Robbery, and Convicted Felon in Possession of a Firearm.

Deputy S. Gaumer LCSO, responded to an armed robbery in progress call at the intersection of Old Sweetwater Church Road and Washington Pike in Loudon County.

Our dispatch advised that two females were left near that intersection and that a gold, Mercury sedan drove away from the scene on Old Sweetwater Church Road headed towards Highway 11. One of the females also told our dispatch that a male by the name of John Stone, the offender in the case, was the person driving the Mercury sedan. Another deputy knew Mr. Stone from a previous encounter and told Deputy that he often resided at Church Street in Philadelphia. Before proceeding to the females, Deputy checked the area of Church street, but was unable to find the vehicle or Mr. Stone.

After not being able to find him, Deputy proceeded to the above listed intersection where he found Deputy M. Lynn LCSO, out with the two females. Upon introducing himself, Deputy came to find out the names of the victims in this case. As Deputy was talking with victims, dispatch notified him that a neighbor saw Mr. Stone at the Church Street address. Deputy Lynn proceeded to that address while Deputy stayed with the females. While talking with them further, Deputy learned see robbery ctd. pg. 3

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR LOUDON COUNTY TENNESSEE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

(As required by Chapter No 175, Public Acts of Tennessee 1939 As Amended by Public Chapter 862 on 05/09/2012)

IN REGARDS TO THE ESTATE OF: DOCKET NO: 6130 MARY ELLEN MILLSAPS, deceased, a resident of Loudon County, TN

Notice is hereby given that on the 14th DAY OF JULY 2020 Letters of Administration in respect of the Estate of MARY ELLEN MILLSAPS, who died on the 3rd DAY OF APRIL 2020, were issued to the undersigned by the Loudon County Probate Court of Loudon County, Tennessee. All persons, resident and non-resident, 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:

(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 (62) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting); or (B) Sixty (62) 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 (62) 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 14th DAY OF JULY 2020 STEVE HARRELSON, CLERK BY: Robyn Shannon, Deputy Clerk Penny Glasgow, Chief Deputy Clerk

By Personal Representative(s) JAMES LLOYD MILLSAPS RACHEL L. HAWKINS

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publication dates July 17 and July 24, 2020

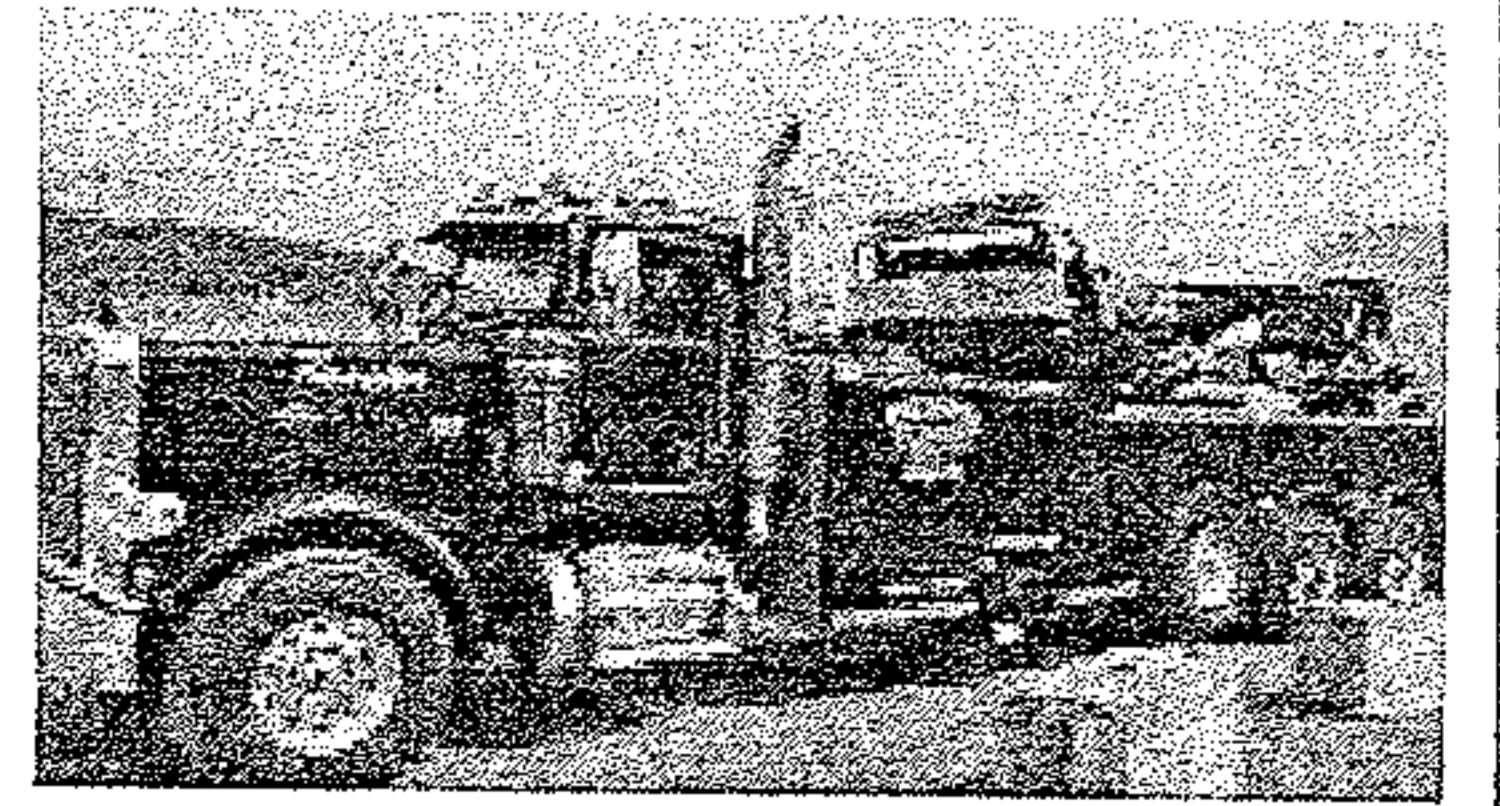
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Regarding the Estate of: **Clyde S. Rayfield**, deceased DKT# 6129

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Notice is hereby given that on the 13th DAY OF JULY 2020 Letters of Testamentary in respect of the estate of Clyde S. Rayfield who died on the 3rd day of JUNE 2020 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:

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THIS THE 13th DAY OF JULY 2020

Steve Harrelson, Clerk
BY: Robyn Shannon, Deputy Clerk

Penny Glasgow, Chief Deputy Clerk

By Personal Representative(s)
Barry Nolan Blanton, Jr.

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IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR LOUDON COUNTY TENNESSEE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Regarding the Estate of: **Betty K. Underwood**, deceased DKT# 6128

(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 13th DAY OF JULY 2020 Letters of Testamentary in respect of the estate of Betty K. Underwood who died on the 14th day of MARCH 2020 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:

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BUI

Aaron Garner, 36, W Hills Drive Maryville, was charged with Boating under the Influence. Officer Jeff Roberson TWRA, responded to a report of a boat accident in Loudon County. The report from E911 was a boat had collided with two jet skis. Officer arrived on scene at the Morganton Road boat ramp. Officer made contact with Aaron Garner, who indicated he was operating a runabout boat on the main channel and struck a jet ski. As Officer spoke with Garner he could smell a strong odor of alcohol. Garner had bloodshot watery eyes, and admitted to consuming alcohol throughout the day and with supper. Garner did poorly on sobriety test and was placed under arrest for BUI. Once at the jail Garner blew a .126.

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the following:

According to the victims they were sitting in the back seat of the Mercury sedan and Mr. Stone was driving. They stated that the reason they were in the vehicle was because Mr. Stone was taking them back home to Athens. One victim told Deputy that

they had been driving on unknown back roads for about two hours when Mr. Stone stopped the vehicle in the middle of Old Sweetwater Road. From there, Mr. Stone exited the vehicle, pulled a two-tone 9mm pistol from his waistband, pointed the pistol at the females in the back seat, and told them to get out of the vehicle. When the victims exited the vehicle and with the pistol still pointed at them, Mr. Stone said "give me the money", referencing \$1,000 in cash that was meant for buying a vehicle. The victim gave the money and a backpack to Mr. Stone and then walked towards a field nearby. Mr. Stone then entered his car and drove away, leaving victims on the side of the road near Washington Pike.

Deputy drove the females to the Grizzly Pig gas station where they both agreed to fill out witness statements for him while waiting on Detective Chris Bowen to arrive and talk to them.

Detective Bowen arrived on scene after speaking with Mr. Stone at his residence

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Money

in this way—even unknowingly—are called money mules and are subject to prosecution.

In Conkright's case, he knew he was helping criminals. Conkright told investigators he started acting as a money mule after getting into an online relationship with someone who requested he move money on her behalf.

"Conkright was a willing participant, and he acknowledged that he was engaging in money laundering," said Special Agent Matthew Wilkins, who investigated this case out of the FBI's Dallas Field Office. "Although he knew the transactions were benefiting criminals, he made money from it and did not stop."

The school district contacted law enforcement as soon as it figured out what had happened. Investigators traced the funds to Conkright. He was convicted on money laundering charges in March. In June, he was sentenced to nearly six years in prison.

In a victim impact statement in court, the Crowley Independent School Dis-

trict said the incident led to a budget shortfall for the year.

"It was very devastating to the school district," Wilkins said. "This is a relatively small public school district, and to lose nearly \$2 million was really difficult for them."

While most of the funds had already been moved overseas, investigators seized more than \$600,000 that remained in Conkright's account. That will eventually be returned to the school district via the asset forfeiture process.

Investigators also seized a luxury car, which Conkright had bought with some of his money laundering proceeds. It will be auctioned off, and those proceeds will be returned to the school district as well.

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Matthew Wilkins, special agent, FBI Dallas

BEC is a devastating and common crime that costs businesses and other institutions more than \$26 billion annually. While there are variations on the scheme, they usually involve scammers

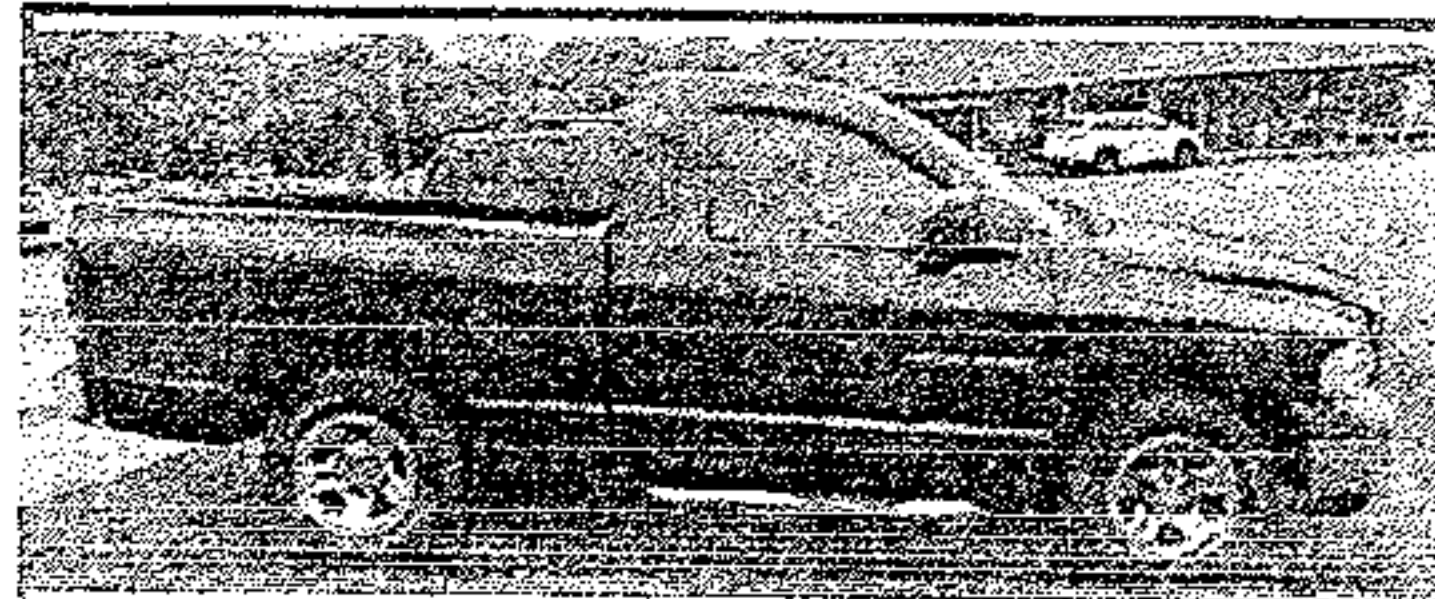
posing as vendors and asking unsuspecting businesses to wire money.

Money mules are key parts of these schemes because they move profits through their own accounts, shielding the criminals and the cash.

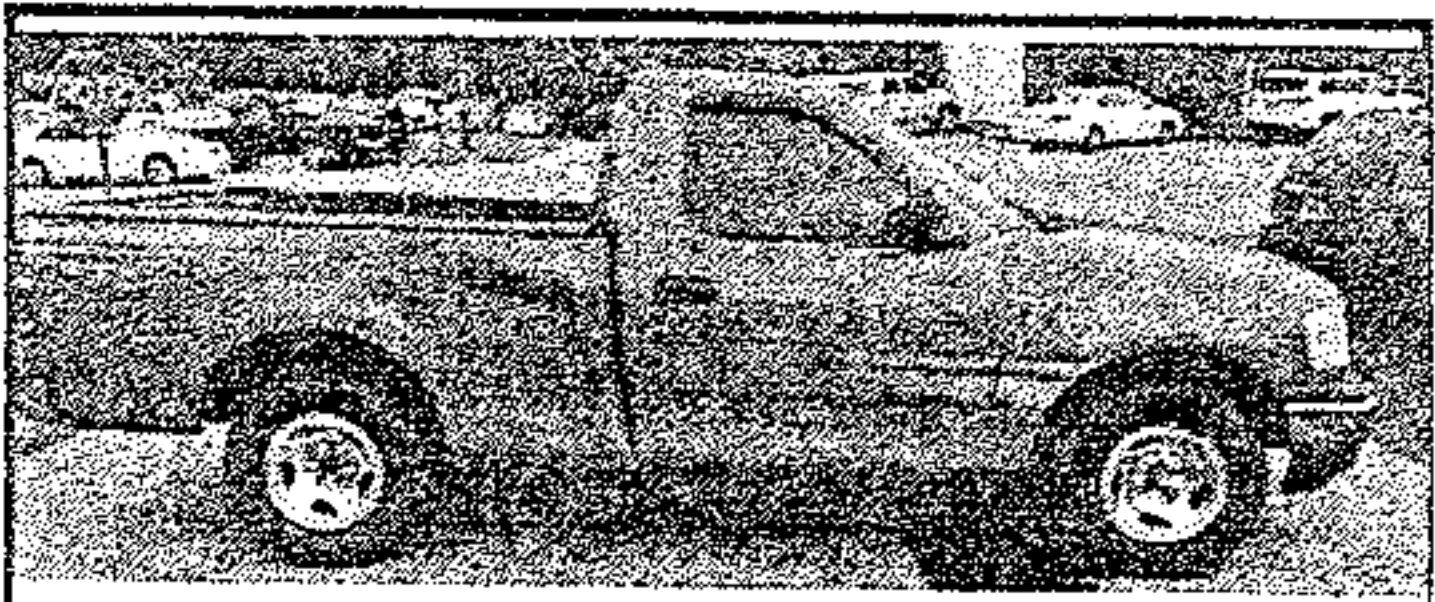
Many mules sometimes think they are participating in victimless crimes. Some think they are moving around money for a friend or as a "job," but in fact, they are making cybercrime more profitable. This harms individuals, businesses, and communities.

"Putting an additional step between the initial money and the other criminals who are getting the money—it helps conceal who the true actors are," said FBI Task Force Officer Casey Allen of the Fort Worth Police Department, who also worked the investigation. "It hides who is really sending those emails and helps criminals profit."

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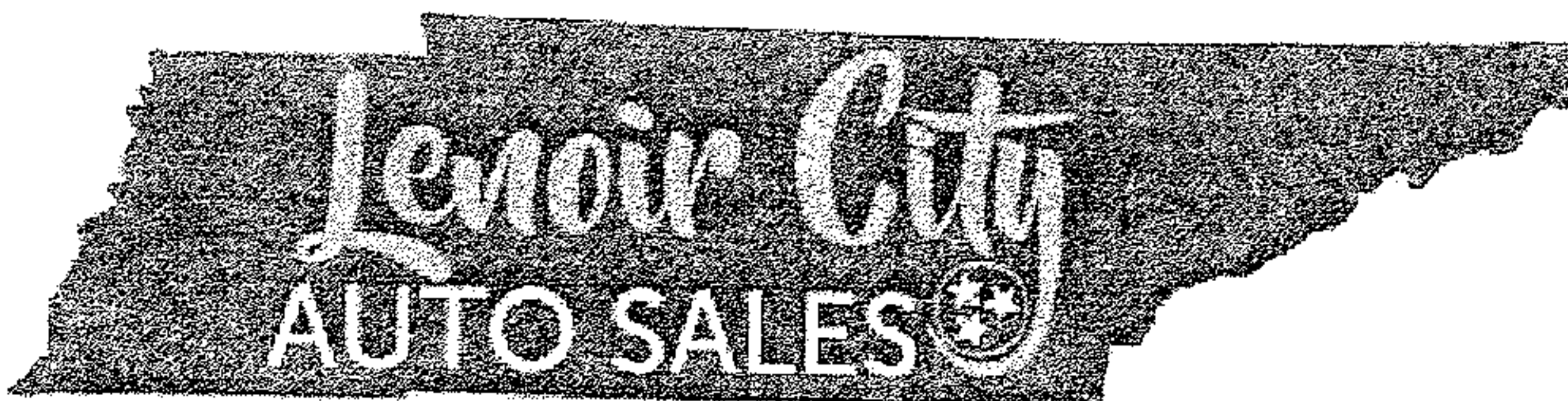
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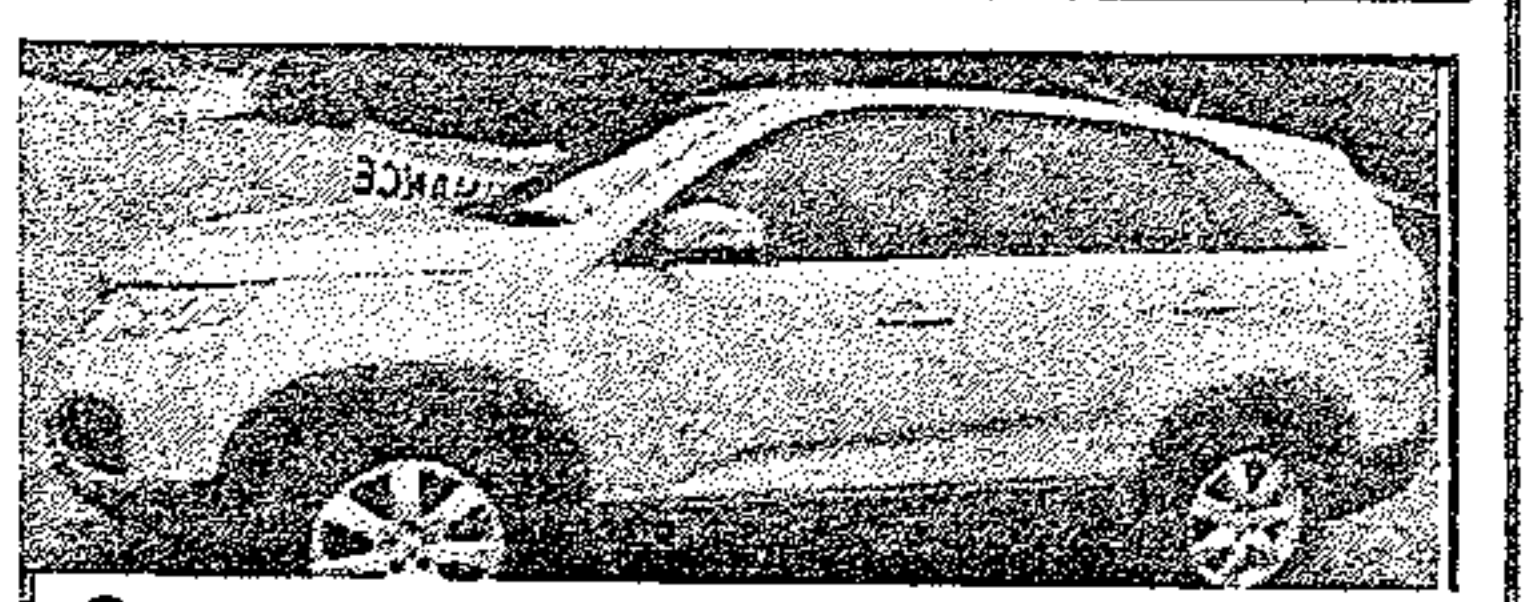
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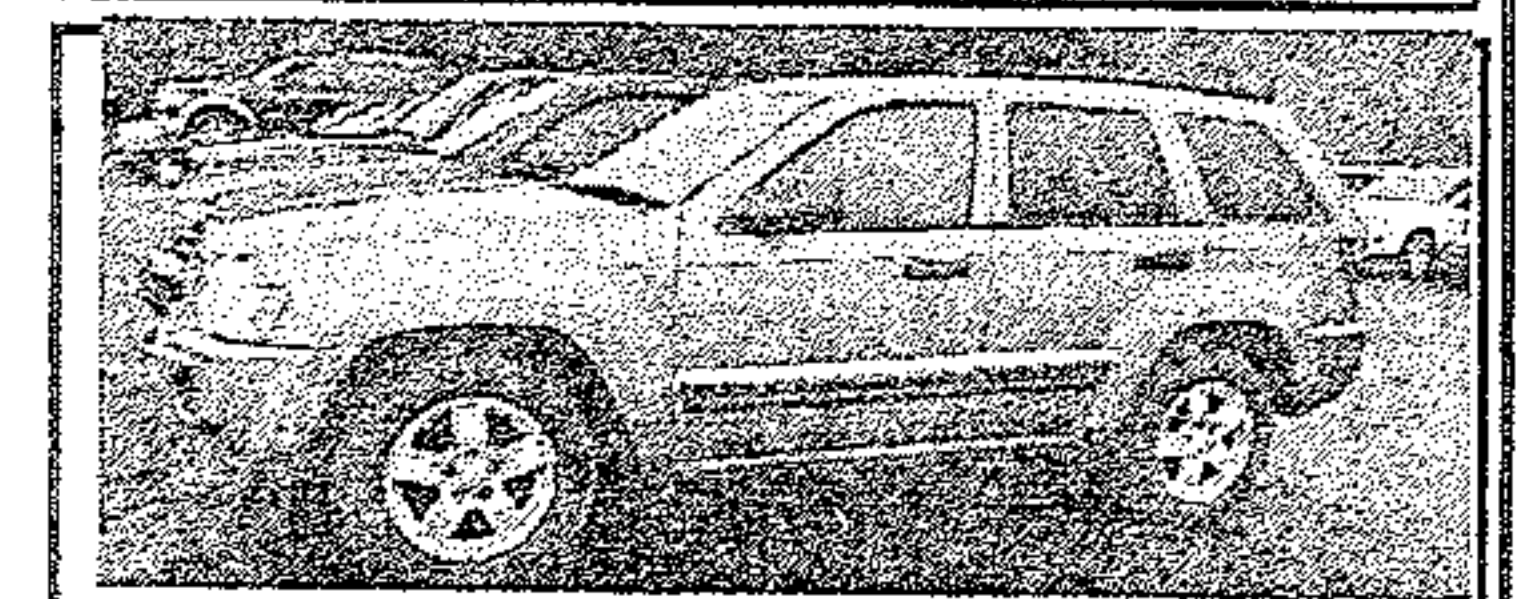
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DV

and advised that he wanted the victims to be driven to the Sheriff's Office to be interviewed about what happened. Cpl. Brian Smith transported one victim where she was placed in the conference room to await an interview and Deputy Gaumer transported the other victim to the Sheriff's Office where she was placed in the interview room to await an interview.

At the time of this report, Mr. Stone, the victims, and an unknown male named Marcus were detained and being held for questioning at the Loudon County Sheriff's Office. Deputy have also been in contact with an Athens Police Department Corporal regarding another vehicle involved in the incident. After an investigation John Stone was charged.

All occurred in Loudon County, TN.

Brooklyn Wood, 25, Huntsville Hollow Road Lenoir City, was charged with Domestic Assault.

Deputy L. Hawkins was dispatched to Huntsville Hollow Road in reference to a domestic. Upon arrival Deputy spoke with victim who stated he and his girlfriend, Brooklyn Wood had been arguing over money issues and her status as a mother to their children. He then told her she was unfit to be a mother and she began to open hand strike him in the face and neck. Deputy noticed irritated, red skin on victim face and neck where he stated Mrs. Wood struck him. Victim then said he bear hugged her to restrain her from hitting him, they then fell onto the ground. Deputy then spoke with Mrs. Wood who confirmed his statement,

she said she struck victim because he was saying hurtful things to her. Deputy noticed she had irritated red skin around her nose and asked her about it. She stated when victim restrained her they fell onto the floor and she hit her nose on a toy that belonged to her child. Based on victim/offender statements and the condition of victim, Brook-

lyn Wood was found to be the primary aggressor and taken into custody. She was transported to the Loudon County Jail. This did occur in Loudon County, Tennessee.

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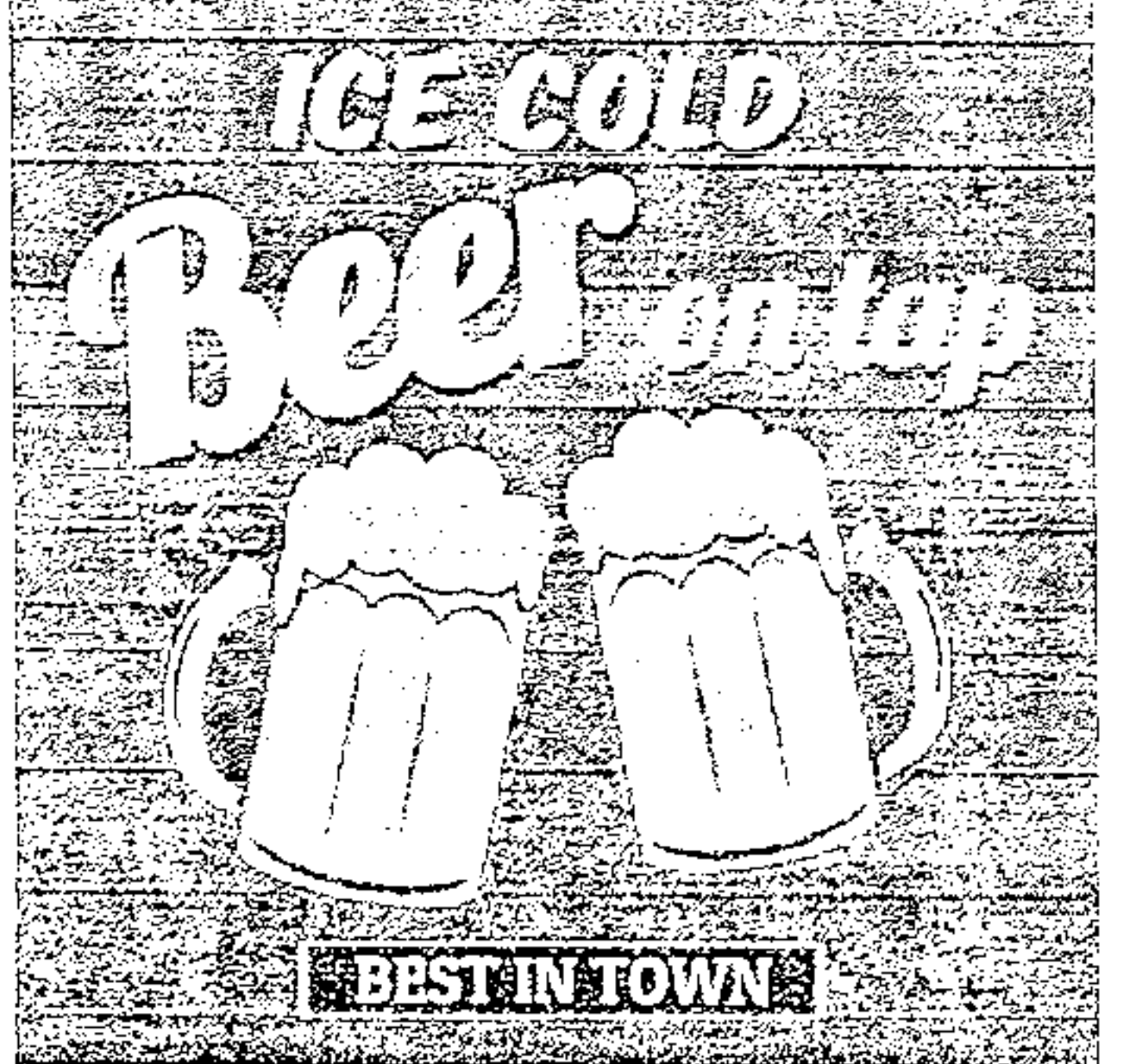
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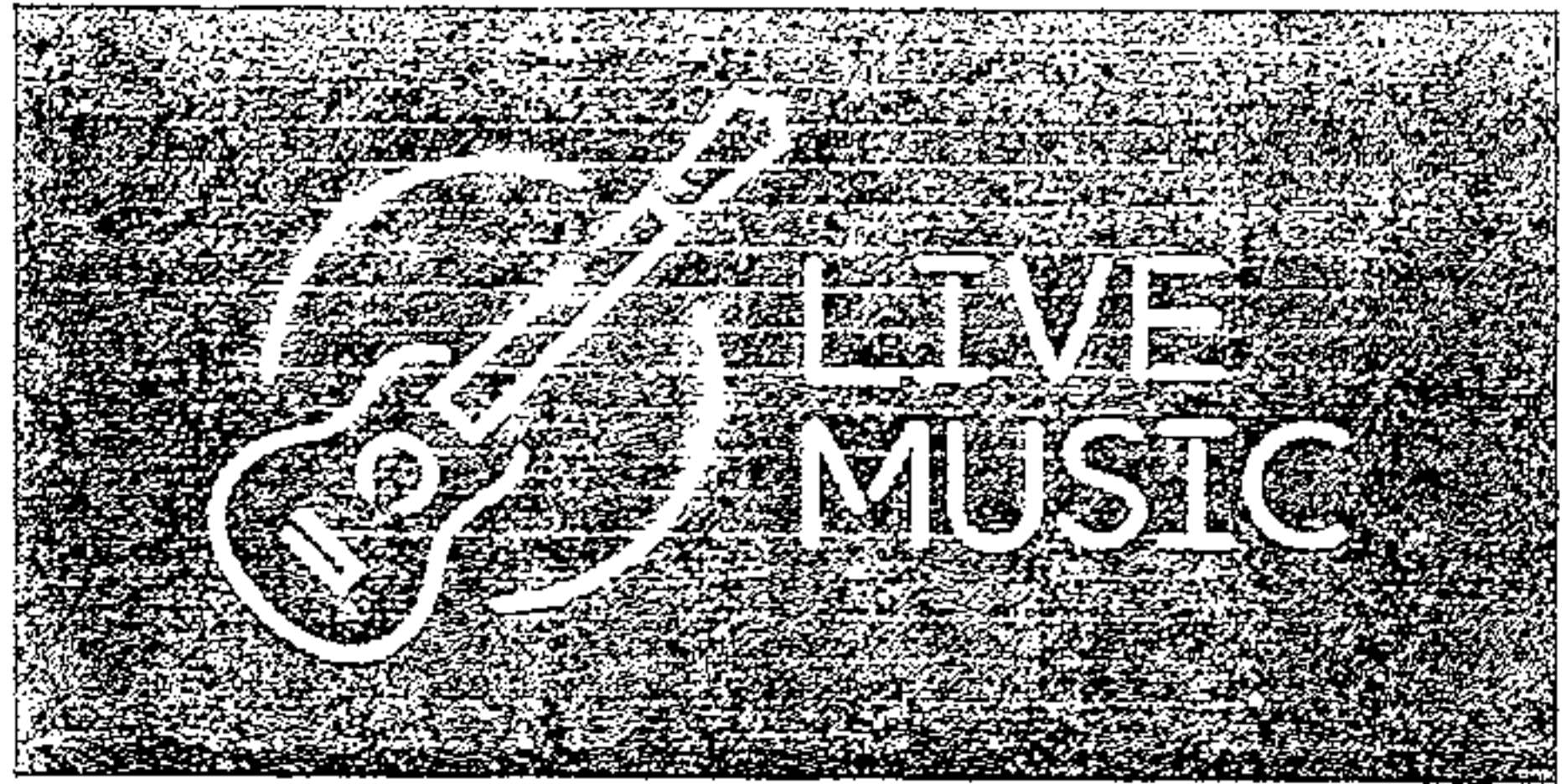


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