



Town of Crawford

Police Department

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Dominick L. Blasko | FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

Chief of Police

To: Stephen Valastro, Police Officer

From: Dominick L. Blasko, Chief of Police

Subject: Notice of disciplinary action and letter of reprimand

Date: May 5, 2019

On April 25, 2019 you were given a directive by me to complete the investigation and make arrests regarding cases 148-19, 159-19 and 179-19. This task was to be completed by April 29, 2019.

On April 30, 2019 I reviewed the cases and discovered that the requested tasks were not completed.

As you are aware, a complete review of this incident was conducted. During that review there were several issues that were noted including my directive to you not being followed.

Your failure to follow my directive is subject to disciplinary action under Article 12 of the Collective Bargaining Agreement by and between the Town of Crawford and the Town of Crawford Police Benevolent Association.

Based on the review of this matter, we will formulate a corrective action plan for you and the following command discipline will be taken, effective immediately

1. This letter of reprimand will be active in your personnel file for a period of 6 months.
2. A reduction of 1 work day from your accrued vacation bank.

If you do not agree with this command discipline you have the right to grieve this notice under section 12.6 of the Collective Bargaining Agreement.



STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT

This **STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT** (hereinafter "Agreement") is made and entered into by and between **STEPHEN VALASTRO** (hereinafter "Officer Valastro") and the **TOWN OF CRAWFORD, NEW YORK** (hereinafter "Town"), as of July 20, 2020.

WHEREAS, Officer Valastro is a member of the Town's Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Officer Valastro was involved in an automobile accident and engaged in an unauthorized swap of his tour;

WHEREAS, the Town and Officer Valastro, after negotiation, desire to enter into this Agreement to avoid the uncertainty and expense of disciplinary proceedings and potential subsequent litigation in connection with same.

TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT

NOW, in consideration of the mutual covenants and promises contained herein, the parties agree as follows:

1. As further used in this Agreement, the term "Town" shall mean the Town of Crawford, its elected officials, officers, employees, agents, successors and assigns (in their individual and representative capacities). The term "Officer Valastro" shall mean Stephen Valastro, his respective heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns.

2. Officer Valastro hereby waives, to the fullest extent permitted by law, any rights he may have under Sections 75, 76 and 77 of the New York State Civil Service Law, the New York State Town Law, Article 78 of the New York State Civil Practice Law and Rules, any collective bargaining agreement, or any other provision of law, with respect to, and as limited to, the facts and circumstances associated with this particular administrative matter and the resolution of same.

3. In full satisfaction of any Command Discipline, disciplinary action or charges that could have been brought by the Town against Officer Valastro because of the automobile accident and tour swap of August 3, 2019, Officer Valastro agrees to the following:

- a. That the written reprimand annexed hereto as **Attachment "A"** shall be placed in his personnel file as maintained by the Town.
- b. Effective August 1, 2020, Officer Valastro shall serve a ten (10) day suspension without pay. The ten (10) days of suspension shall be on days when Officer Valastro is otherwise scheduled to work and shall be determined by the Chief of Police.
- c. Effective August 1, 2020, Officer Valastro shall relinquish two hundred forty (240) hours of accrued vacation time.

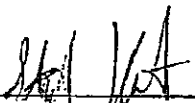
4. This Agreement, including the written reprimand annexed hereto as **Attachment "A"**, shall be treated as a confidential agreement and a privileged personnel record under New York State Civil Rights Law § 50-a, unless said statute is amended to provide otherwise or unless disclosure is authorized by Officer Valastro, required by law or legal process, or made in connection with any claim or action for breach of this Agreement. If a FOIL or other lawful request is made to obtain a copy of this Agreement or the written reprimand, the Town will provide a copy of the written request to Officer Valastro and/or the Crawford Police Benevolent Association, Inc. ("PBA"). If Officer Valastro and the PBA do not object to disclosure of all or part of the Agreement or written reprimand within five (5) days after receipt of the written request, Valastro and the PBA shall be deemed to have consented to such disclosure. If Valastro or the PBA objects to such disclosure and if the Town denies disclosure of all or part of the Agreement or written reprimand, and if such denial is challenged in any proceeding, Officer

Valastro and/or the PBA shall retain their own counsel to intervene in such a proceeding. In addition, Officer Valastro and the PBA shall hold harmless, defend and indemnify the Town from and against all claims, liability, cost and expense, including but not limited to the Town's reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses, arising from such proceeding. If neither Officer Valastro nor the PBA objects to disclosure of all or part of the Agreement or written reprimand and the Town elects to deny disclosure of all or part of the Agreement or written reprimand, the Town shall bear all claims, liability, costs and expense, including but not limited to the Town's attorneys' fees and expenses arising from such a proceeding.

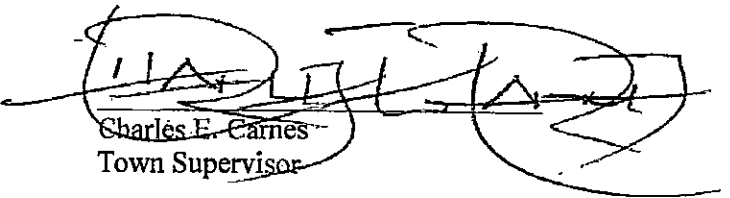
5. The parties acknowledge that during their joint discussions which resulted in this Agreement, that they were fully and fairly represented by legal counsel; that they had the unlimited right and opportunity to propose the terms of this Agreement; that they had the opportunity to ask and have answered any questions that they may have; that they were given a reasonable time to consider the terms of this Agreement; that they knowingly, voluntarily and of their own free will entered into this Agreement, having read and fully understanding its terms, meaning, and effect; and that all understandings and agreements arrived at between the parties are set forth in this Agreement. Specifically, Officer Valastro acknowledges that he voluntarily enters into this Agreement without any coercion or duress by any party or the representative of any party. By entering into this Agreement, Officer Valastro acknowledges that he has read and considered each of the provisions of this Agreement and he voluntarily enters into this Agreement with full knowledge of the consequences. Officer Valastro further acknowledges that he had sufficient time to consider the provisions of this Agreement and to consult with his Union representative, John Michael Grant, Esq., prior to executing this Agreement. Furthermore, each of the individuals executing this Agreement represent that, at the time of its execution, that he

does not suffer from any disease or mental defect which renders him incompetent to enter into this Agreement, nor is he under the influence of drugs or alcoholic beverages to the extent that such that his ability to read, understand, and knowingly enter into this Agreement of his own free will is impaired. The individuals who execute this Agreement on behalf of the Town have full authority to do so.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties do set their hands on the day and year first written above.



Stephen Valastro
Police Officer


Charles E. Carnes
Town Supervisor

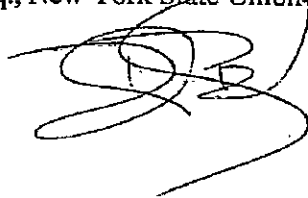
ATTACHMENT "A"

TO: Officer Stephen Valastro
FROM: Chief of Police Dominick Blasko
RE: Written Reprimand
DATE: As of July 20, 2020

This written reprimand is being issued to you in connection with an unauthorized swap of tours and an automobile accident you caused on August 3, 2019, at the intersection of County Route 17 and State Route 52.

In addition to the discipline you agree to in the Stipulation of Settlement, dated as of July 20, 2020, you are hereby directed to again review the Police Department's rules, regulations, policies and procedures concerning the operation of department vehicles and the procedures for procuring permission to engage in a mutual swap of tours. You further agree to fully comply with these rules at all times in the future. A failure to comply with this directive may result in further disciplinary action pursuant to the applicable provisions of law and the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Crawford and the Crawford Police Benevolent Association, Inc.

cc: John Michael Grant, Esq., New York State Union of Police Associations, Inc.



Narrative Details

Narrative Title

Blotter Narrative

Date 08/04/2019	Time 0020	Type Main	Security Class
Officer Last Name MEIER	Officer First Name ROBIN	Officer Middle Name L	Officer Serial Number 0106
Person Giving Statement	Transcriptionist User Name 106	Transcriptionist Serial Number 0106	

08/04/2019 00:21 -- MEIER, ROBIN (0106) -- At approximately 0605 hrs on 08/03/2019 PO Valastro advised via Town radio that he was involved in a motor vehicle accident on Route 52 at the intersection of County Route 17 and he was requesting assistance due to receiving injuries from the accident. Upon arrival member Valastro was out of his patrol vehicle and observed to be bleeding heavily about the head and face areas. Member Valastro was placed inside of my patrol unit and first aid was given until medical assistance arrived on scene. Two other vehicles and drivers were identified as being involved in the accident also but neither had visible injuries and stated that they were fine. The other other drivers were identified as [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]. Sgt Avery was contacted by phone and he was responding to hospital. Sgt Johnson was contacted by phone and he was responding to scene. Town of Montgomery Ambulance responded and transported member Valastro to ORMC. Upon arrival of Sgt Johnson on scene I was directed to follow ambulance to hospital and he would stay on scene.

Vehicles

License Plate	State	Year	Make	Model	Color
[REDACTED]	NY	2012	GENERAL MOTOR C	SIERRA	WHITE
[REDACTED]	NY	2015	CHEVROLET	SILVERADO	GREEN

Units

Unit	Agency	Dispatched	Acknowledged	Arrived	Completed
7F212	CRAWFORD TOWN PD			0609	
7F213	CRAWFORD TOWN PD	0609	0609	0613	1100
7F211	CRAWFORD TOWN PD	0609	0609		

Personnel

Last Name	First Name	Serial Number	Shield Number	Role	Main Officer
VALASTRO	STEPHEN	118	118	Complainant	No
MEIER	ROBIN	0106	106	Assisting Officer	No
GONZALEZ	DOMINICK	0135	135	Assisting Officer	No
JOHNSON	JAMES	714	714	INVESTIGATING OFFICER	Yes

Gang Information

Gang Name	Organization ID
Miscellaneous Information	
Gang Remarks	

New York State Department of Motor Vehicles
POLICE ACCIDENT REPORT
MV-104A (6/04)

Local Codes
SPP16S9TLHZB

AMENDED REPORT

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1 Accident Date: Month 08, Day 03, Year 2019; Day of Week Sat; Military Time 06:10; No. of Vehicles 3; No. Injured 3; No. Killed 0; Not Investigated at Scene ; Lost Scene ; Police Photos Yes No; Accident Reconstructed

2 VEHICLE 1 - Driver License ID Number 264356685; Driver Name - exactly as printed on license VALASTRO, STEPHEN J; Address (includes Number & Street) 121 STATE ROUTE 302; City or Town PINE BUSH; State NY; Zip Code 12566

3 VEHICLE 2 - Driver License ID Number [redacted]; Driver Name - exactly as printed on license [redacted]; Address (includes Number & Street) [redacted]; City or Town PINE BUSH; State NY; Zip Code 12566

4 Police Number POLICE; State of Reg. NY; Vehicle Year & Make 2014 DODG POLI; Vehicle Type POLI; Ins. Code 994

5 Check if involved vehicle is: more than 85 inches wide; more than 34 feet long; operated with an overweight permit; operated with an overdimension permit.

6 VEHICLE 1 DAMAGE CODES: Box 1 - Point of Impact 1; Box 2 - Most Damage 2; Enter up to three more Damage Codes 3, 4, 5

7 VEHICLE 2 DAMAGE CODES: Box 1 - Point of Impact 2; Box 2 - Most Damage 2; Enter up to three more Damage Codes 3, 4, 5

8 Place Where Accident Occurred: County ORAN; Road on which accident occurred COUNTY ROAD 17; at 1) intersecting street FLEURY ROAD

9 Accident Description/Officer's Note: V-1 traveling northbound on County Route 17 when V-1 travels off of the left shoulder striking an earth embankment. V-1 then travels into the intersection with State Route 52 where it is struck by V-2 and V-3.

Table with columns: ALL INVOLVED (A-F), License No., Sex, Height, Weight, Eyes, Hair, Complexion, Date of Birth, Sex, Height, Weight, Eyes, Hair, Complexion, Date of Birth, Names of all involved, Date of Death Only. Includes Officer's Rank and Signature: SGT S/ BRYAN M TORMEY, Badge/ID No. 1960, NCIC No. 13513, Station/Beat/Sector F2 61, Reviewing Officer MARTINEZ, GILBE, Date/Time Reviewed 08/14/2019 10:51

New York State Department of Motor Vehicles
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1 Accident Date: Month 08, Day 03, Year 2019; Day of Week: Sat; Military Time: 06:10; No. of Vehicles: 3; No. Injured: 3; No. Killed: 0; Not Investigated at Scene: []; Left Scene: []; Police Photos: [] Yes [] No; Accident Reconstructed: []

2 VEHICLE 1 - Driver License ID Number: 264356685; Driver Name: VALASTRO, STEPHEN J; Address: 121 STATE ROUTE 302; City/Town: PINE BUSH, NY; Zip Code: 12566; VEHICLE 2 - Driver License ID Number: [REDACTED]; Driver Name: [REDACTED]; Address: [REDACTED]; City/Town: PINE BUSH, NY; Zip Code: 12566

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3 Date of Birth: 06/03/1987; Sex: M; Unlicensed: []; No. of Occupants: 1; Public Property Damaged: []; Date of Birth: 08/20/1968; Sex: M; Unlicensed: []; No. of Occupants: 1; Public Property Damaged: []

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3 Name: TOWN OF CRAWFORD POLICE; Sex: M; Date of Birth: 08/20/1968; Name: [REDACTED]; Sex: M; Date of Birth: [REDACTED]

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4 City or Town: PINE BUSH, NY; Zip Code: 12566; City or Town: PINE BUSH, NY; Zip Code: 12566

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5 Plate Number: POLICE; State of Reg: NY; Vehicle Year & Make: 2014 DODG POLI; Vehicle Type: POLI; Ins. Code: 994; Plate Number: HAB1685; State of Reg: NY; Vehicle Year & Make: 2015 CHEV PICK; Vehicle Type: PICK; Ins. Code: 355

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6 Ticket/Arrest Number(s): []; Violation Section(s): []; Ticket/Arrest Number(s): []; Violation Section(s): []

7 Check if involved vehicle is: [] more than 95 inches wide; [] more than 34 feet long; [] operated with an overweight permit; [] operated with an overdimension permit. Circle the diagram below that describes the accident, or draw your own diagram in space #9. Number the vehicles.

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8 VEHICLE 1 DAMAGE CODES: Box 1 - Point of Impact: 1, 2; Box 2 - Most Damage: 3, 4, 5; VEHICLE 2 DAMAGE CODES: Box 1 - Point of Impact: 1, 2; Box 2 - Most Damage: 3, 4, 5

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9 Vehicle Towed: By FONTANA'S To FONTANA'S; Vehicle Towed: By YOUNG'S To YOUNG'S; ACCIDENT DIAGRAM: There is no accident diagram

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10 VEHICLE DAMAGE CODING: 1-13. SEE DIAGRAM ON RIGHT. 14. UNDERCARRIAGE 17. DEMOLISHED 15. TRAILER 18. NO DAMAGE 16. OVERTURNED 19. OTHER. Cost of repairs to any one vehicle will be more than \$1000. [] Unknown/Unable to Determine [X] Yes [] No

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11 Reference Marker: []; Coordinates: Latitude/Northing: 562994, Longitude/Easting: 4604569; Place Where Accident Occurred: County ORAN, City/Village/Town of CRAWFORD, TOWN OF; Road on which accident occurred: COUNTY ROAD 17, at 1) intersecting street FLEURY ROAD, at 2) [] N [] S [] E [] W of []

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12 Accident Description/Officer's Notes: V-1 traveling northbound on County Route 17 when V-1 travels off of the left shoulder striking an earth embankment. V-1 then travels into the intersection with State Route 52 where it is struck by V-2 and V-3.

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Table with columns: B, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, BY, TO, 18, Names of all involved, Date of Death Only. Rows A-F.

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13 Officer's Rank and Signature: SGT S/ [Signature]; Print Name: BRYAN M TORMEY; Badge/ID No.: 1960; NCIC No.: 13513; Precinct/Post/Troop/Zone: F2; Station/Beat/Sector: 61; Reviewing Officer: MARTINEZ, GILBE; Date/Time Reviewed: 08/14/2019 10:51

POLICE ACCIDENT REPORT

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2 VEHICLE 1: Driver License ID Number 444428117, Driver Name [REDACTED], Address [REDACTED], City of Town PINE BUSH, State NY, Zip Code 12566

3 Date of Birth: 11/26/1998, Sex M, Unlicensed [], No. of Occupants 1, Public Property Damaged []

4 Name: [REDACTED], Sex M, Date of Birth 11/26/1998, Address [REDACTED], City of Town PINE BUSH, State NY, Zip Code 12566

5 Plate Number [REDACTED], State of Reg. NY, Vehicle Year & Make 2012 GMC, Vehicle Type PICK, Ins. Code 355

6 Ticket/Arrest Number(s) [], Violation Section(s) []

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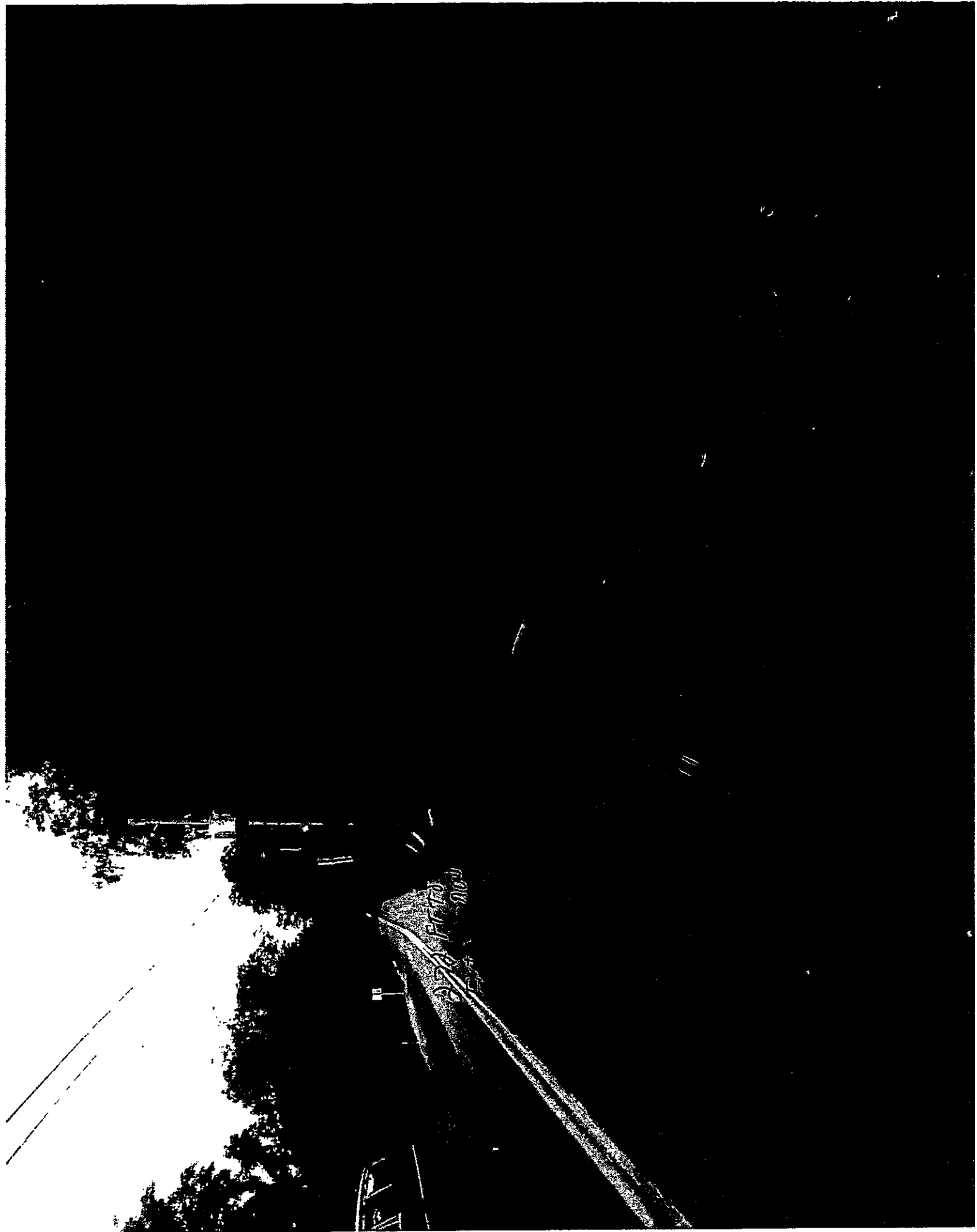
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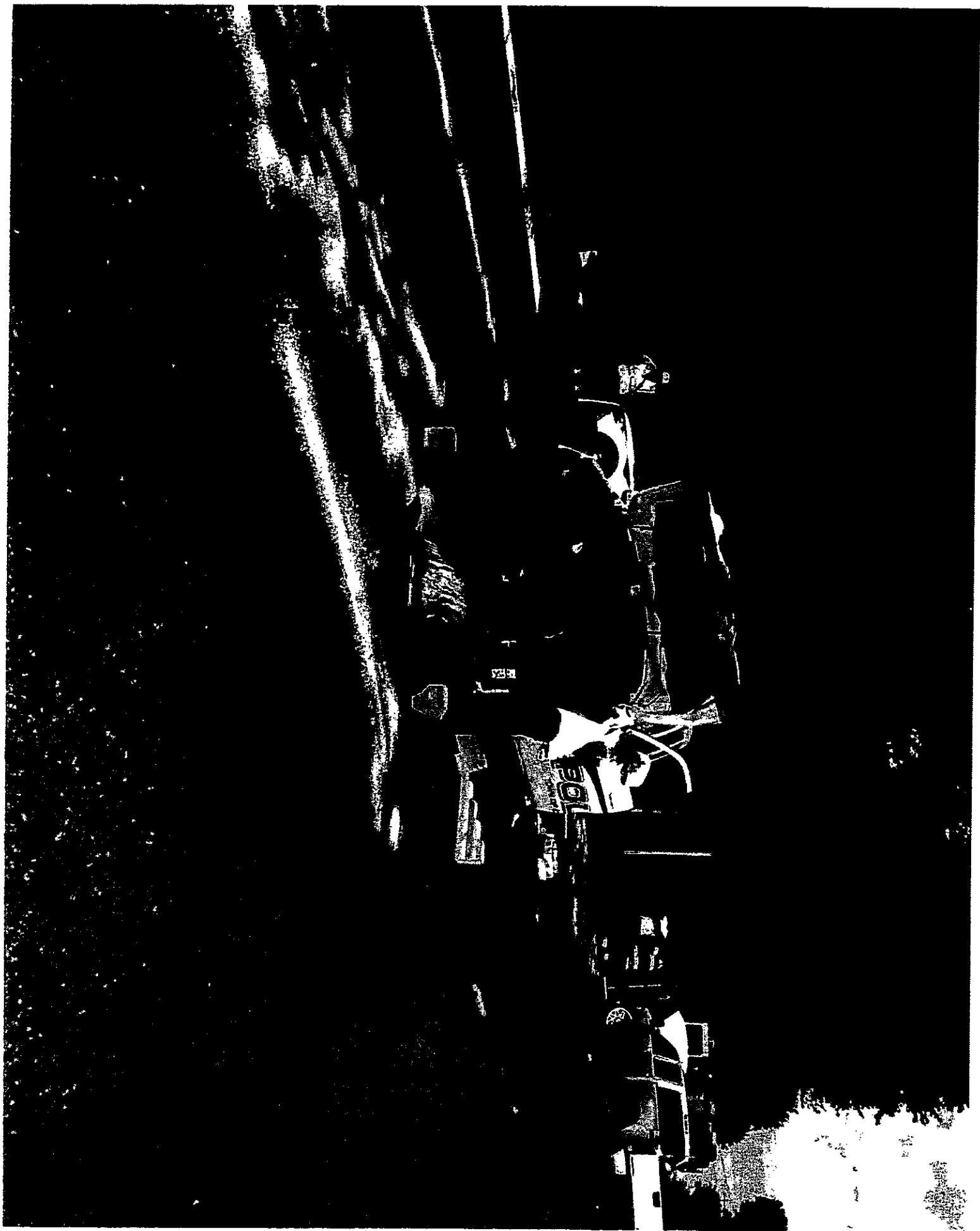
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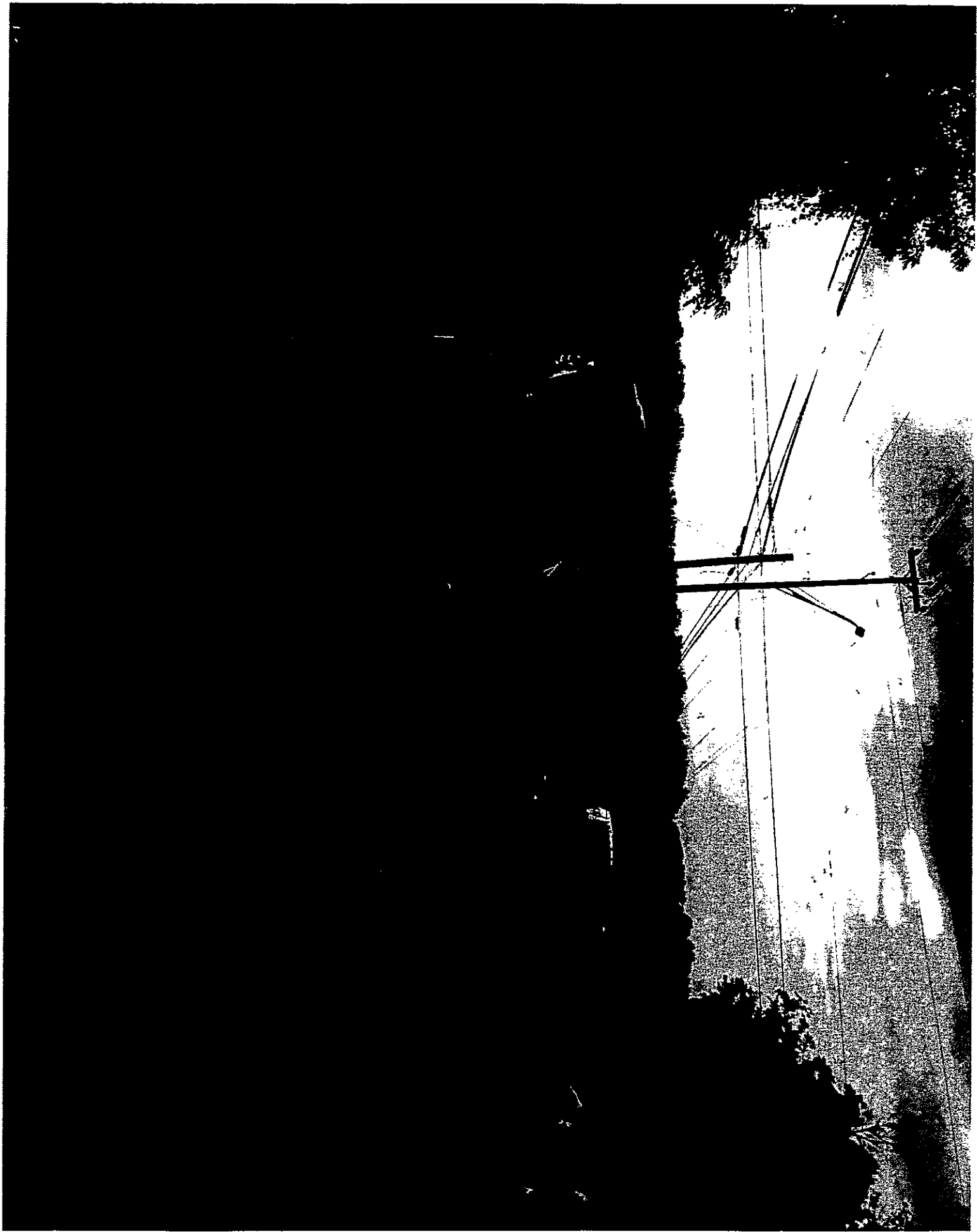
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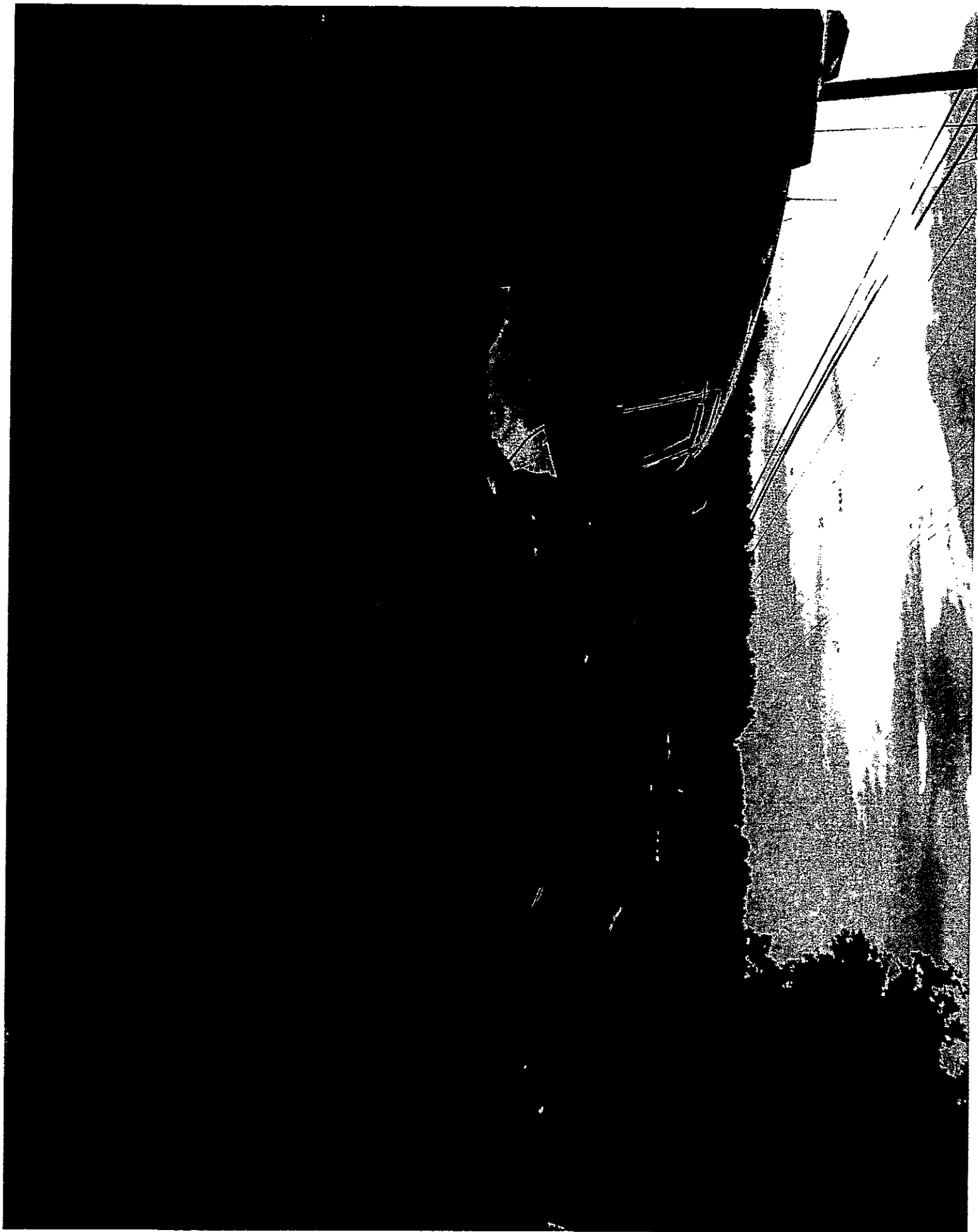
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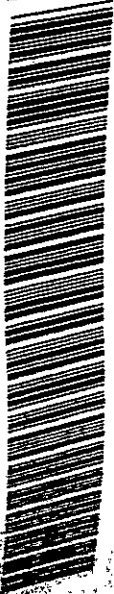


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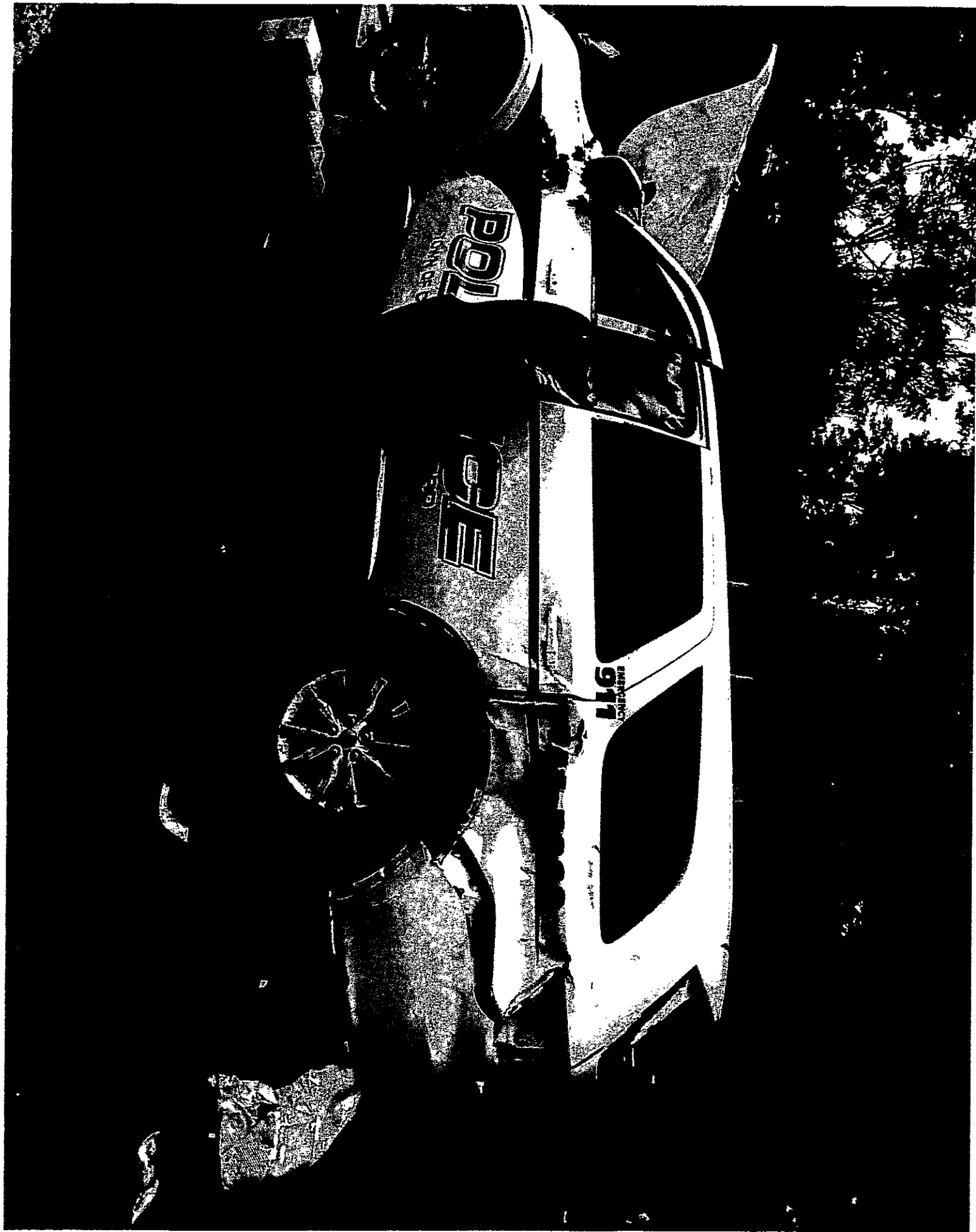
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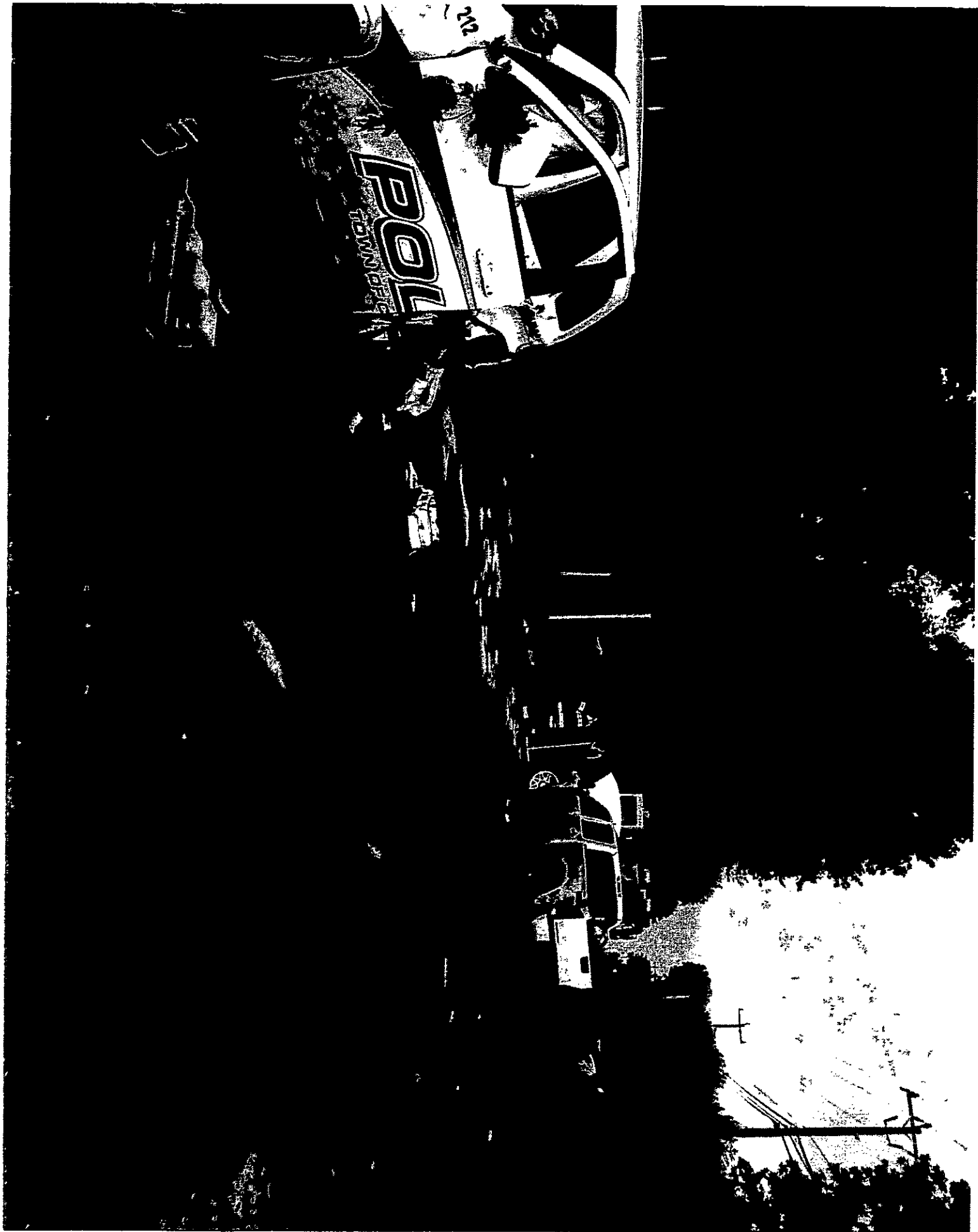
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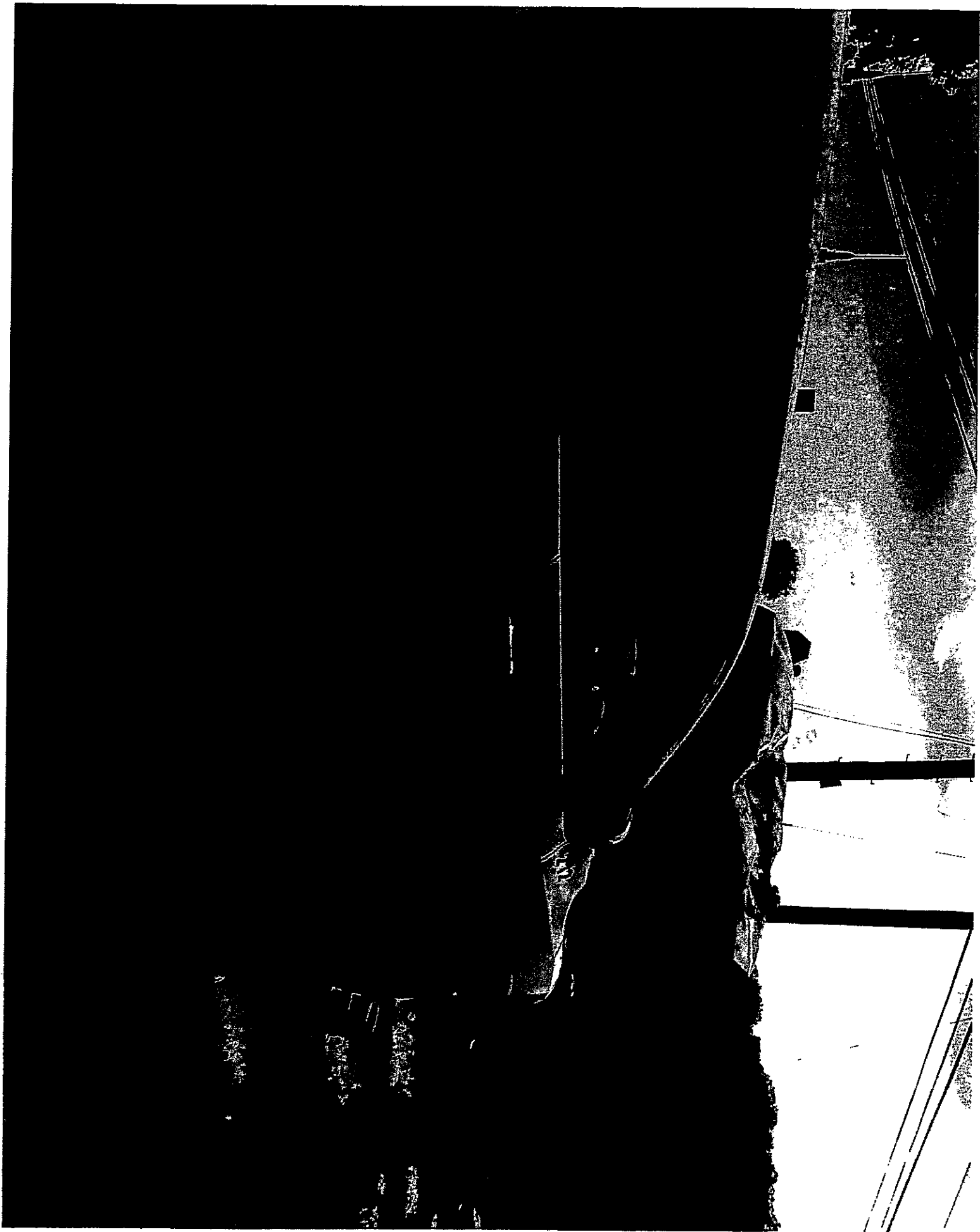
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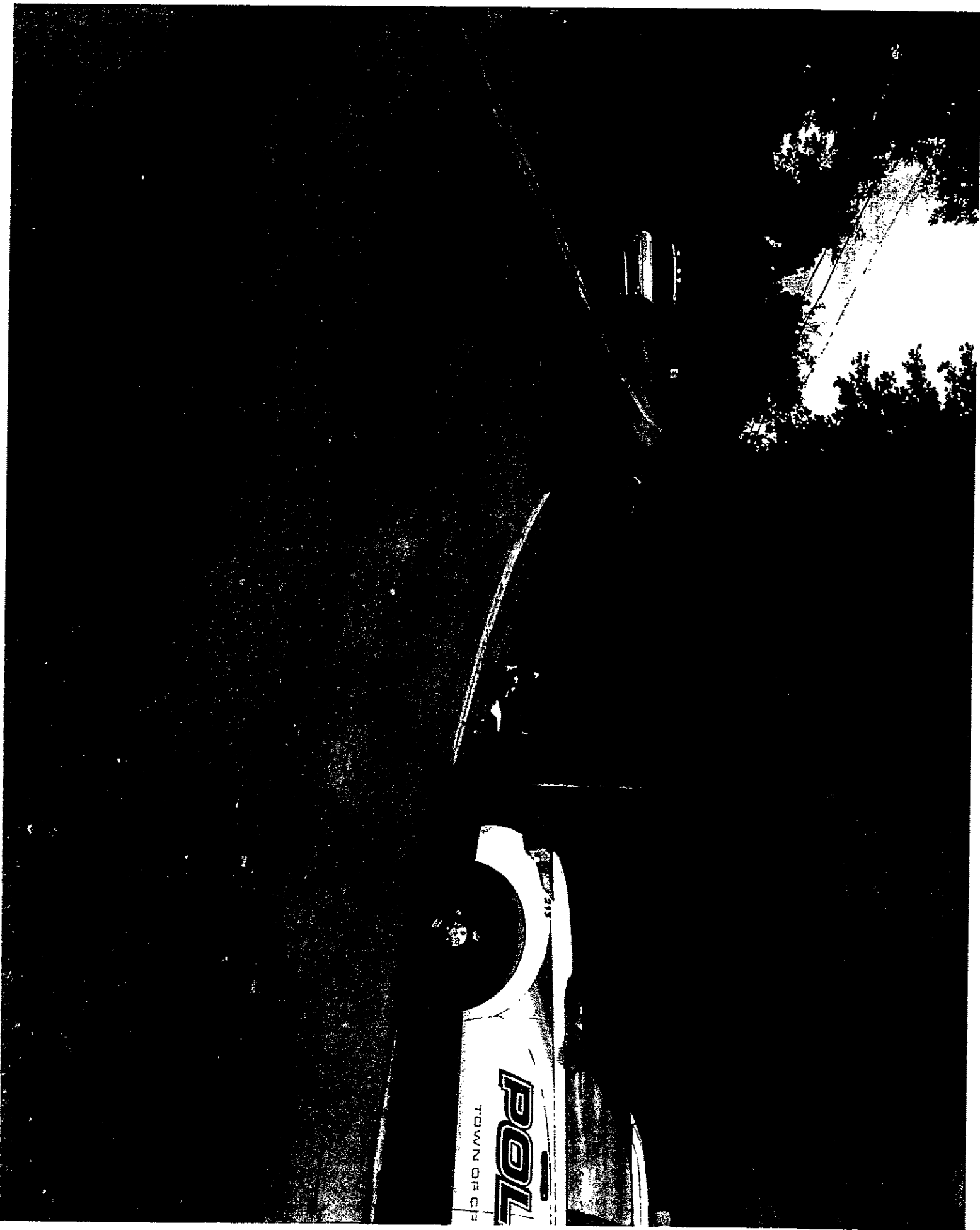
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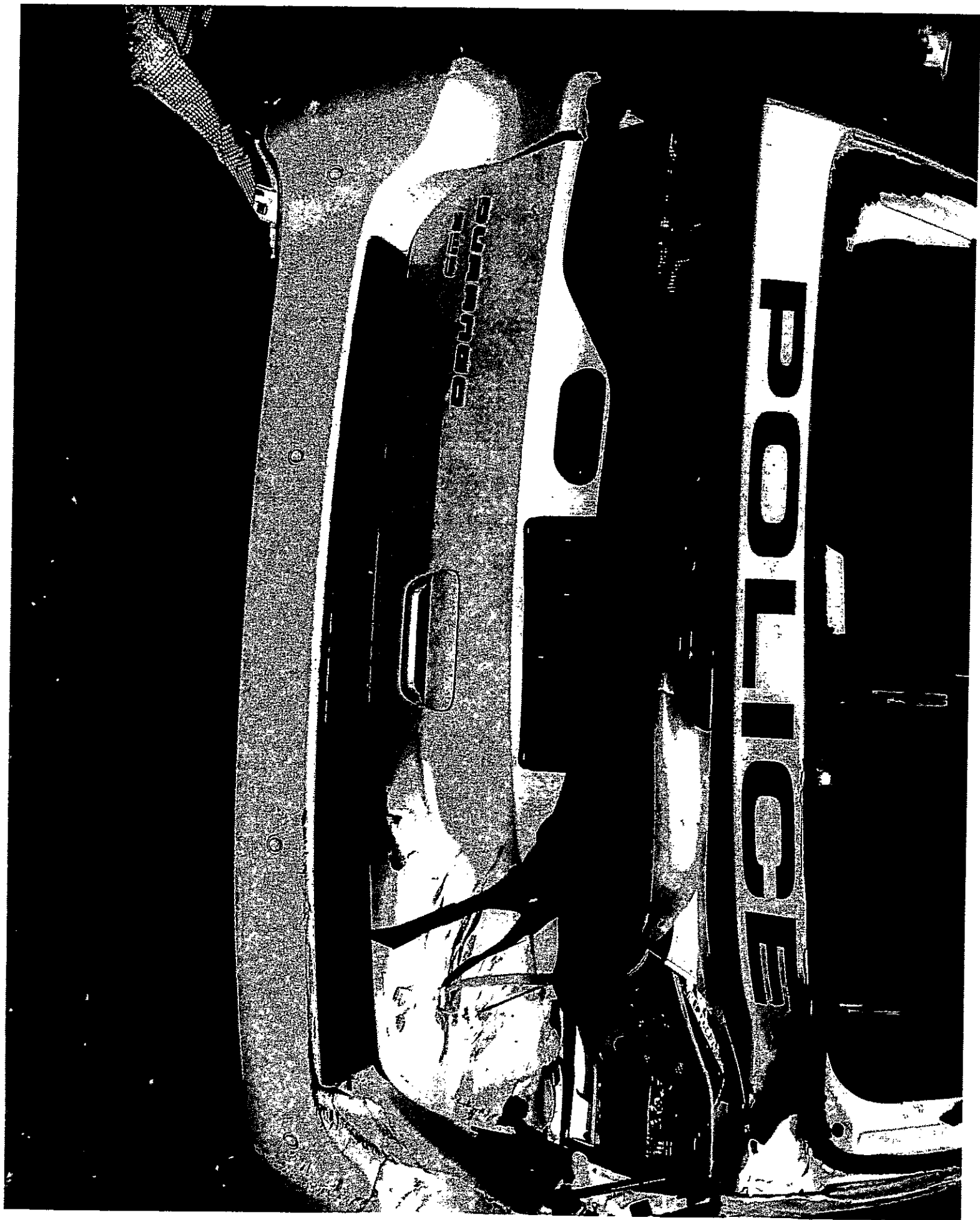


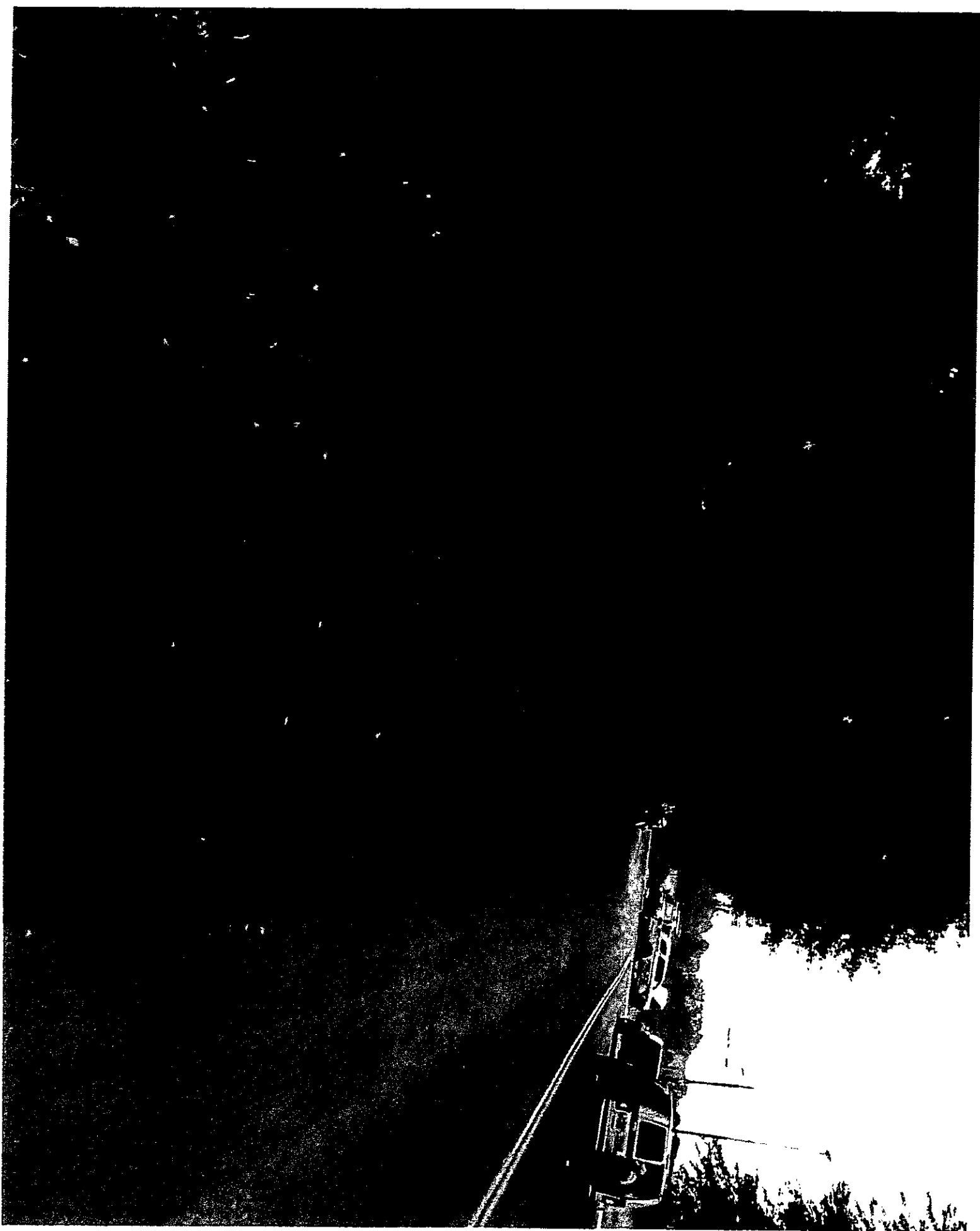


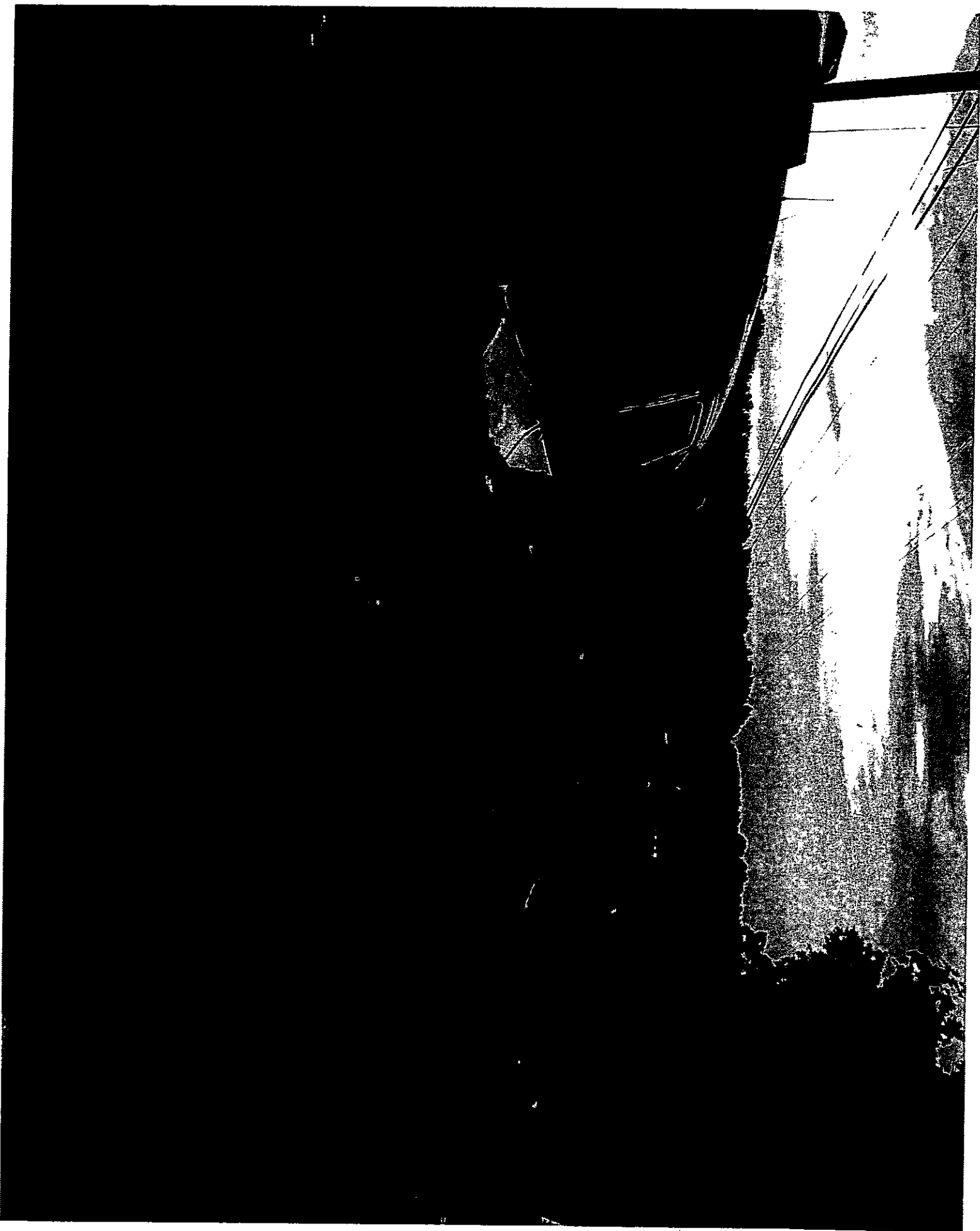


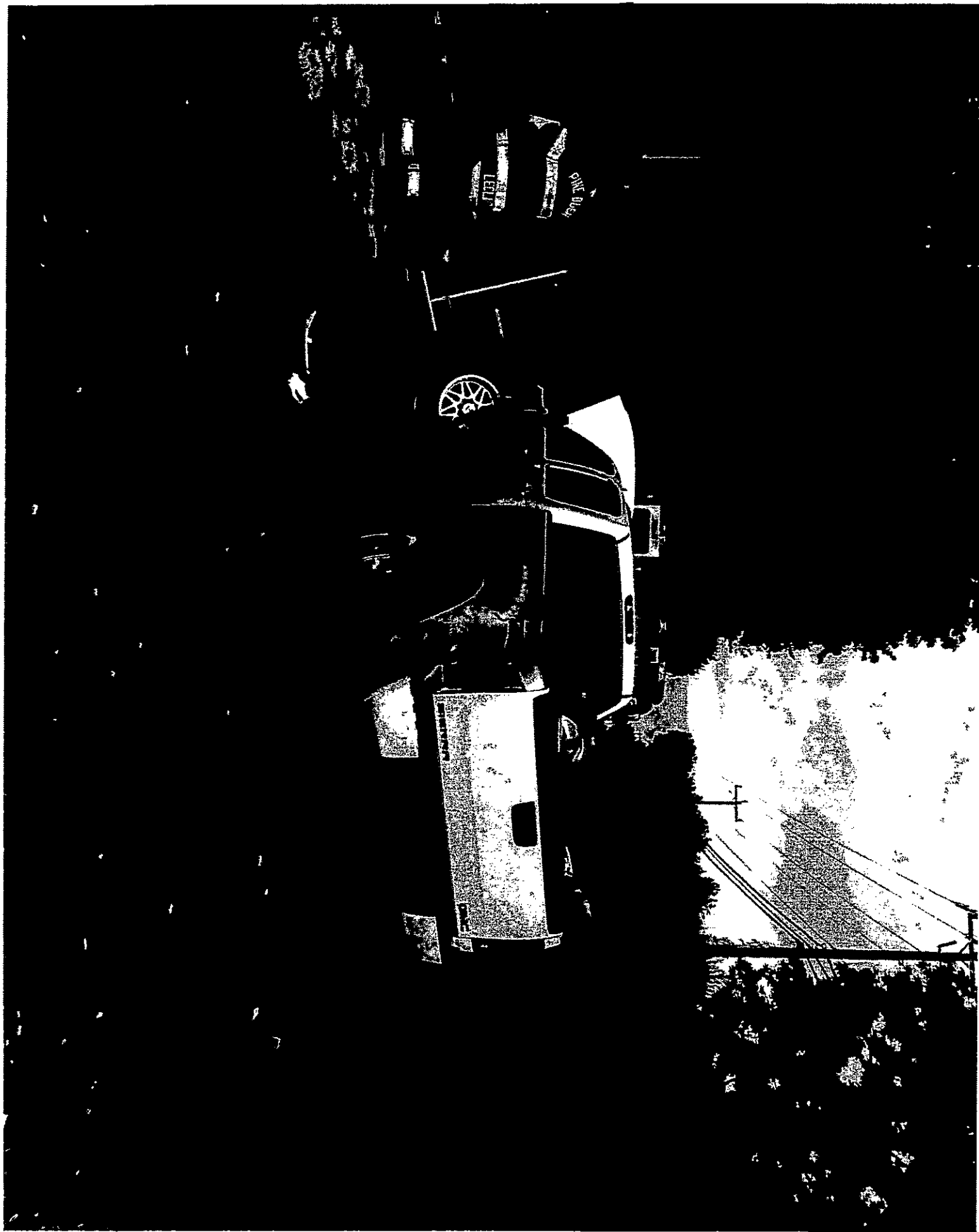






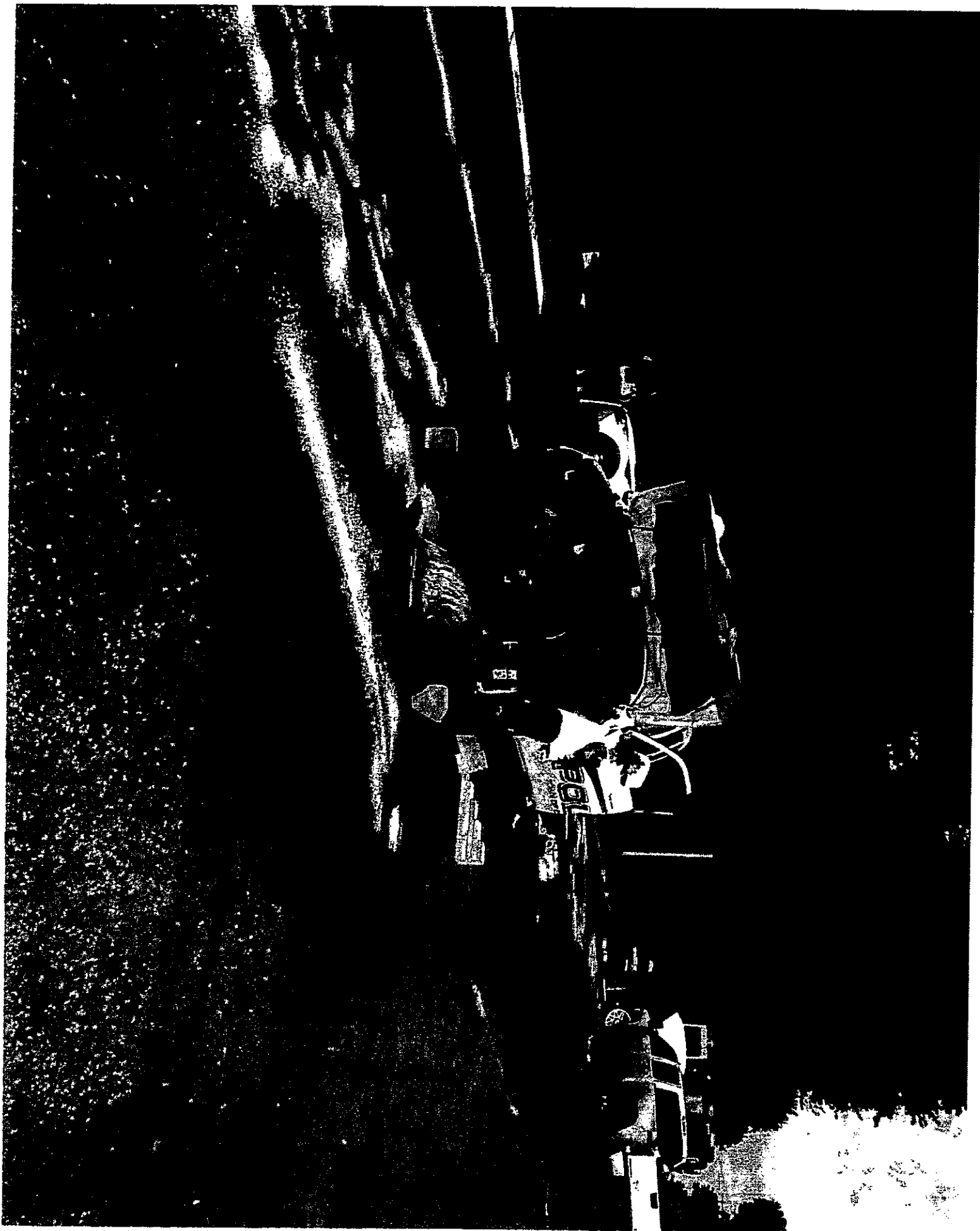


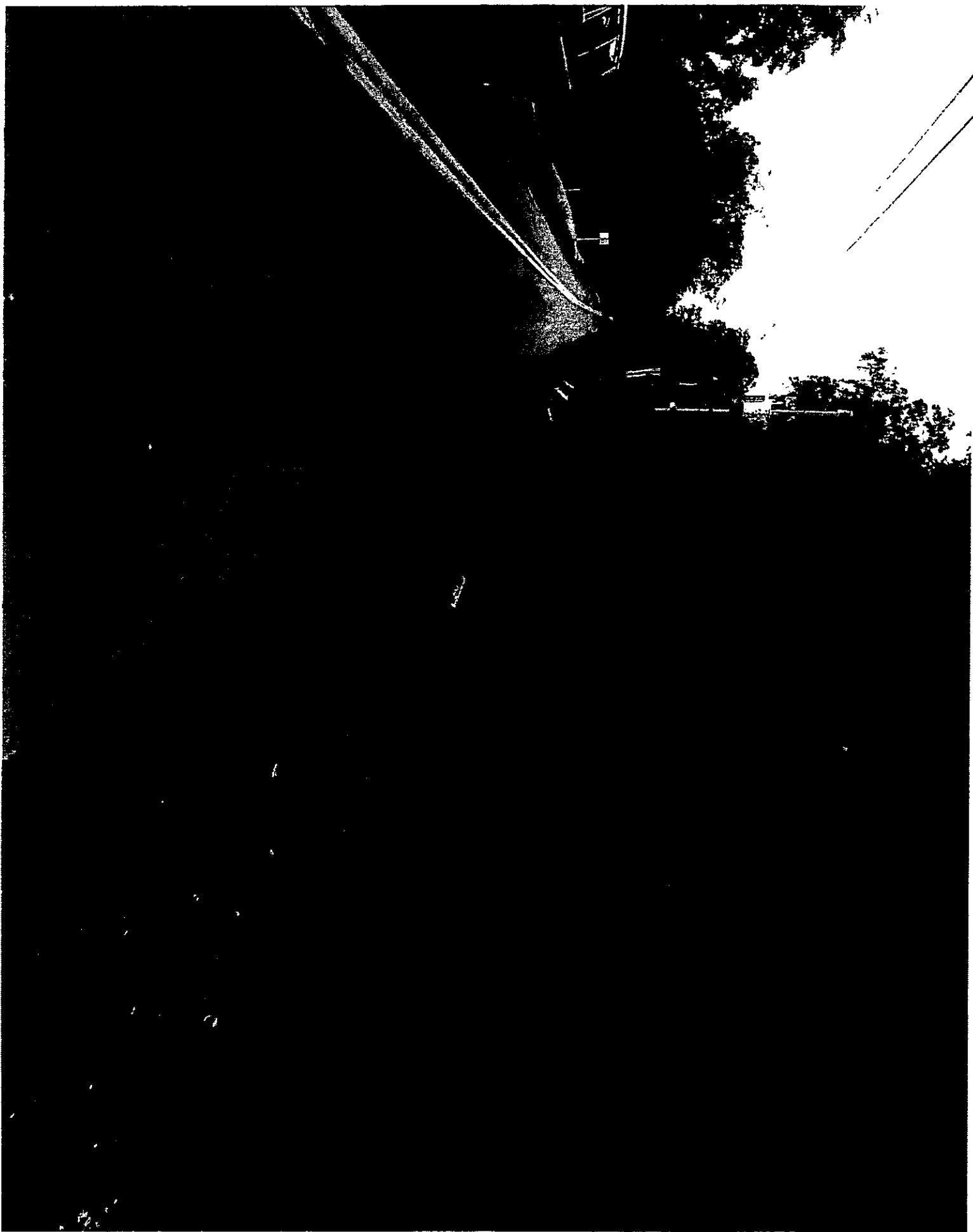


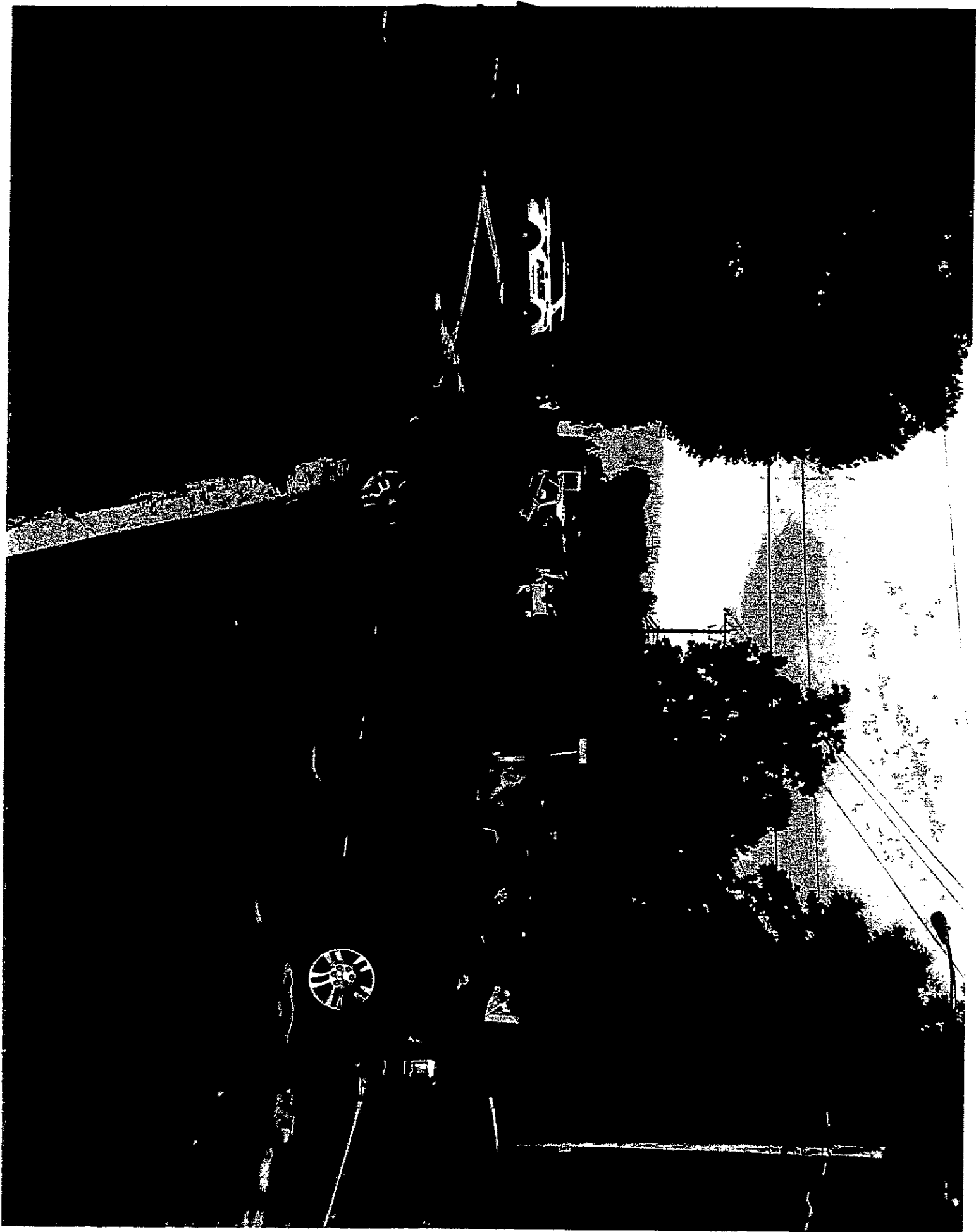




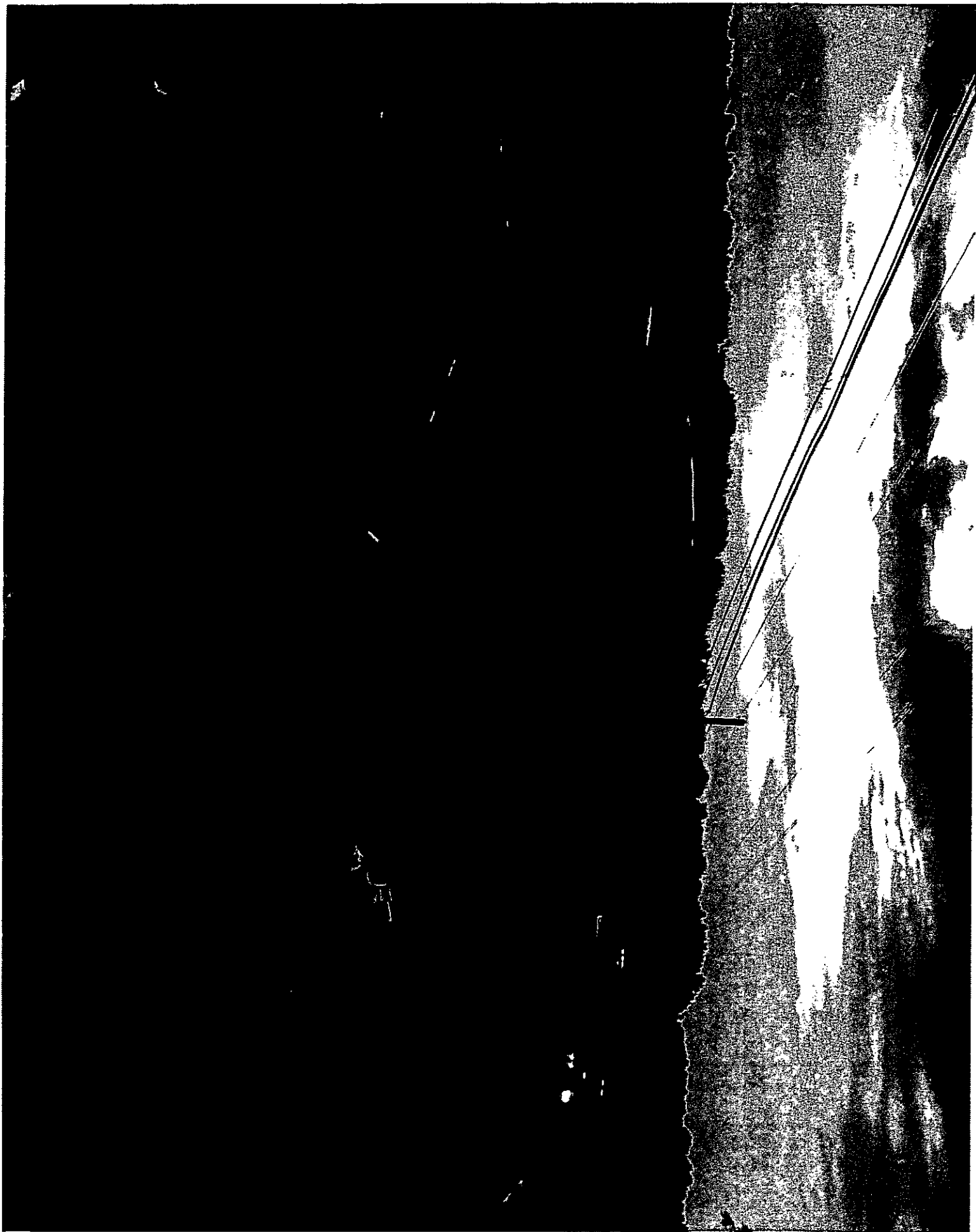


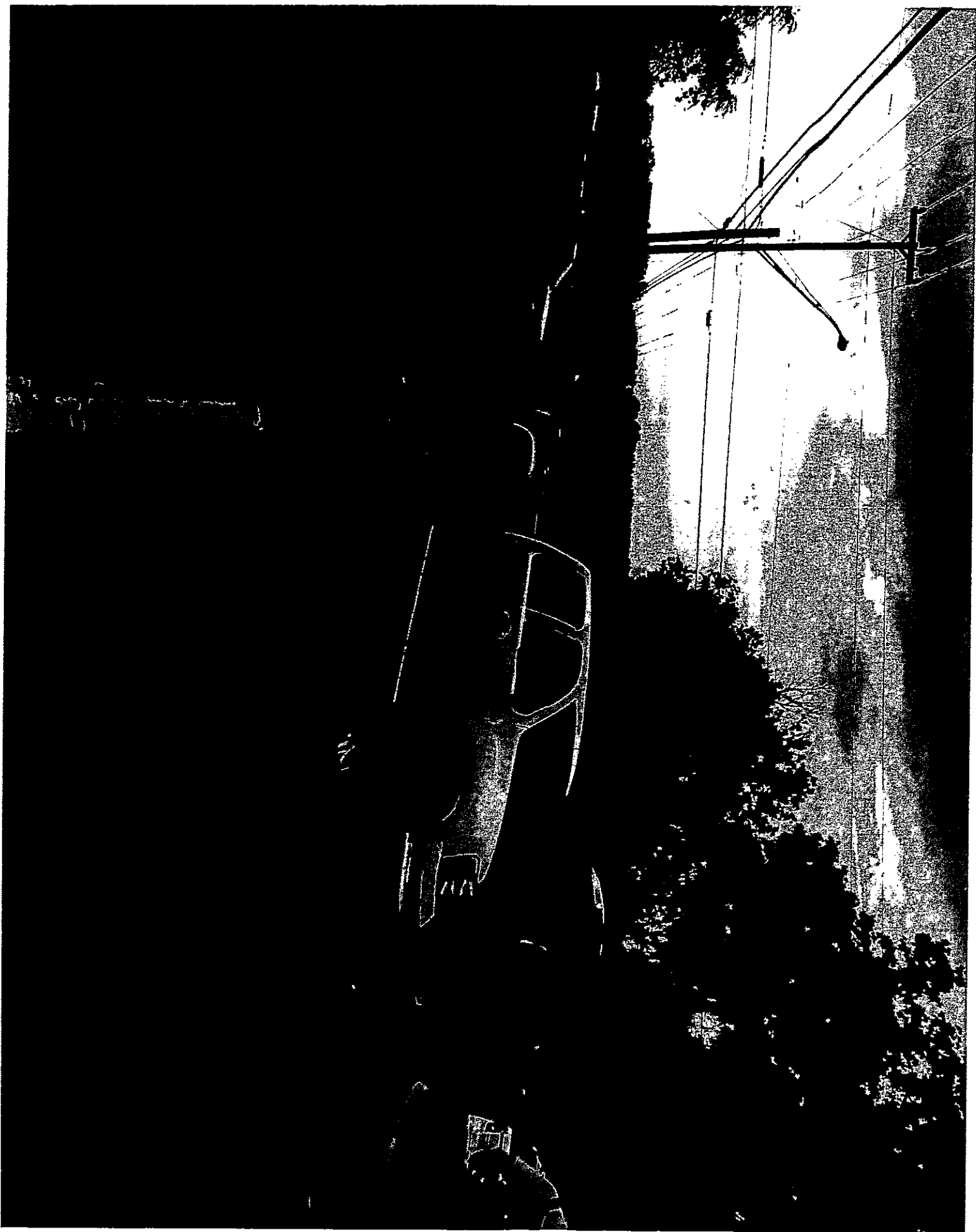


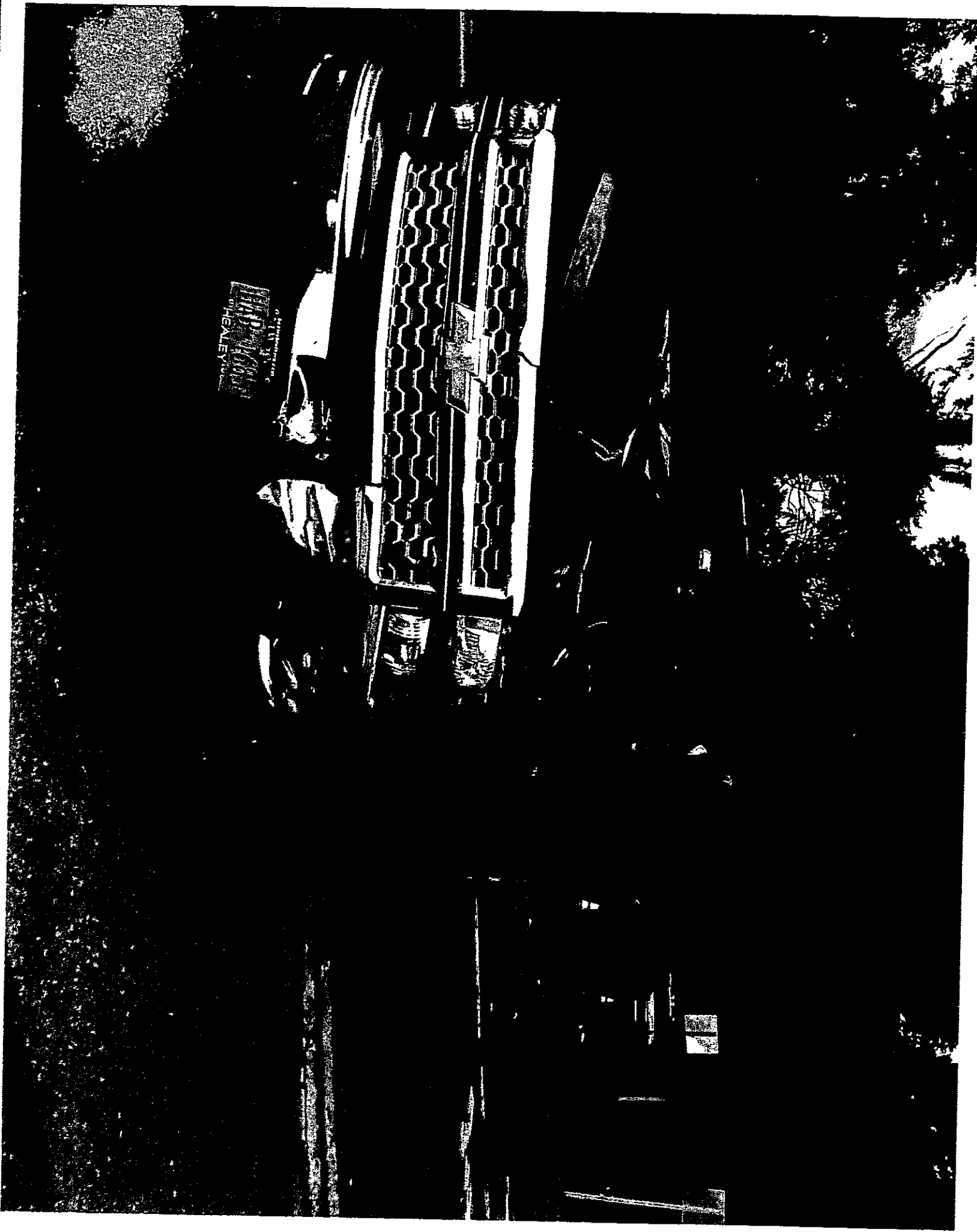




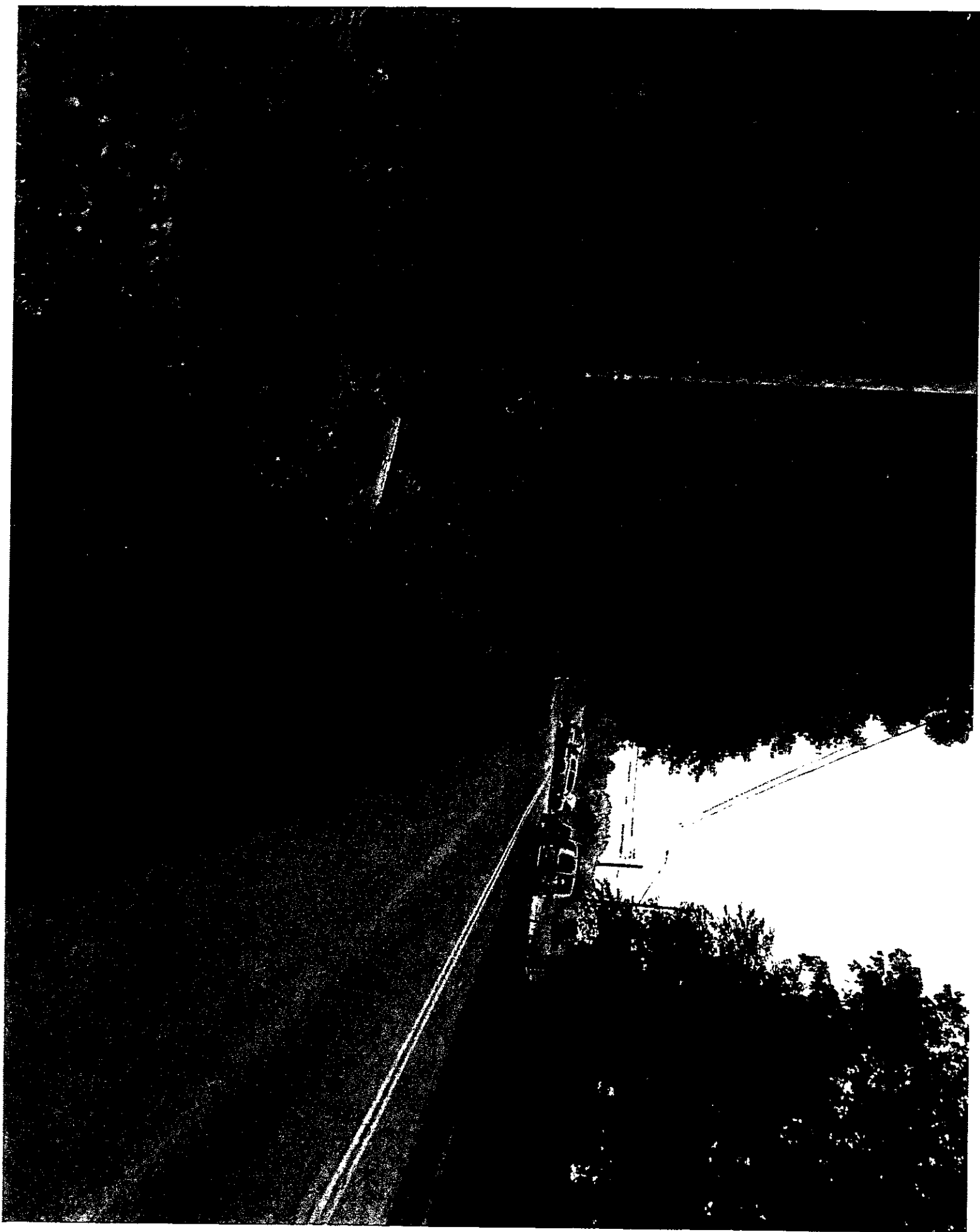












Overview

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Call For Service Number CP-003012-19		Division CRAWFORD TOWN PD	Security Class ARSON
Date of Call 08/03/2019	Time of Call 0609	How Received 911	Call Type MVA/PERSONAL INJUR
Description MVA with injuries			

Dispatch Information

Dispatch Date 08/03/2019	Dispatch Time 0609	Priority	Username of Call Taker
Disposition COMPLETE	Original Call Type MVA/PERSONAL I	Tour Tour A	

Assignment Information

Location Name			
House Number	Street State Hwy 52	Apartment	
City Crawford	State NEW YORK	Zip 12566	
Latitude	Longitude	Mile Post Marker	
Location Type	Municipality Type	Location Code	
Cross Street Flury Rd	Grid	Post	
County	Do Not Update Master		

Persons

Person Details					
Last Name	First Name	Middle Name	Suffix	Title	
Date of Birth	Height (Imperial)	Weight (pounds)	Sex	Age	
Race	Ethnicity	Eye Color	Hair Color	Age From	Age To
Build	Complexion	Facial Hair	Vision	Handed	
Role	Language (if non English)	Religion	Gender (Self Identified)		
CALLER					
Driver's License Number	Driver's License State	License Class	License Expiration	Unlicensed	
Marital Status	Maiden Name	Residence Status			
Citizen Status	Citizen Of	Place of Birth			
Naturalized	Naturalization Date	Naturalization Location			
Deceased	Date of Death				

Phone Numbers

Country Code	Phone Number	Extension	Type	Created Date
				08/03/2019

Remarks

Remarks

Description of Unknown Person

Person Details

Last Name [REDACTED]	First Name [REDACTED]	Middle Name F	Suffix	Title [REDACTED]	
Date of Birth 08/20/1968	Height (Imperial)	Weight (pounds)	Sex	Age 50	
Race	Ethnicity	Eye Color	Hair Color	Age From	Age To
Build	Complexion	Facial Hair	Vision	Handed	
Role DRIVER 2	Language (if non English)	Religion	Gender (Self Identified)		
Driver's License Number [REDACTED]	Driver's License State NEW YORK	License Class D	License Expiration	Unlicensed	
Marital Status	Maiden Name	Residence Status			
Citizen Status	Citizen Of	Place of Birth			
Naturalized	Naturalization Date	Naturalization Location			
Deceased	Date of Death				

Addresses

House #	Street	Apt #	City	State	Created Date
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]		Pine Bush	NY	08/03/2019

Phone Numbers

Country Code	Phone Number	Extension	Type	Created Date
	[REDACTED]			08/03/2019

Remarks

Remarks
Sgt NY State Police

Description of Unknown Person

Person Details

Last Name JOHNSON	First Name JAMES	Middle Name	Suffix	Title	
Date of Birth	Height (Imperial) 5 feet 7 inches	Weight (pounds)	Sex Male ▼	Age	
Race WHITE ▼	Ethnicity NON-HISPANIC ▼	Eye Color BROWN ▼	Hair Color BROWN ▼	Age From	Age To
Build MEDIUM ▼	Complexion	Facial Hair	Vision	Handed	
Role LAW ENFORCEMENT ▼	Language (if non English)	Religion	Gender (Self Identified)		
Driver's License Number 24	Driver's License State	License Class	License Expiration	Unlicensed	
Marital Status	Maiden Name	Residence Status			
Citizen Status	Citizen Of	Place of Birth			
Naturalized	Naturalization Date	Naturalization Location			
Deceased	Date of Death				

Addresses

House #	Street	Apt #	City	State	Created Date
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