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Friday, February 24, 2023

## Known Subject Seen and Two Charged After Traffic Stop



Donita Ward



Whitney Lynn

See Charged pg. 2

## Three Charged After Beating



Kimberly Hernandez



Denny Hernandez

see Trio pg. 3

## State Rep. Lowell Russell Won't Push Bill for TVPOA

Numerous Residents reached out to State Representative Lowell Russell over the recent attempt by the Tellico Village Property Owners Association (TVPOA) to enact a \$2500 fee on the sale of property in the village all of which would have gone to the TVPOA.

"HB1116 was given

to me by Mr. Pillsbury for new residents to buy into the current infrastructure.

I told him that I would file it, however before I run a bill it would have to be supported by the people of the village and the right thing to do.

I received feedback from Tellico Village residents that they do

see Russell pg. 4

## TSU's Intensified Scholarship Program Contributed to Housing Shortage

The Tennessee Comptroller's Office has completed a special report examining the circumstances that led to Tennessee State University's need for off-campus housing during the 2022-2023 school year.

The report concludes that TSU leaders' lack of planning, management, and sound decision-making exacerbated the need for emergency

housing after TSU admitted a record number of students.

The Comptroller's review following TSU's request in the Summer of 2022 to lease six properties, including five hotels, to provide emergency housing to students. The university initially requested the lease of 12 properties, including 11 hotels. Student demand for housing has exceeded the uni-

versity's supply almost every year since at least 2017; however, the problem escalated in 2022 after TSU leaders conducted an extensive recruiting and scholarship effort despite the housing shortage.

Comptroller staff determined a significant factor in the university's enrollment growth

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### Verse of the Day

Accept him whose faith is weak, without passing judgment on disputable matters.

—Romans 14:1

Wazzup

Big Gas Leak in Lenoir

City at the Crossroads on Wednesday! Great Job LCUB and LCFD and LCPD for securing the site and making it safe so quickly!!!

Weather

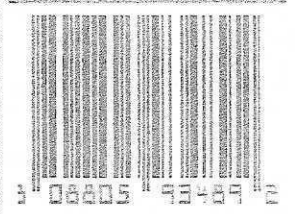
Today: Overcast. High of 54F.

Tonight: Rain. Low of 48F.  
Saturday: Showers. High of 56F.  
Saturday night: Showers. Low of 51F.  
Sunday: Morning Showers. High of 65F.  
Sunday night: Overcast. Low of 57F.

### Horoscope

Pisces 2/19-3/20

Watch out for the green-eyed monster today, Pisces. It can rear up before you can say "jealousy." Most situations that cause these feelings are born out of insecurity. If you aren't secure in your job, rela-



### Charged

Donita Ward, 48, Ivey Avenue Lenoir City, was charged with Mfg/Del/Sale or Poss. Of Meth, and Poss. Of Drug Para.

Whitney Lynn, 38, Reed Springs Church road Philadelphia, was charged with Driving on Revoked/Suspended License, Mfg/Del/Sale or Poss. Of Meth, Poss. Of Drug Para., and Violation of Probation.

Officer R. Miller LCPD, was conducting a patrol in the area of Church Drive near Crisp Road in Lenoir City, TN. During patrol duties Officer observed a blue Suzuki SUV sitting stationary at the stop sign of Crisp Road at Church Drive. While observing the vehicle Officer noticed that the vehicle was not making an attempt to proceed past the stop sign. Officer then proceeded towards the Suzuki which was still sitting stationary at the stop sign where Officer then observed

the passenger who Deputy positively identified to be Donita Ward get out of the passenger seat of the vehicle and act as if she was going to help the driver back the vehicle down Crisp Road. As Officer approached the vehicle, he was able to identify the driver to be Whitney Lynn whom Officer knew from prior knowledge had an active violation of probation warrant out of Loudon County General Sessions Court. Officer then initiated a traffic stop on the vehicle which was still stationary at the stop sign of Crisp Road at Church Drive. Upon traffic stop Officer immediately had LYNN exit the vehicle where he placed her under arrest for the active warrant. LYNN was also found to be driving on a revoked Tennessee License status. During the roadside investigation Officer visually observed the top of a small zip lock bag "dime bag" that looked to

be torn at the feet of WARD. WARD stated that the torn bag came from the driver's seat of the vehicle. Officer then requested for K9 Cpl. C. Gray of the Loudon County Sheriff's Office to respond to his location to conduct an open-air sniff of the exterior of the vehicle. Once on scene Cpl. C. Gray deployed his K9 partner Kora where he stated Kora positively alerted to

an odor of narcotics coming from the inside of the vehicle. A probable cause search was then conducted of the entire vehicle. During the subsequent search of the vehicle Officer located two bags containing a crystal-like substance (2.68 grams) which tested positive for methamphetamine using the Tru Narc Laser Analyzer along with a glass pipe.

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**Trio**

Kimberly Hernandez, 23, Hall Street Lenoir City, was charged with Domestic Assault, and Public Intoxication.

Denny Hernandez, 20, 9th Ave Lenoir City, was charged with Domestic Assault.

Luze Rodriguez, 45, 9th Ave Lenoir City, was charged with Domestic Assault.

Officer A. Lee LCPD, was dispatched to Ivy Avenue in reference to a 911 call. Upon

arrival Officer made contact with victim, who advised he was assaulted by his child's Mother Kimberley Hernandez, along with Kimberley's brother, Denny Hernandez, and Mother Luz Aide Garcia Rodriguez. Officer did observe multiple fresh marks around victim neck, chest, and head. Victim advised he met with the three subjects at a night club in Knoxville and received a ride home with them. During the car ride an argument ensued. Victim advised once they arrived at his residence, Kimberley, Denny, and Luz assaulted him. When speaking with Kimberley she states that the victim grabbed her by the neck, however, Officer was unable to observe any signs of injury. Denny advised victim was speaking poorly about his Mother and he defended her. Denny advised victim bit his fingers. Officer did observe minor lacerations to one finger. Officer

also made contact with victim brothers. Both gave similar statements that they observed Kimberley, Denny, and Luz on top of victim assaulting him. Due to the evidence that

a physical assault occurred, and identifying the primary aggressors, Kimberley, Denny, and Luz were taken into custody and transported to the Loudon County Jail.



Luze Rodriguez

**Public Notice**

The Lenoir City Civil Service Board will hold a meeting at City Hall on Thursday, March 2, 2023 at 4:00 PM.

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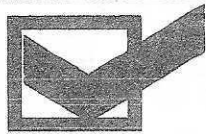
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**Russell**  
 not support the legislation.  
 I spoke with Mr. Pillsbury and told him that I can not run the legislation due to the feedback that I received.  
 I appreciate the residents of Tellico Village and their contributions to our community. I will do everything I can to support them!"

**Lowell Russell**  
 State Representative Lowell Russell represents the 21st district serving Monroe and Loudon Counties and is truly a listener of the people as was represented with this recent bill.  
**Judge Sides with County**  
 The Hearing with Cook Brothers vs Loudon County was heard this week. Cook sued Loudon County when he was denied a rezone request for a 172 home, residential development in the Unitia community.

Chancellor Tom McFarland, ruled that the county commission was within their legislative authority to deny the rezone request and dismissed the case in favor of the county. County attorney Bob Bowman, presented the county's positions.


**Charged with Resisting and PI**  
 Dacota Napolitano, 35, Martel Road Lenoir City, was charged with Public Intoxication, and Resisting Arrest.  
 Dep. L. Hawkins LCSO, was dispatched to Martel Road in reference to an irate male armed with an axe and destroying property. Deputy, Sgt. Rogers, and Cpl. Wallen arrived on the scene. As soon as units pulled into the driveway, a male was walking toward them at a fast pace. He was not holding a weapon but yelling "shoot me in the face". He was ordered by all three units to stop advancing toward them. He contin-

ued advancing toward Cpl. Wallen, still yelling "Shoot me in the face". Due to the information given to us by dispatch, and the irate state of this male, Deputy believed he intended to cause harm to units on the scene. Deputy deployed his Taser and fired it, striking the male subject with both prongs. The male fell to the ground and was placed into custody. Dacota Napolitano was the name of the male in custody, and he appeared to be intoxicated. A strong odor of an alcoholic beverage was omitting from his person, he had glossy/bloodshot eyes. During Deputy encounter with him, he was talking out of his head, apologizing then telling me "I have killers still serving boy". This continued for the entire incident. Mr. Napolitano was a danger to himself and the public. Deputy made contact with the other resident of this house. Vicityim advised he had been drinking


heavily on this date and began to break items inside the home for no apparent reason. Deputy did observe broken glass inside the kitchen. Victim advised that when Dacota went outside, he locked the doors to stop further damage. While Dacota was outside, he used an axe to damage the back door and the back porch. Deputy also observed damage to the porch and back door. This axe was located in the backyard and was stuck into a wooden log. The axe had blood on the handle and blade, believed to be from Dacota, he had small lacerations to his hand. No other subjects were injured. The axe was taken for safekeeping due to Dacota's current state. Victim advised he was not in fear for his life and did not believe Dacota intended to harm him. Dacota Napolitano was transported to The Loudon County Jail. All of the above did occur in Loudon County, Tennessee.

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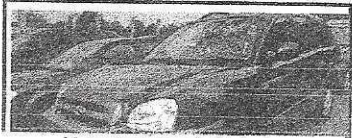
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**TSU**

was TSU's decision to increase its 2022-2023 scholarship budget from \$6.4 million to \$28.3 million. Approximately three quarters (1,280 out of 1,722) of the scholarships provided were full-cost scholarships that guaranteed housing.

Additionally, the Comptroller's Office concluded approximately one-third of the students (529 of 1,722) did not meet the minimum GPA requirement for these scholarships. The students may have qualified based on financial need, but there was no documentation to that effect in the random sample of student files reviewed.

Moreover, the \$28.3 million budgeted for scholarships was not fully approved by the TSU Board of Trustees until November 2022 – a month before the completion of the Fall 2022 semester.

TSU's housing problem is likely to continue for the foreseeable future. The university's on-campus housing capacity is 3,680 beds, short of the estimated need of 4,800 beds for Fall 2023. TSU officials plan to construct two new residence halls in the future, adding

another 1,000 beds; however, four existing residence halls with a total of 1,506 beds may need to be demolished because they are at the end of their useful life.

As of last November, TSU planned to lease three hotels for the Fall 2023 semester.

The special report includes a number of policy considerations for the General Assembly, ranging from replacing TSU's Board of Trustees and management to enhanced reporting from current TSU leadership.

The Comptroller's Office will present the special report to the Senate's Ad Hoc Committee on TSU on the morning of February 23, 2023 immediately following the Senate Floor Session in Senate Hearing Room 1. The report will also be shared with the Education, Health, and General Welfare Joint Evaluation Committee of the Government Operations Committee during TSU's sunset hearing on February 27, 2023 at 9 a.m. in House Hearing Room 1. Both meetings will be streamed on the General Assembly's website.

To view the special report on Tennessee State University, go to [tncot.cc/tsu](http://tncot.cc/tsu).

**PUBLIC SALE**

Pursuant to default Provision Chapter 717, 1980 Public Acts of Tennessee, the contents of the following leased spaces will be sold to satisfy the owner's liens. The entire contents will be sold at public sale to the highest bidder for cash. The sale is to be held on unit site, **CARDING MACHINE MINI-WAREHOUSE & STORAGE**, 1241 Carding Machine Road, Loudon, TN on Saturday, March 11th at 10:00 a.m.

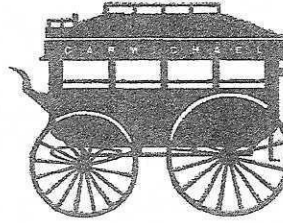
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## Horoscopes

relationship, or family, and feel threatened by someone, it's time to take a look at the cause. Why you don't feel as solid as you could? What's causing the insecurity? Look for the answers.

**Aries 3/21-4/19**

You may feel insecure about your appearance today, Aries. This can be a vicious cycle to get into. The result is almost always negative. Rather than pick yourself apart, consider finding ways to accept your looks. Whether it's your weight or age or anything else, if you can't accept yourself, you will always find something wrong no matter how many changes you make.

**Taurus 4/20-5/20**

Jealousy might rear its head today, Taurus. The key to it all is to understand where and why you feel insecure. If you're jealous of a mate, what's going on in the relationship? Is trust an issue? If this comes up at work, is it because you don't feel recognized for your contributions? Examine the cause of jealousy. It's almost always a symptom of a deeper problem.

**Gemini 5/21-6/20**

Arts and crafts may interest you today, Gemini. Even if you lean more toward sports, an artistic streak will likely run pretty strong in you. The

process of creating can be richly satisfying, both in the process and in the satisfaction of a finished product. Allow yourself the opportunity to explore this, as the day's energy will lead much to your abilities.

**Cancer 6/21-7/22**

Getting along with others may prove challenging today, Cancer. The influence from the planetary aspects can have you preferring to withdraw and isolate. You might feel impatient and annoyed. If so, and being alone is an option, go for it. If it isn't, you will need to curb the tendency to be argumentative or confrontational. Exercise patience and avoid conflict.

**Leo 7/23-8/22**

Don't be surprised if you're a little weepy today, Leo. The influence from planets can enhance your sensitivity to almost everything, including your own feelings. Take heart. It's bound to be short-lived. Cry if you need to, since it can be cleansing. Try not to wallow too much. Chances are good that things will look better tomorrow. Take care of yourself today.

**Virgo 8/23-9/22**

Fanaticism or obsessive thinking may be something you need to look at today, Virgo. Common areas for such behaviors are in the pursuit of money, power, success, and romance. There's a

fine line between ambition and obsession. If you find that you think of nothing else but one fixation, it may be time to talk with someone about it. He or she may see what you don't want to see.

**Libra 9/23-10/22**

Don't act impulsively today, Libra. It could be easy to confuse this with spontaneity. One has more thought put into it than the other. With this day's influence, be certain to look before you leap. Think everything through, from decisions to projects to contracts. Read the fine print more than once. When it comes to relationships, be careful not to trust too quickly.

**Scorpio 10/23-11/21**

Is it time to take a more drastic approach to a problem, Scorpio? If you've made several attempts to resolve your trouble but to no avail, you might consider it. As long as "drastic" doesn't mean "destructive," you may find success trying something far more forward and insistent. Be careful, however. Think things through carefully first. Run any ideas you have past a trusted friend.

**Sagittarius 11/22-12/21**

Tap into your creativity to unblock the emotional flow today, Sagittarius. This can be a

powerful tool. Creativity is a big part of who you are, almost as big as communication. Your emotions link to these two aspects and constantly interact beneath the surface. If one gets blocked, release it by focusing on the other. Express yourself through creativity and consider talking to someone close.

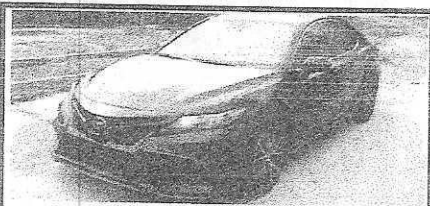
**Capricorn 12/22-01/19**

You may need to deal with someone's disapproval today, Capricorn. This will likely come from someone you see as either a superior or authority figure, perhaps a parent. While it's important to listen to this person, if what they say involves your job, personal life, or how you choose to live, it's no one's concern but yours. No matter how you do things, someone will disapprove somewhere.

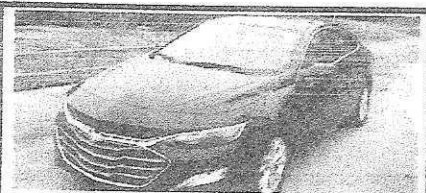
**Aquarius 1/20-2/18**

Time alone is essential for everyone, Aquarius, but make sure you recognize when you're isolated to the point where it's unhealthy. If you realize you're alone because you're avoiding something, you might consider your alternatives. Things will only fester under these conditions. Face whatever it is that's upsetting you so you can begin to work things out.

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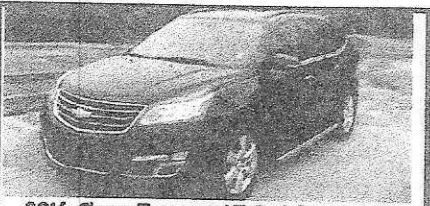
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**IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR LOUDON COUNTY, TENNESSEE**  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

(As required by Chapter No 175, Public Acts of Tennessee 1939 As Amended by Public Chapter 827 on 05/09/2012.)

IN REGARDS TO THE ESTATE OF: DOCKET NO: 6796 **NORMA JEAN CLARK**, deceased, a resident of Loudon County, TN

Notice is hereby given that on the 15TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2023 Letters of Administration in respect of the Estate of **NORMA JEAN CLARK**, who died on the 14TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2022, were 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:

(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 (60) days before the date that is four (4) months from the date of the first publication (or posting); or

(B) Sixty (60) 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 (60) 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 15TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2023 **STEVE HARRELSON, CLERK**

BY: Penny Glasgow, Deputy Clerk  
 Robyn Shannon, Deputy Clerk

By Personal Representative(s)  
**STEPHEN CHARLES GORDON**

Notice to Creditors:

All Claims must be submitted on a claim form, notarized with invoices/statements; in triplicate, with a fee of \$20.00 to Loudon County Probate Court, 12688 Highway 11 West Ste. 3, Lenoir City, TN 37771 (As required by Chapter No 175, Public Acts of Tennessee 1939

published February 17, 2023 and February 24, 2023

**IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR LOUDON COUNTY, TENNESSEE**

Regarding the Estate of: **MARY ELIZABETH PARKER**, deceased DKT# 6794

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

(As required by Chapter No 169, Public Acts of Tennessee 1699 As Amended by Public Chapter 696 on 05/09/2012.)

Notice is hereby given that on the 22ND day of FEBRUARY 2023 Letters of Testamentary in respect of the estate of **MARY ELIZABETH PARKER** who died on the 14TH DAY OF JULY 2022 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 22ND DAY OF FEBRUARY 2023

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 BY: Penny Glasgow, Deputy Clerk  
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By Personal Representative(s)  
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**Obituaries**

**Bettie Lou Marshall Sexton** age 80 of Lenoir City, passed away suddenly February 18, 2023, at her home. Bettie was a former school teacher. She was a talented quilter and sewer. She enjoyed reading her bible, working puzzles and gardening. Bettie was preceded in death by her husband, **Alvin Joe Sexton Sr**; sons, **Shannon Edward Sexton** and **Alvin "Joey" Joe Sexton, Jr**; daughter, **Ida Mae Sexton**; parents, **Ollie and Edward Marshall**; brothers, **Gene and Don Marshall**; sister, **Kay Grimes**. She is survived by her sons: **Kevin Lee Sexton**, **Tim Sexton (Tina)**, **Robert Ernest Sexton**, and **David Sexton (Aimee)**; daughter, **Caroline Michelle Stockett**; daughter-in-law, **Candie Sexton**; grandchildren: **Destiny Marie Simerly (Andrew)**, **Alvin Joe Sexton III (Sandy)**, **Brantley and Hayden Stockett**, **Autumn Sexton**, **Zackery and Timothy Sexton**, **Karson**, **Autumn**, **Skyler and Tyler Sexton**; great grandsons, **Lucas Simerly** and **Nolan Sexton**. Private services were held. Click Funeral Home, 109 Walnut Street in Lenoir City is in charge of arrangements.

**William Howard Murrill**, age 89 of Lenoir City, was born August 23, 1933, Lexington, KY, and passed away February 22, 2023, at his home in Lenoir City, from complications from Covid and diabetes. He was a graduate of West High School, Nashville, TN and MTSU, Mufreesboro, TN. Howard taught 32 years in the Lenoir City School System. He loved to travel, enjoying all 50 states, 39 cruises, and tours of London, Paris, and Southern Italy. Howard was of the Methodist faith. He was a member of the Cushman Club and an honorary member of the Cushman Club in Argentina. Preceded in death by his parents, **Julian and Meredith Murrill**, and sister, **Maxine Shramm Powell**. He is

survived by his devoted wife of 67 years, **Willette Murrill**; children: **Ed Murrill (Susan)**, **Julie Greene (Dennis)**, **Laura Mendiola (Erick)**, and **Sam Murrill (DeAnna)**; grandchildren: **Lauren Melde (Chris)**, **Matthew Murrill (Harsimer)**, **Chris Murrill (Katia)**, **Victoria Mendiola**, and **Alex Mendiola**; sister, **Meredith McCulloch** of Bedford, MA along with many nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday, February 24th at Click Funeral Home in Lenoir City. Funeral services will follow at 7 p.m. with **Rev. Eddie Click** officiating. Family and friends will gather at 2 p.m. on Saturday at Carpenter's Campground United Methodist Church Cemetery, 3538 Best Road, Maryville, TN for graveside services with **Rev. Harry P. Anderson** officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Carpenter's Campground United Methodist Church, 3538 Best Road, Maryville, TN 37803 or the Diabetes Association of America. Click Funeral Home, 109 Walnut Street, Lenoir City, TN 37771.

**Russell Donald Chaffins** age 68 of Kingston passed away Thursday evening, February 16, 2023 at his home. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather and brother. Russell was a hard worker and loved racing. Preceded in death by his parents, **Worlie and Millie Chaffins**. He is survived by his wife of 10 years, **Deborah Chaffins**; children, **Jessie Martinez** and **Christopher Wilkins**; 4 grandchildren: **Ripley**, **Trinity**, **Chris** and **Danny**; siblings: **Roger Chaffins**, **Michael Chaffins** and **Craig Chaffins** along with several nieces and nephews. A Celebration of Life is being planned. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to Cancer Research. Click Funeral Home, 109 Walnut Street, Lenoir City is in charge of arrangements.

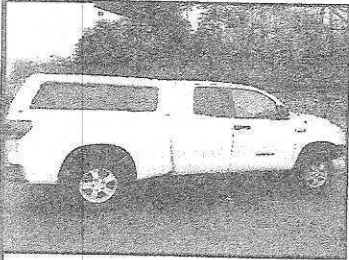
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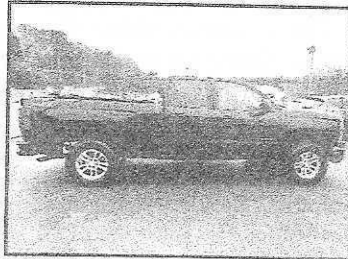
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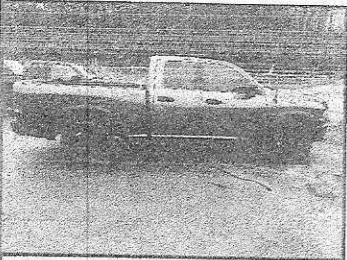


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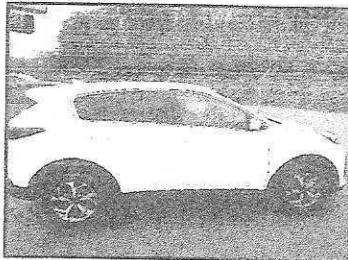


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