

AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF SEARCH WARRANT

*CITY OF KNOXVILLE,
COUNTY OF KNOX
STATE OF TENNESSEE*

IN THE MATTER OF AN APPLICATION FOR A
WARRANT TO SEARCH THE RESIDENCE OF
JIM DAVID ADKISSON (DOB 06/25/50) LOCATED AT
1919 LEVY DRIVE, KNOX COUNTY, TN

Investigator Steve Still, being duly sworn, deposes and says:

1. This affidavit is submitted in support of an application for a warrant to seize and search the residence of Jim David Adkisson DOB 06/25/50 at 1919 Levy Drive, Powell, Knox County, Tennessee, said residence being more particularly described as: A two story duplex gray in color with black trim located on the north side of Levy Drive. The residence shares a wall with 1917 Levy Drive. The residence is recorded as a duplex on Parcel ID 056KA014 by the Knox County Property Assessor. The residence is the westernmost unit when facing the duplex from the road. The residence is a vinyl sided with stucco finished foundation structure with a ground level garage under the living area and has a white wood porch with stairs splitting the driveways between 1917 and 1919 Levy. The residence has a white door and a black light fixture to the left of the front door. There is a wooden post holding a black mailbox with the numbers 1919 written in white lettering and a tan and black mailbox with the numbers 1917 in white lettering in front of the residence. The mailbox reading 1919 is on the westernmost side of the post and the mailbox reading 1917 is on the easternmost side of the post holding the mailboxes. Photographs and property maps further describing this property are attached and incorporated in this affidavit. The residence is located at 1919 Levy Drive in Powell, County of Knox, State of Tennessee, where there is probable cause to believe that Jim David Adkisson DOB 06/25/50, has in his residence items believed to be evidence in the Homicide of Gregory J. McKendry Jr. that occurred on July 27, 2008 at Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church at 2931 Kingston Pike in Knoxville, Knox County Tennessee. Moreover, as set forth below, there is probable cause to believe that this residence will contain evidence or tends to demonstrate that said person is a possible suspect of a violation of T.C.A. § 39-13-202 et. seq.
2. I am an Investigator with the Knoxville Police Department; I am currently assigned to the Criminal Investigations Division. I have been with the Knoxville Police Department for 13 years. Your affiant has handled numerous criminal investigations.
3. My basis for believing that the evidence described herein will be found at the above location and that evidence of the homicide of Gregory J. McKendry Jr. will be found in this property is as follows:
 1. On July 27, 2008 at approximately 10:18 am, I, Steve Still responded to 2931 Kingston Pike, in Knoxville Knox County Tennessee in regard to a Homicide investigation.
 2. Officers of the Knoxville Police Department responded to a call of a shooting in progress at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church at 2931 Kingston Pike in Knoxville, Knox County Tennessee. Upon arrival Officers found several victims had been shot and several church members were holding down the man they identified as the shooter. Several other victims were found to have been shot and were transported to hospitals for treatment.
 3. The victim of the homicide, Gregory J. McKendry Jr. was found near the sanctuary entrance inside the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church at 2931 Kingston Pike in Knoxville, Knox County Tennessee.
 4. Numerous church members were in the church at the time of the shooting. Numerous members of the church witnessed the shooting and stated to Investigators and Officers that the suspect being held by members was in fact the shooter.
 5. Investigators of the Knoxville Police Department located a black 2004 model Ford Escape black in color

bearing TN license plate 786CWT and vehicle identification number 1FMYU02124KA21810 parked in the parking lot of the church at 2931 Kingston Pike. Records of the Tennessee Department of Safety indicate that the vehicle is registered to Jim D. Adkisson.

6. During the initial examination of the crime scene Officers and Investigators of the Knoxville Police Department located a guitar case, expended 12 gauge shotgun shells, a black leather bag containing live 12 gauge shotgun shells, and a Remington model 48 12 gauge shotgun.
 7. Numerous witnesses to the shooting stated to police that the shooter entered the building carrying a guitar case and a leather bag before producing a shotgun and firing at the victim and several others.
 8. On July 27, 2008 I, Steve Still conducted an interview with Jim David Adkisson. After waiving his Miranda rights Adkisson made a statement in which he admitted to shooting McKendry and several others at the church. Adkisson stated that he had planned the assault and had sawed off the shotgun, written a letter explaining his reasons for his actions and prepared the leather bag at his home before driving to the church to carry out the shooting.
 9. During the interview Adkisson stated that he had targeted the church because of its liberal teachings and his belief that all liberals should be killed because they were a ruining the country, and that he felt that the Democrats had tied his country's hands in the war on terror and they had ruined every institution in America with the aid of major media outlets. Adkisson made statements that because he could not get to the leaders of the liberal movement that he would then target those that had voted them in to office. Adkisson stated that he had held these beliefs for about the last ten years. Adkisson made statements that he had pre-planned this shooting and had began writing the letter for the last week. Based upon his statements I expect to find writings, recordings, literature, other documents, diagrams, photographs, and weapons, ammunition, articles of identification (e.g. credit/debit cards), receipts, newspaper clippings, recordings, computers, hard drives or other digital media that may contain evidence of motive, a leather flap from the bag carried by Adkisson, metal shavings, saws or saw blades and microscopic particles consistent with the crime of homicide that would indicate pre planning and establish motive to commit homicide.
 10. Adkisson stated during interview that he had another firearm in his house and that he had left the house unlocked so officers could get in, as he expected to be killed during the assault. Adkisson gave the Affiant permission to search his residence and vehicle during this interview.
4. Your affiant states that based upon the facts set forth above that it is more likely than not that evidence described above is located in the property described above, here in the County of Knox, State of Tennessee.

WHEREFORE, affiant respectfully requests that the Court issue a warrant and order seizure in the form annexed authorizing affiant to search the property described herein, and directing that if evidence described herein were found, it be brought before the Court without unnecessary delay.

I SWEAR THE FOREGOING IS TRUE UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY.

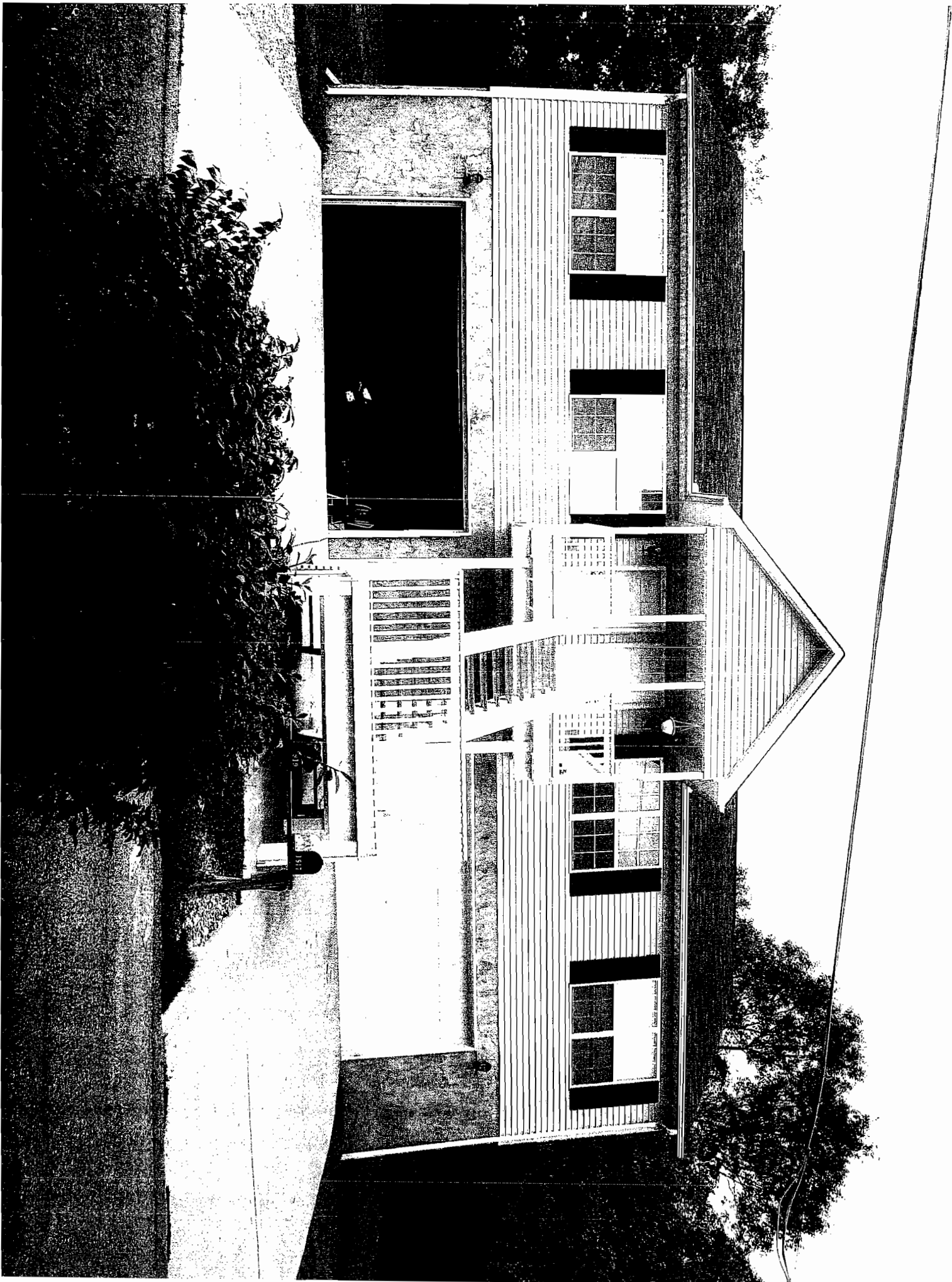


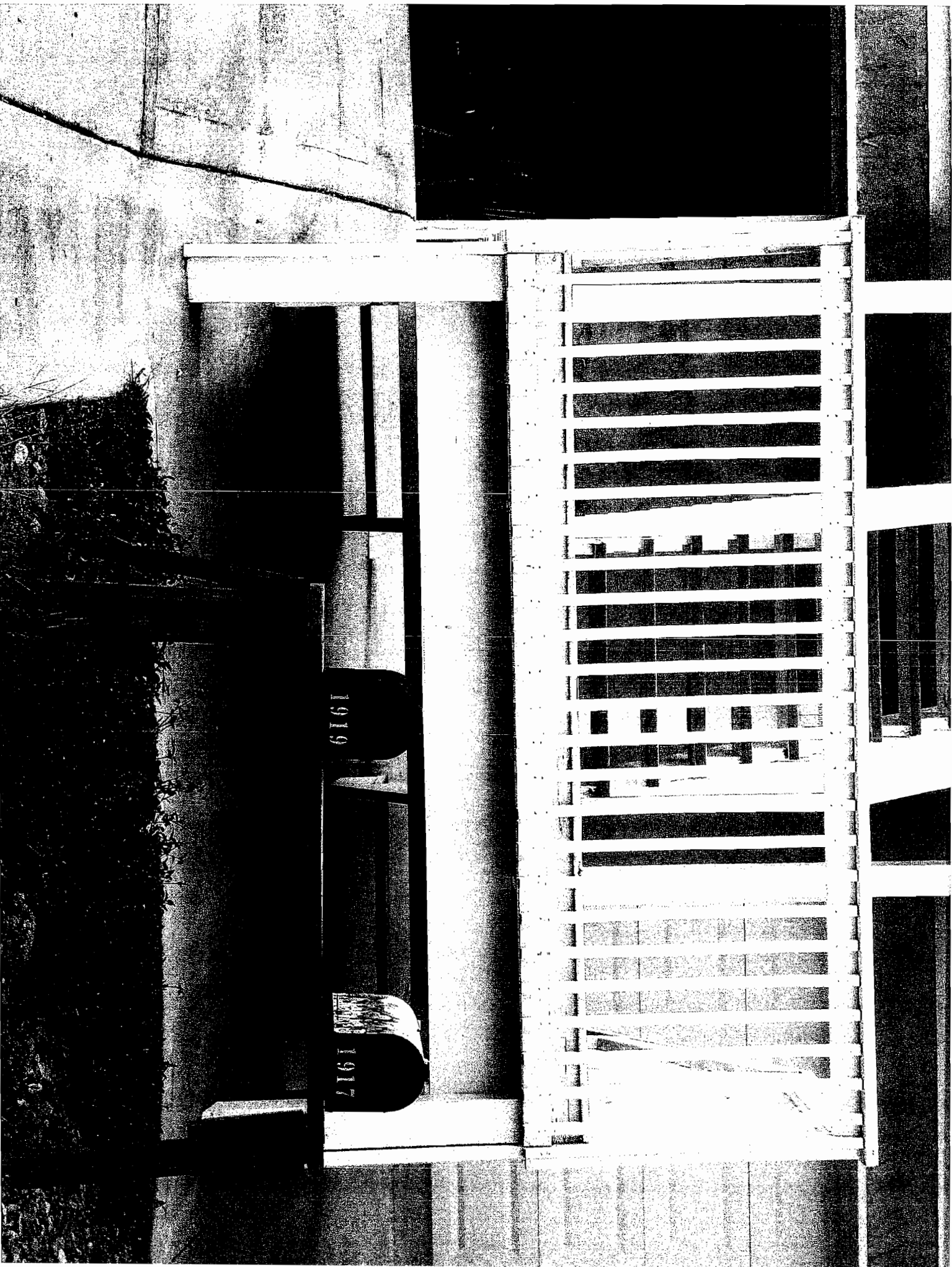
AFFIANT

Sworn to and Subscribed before me this 27th day of July 2008.



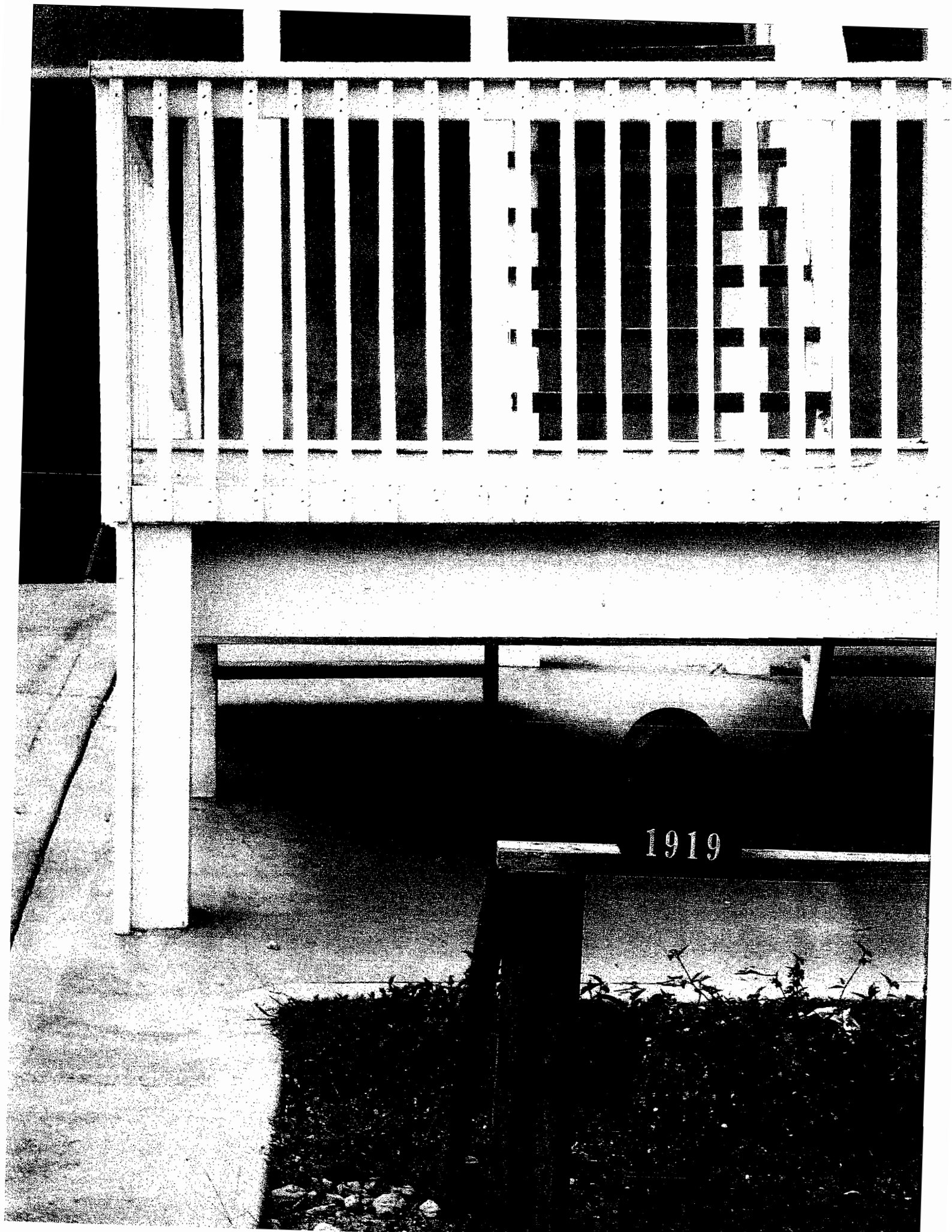
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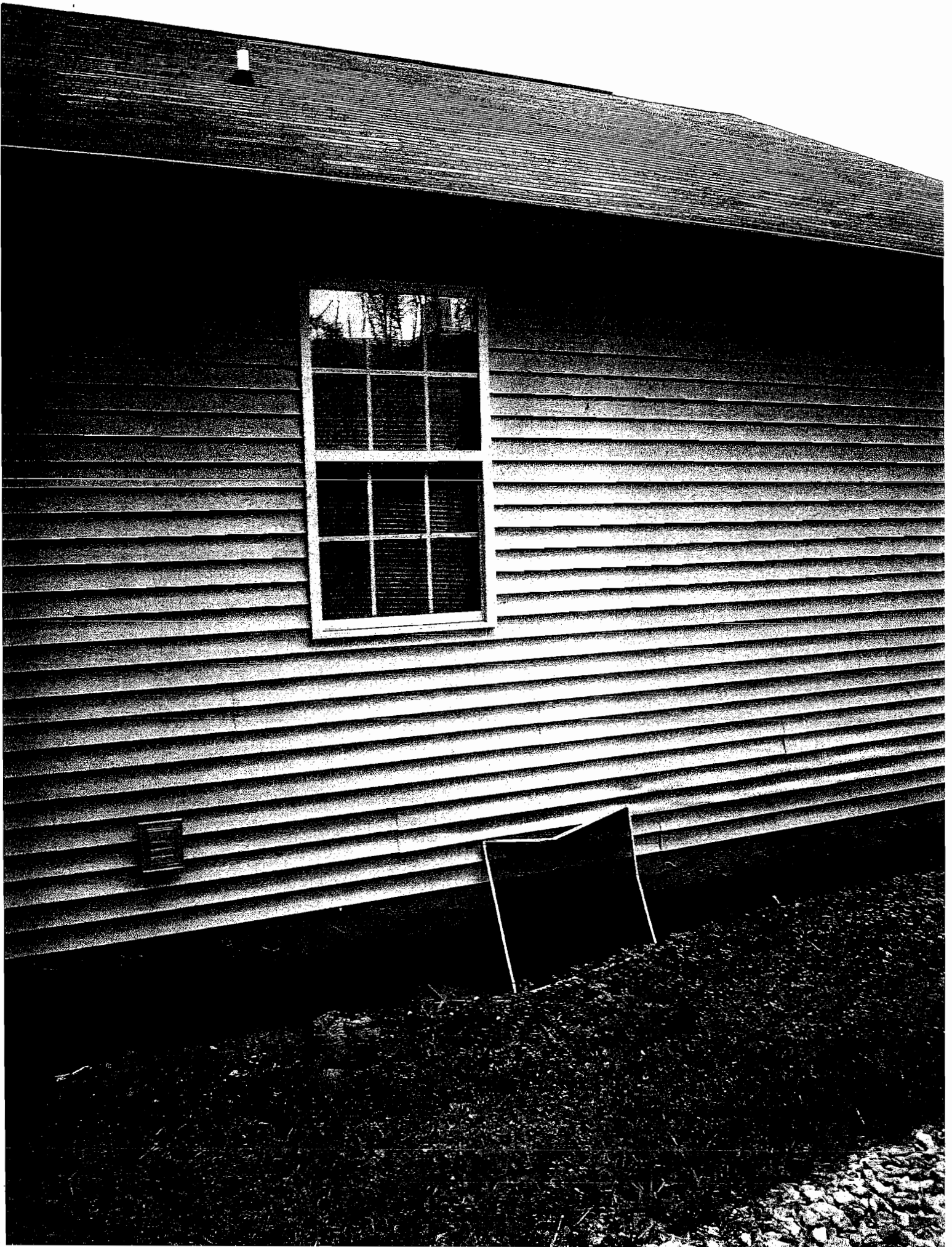


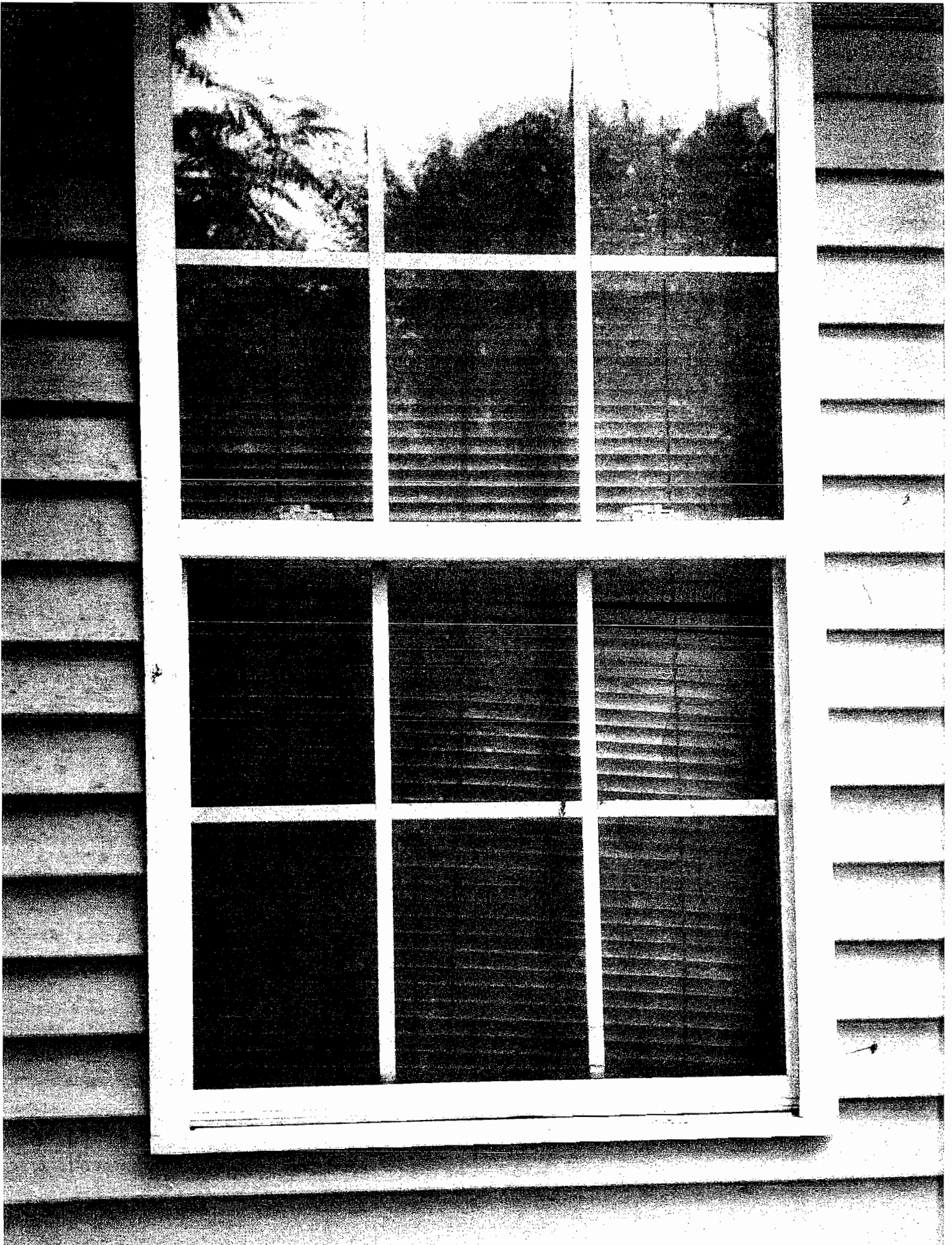
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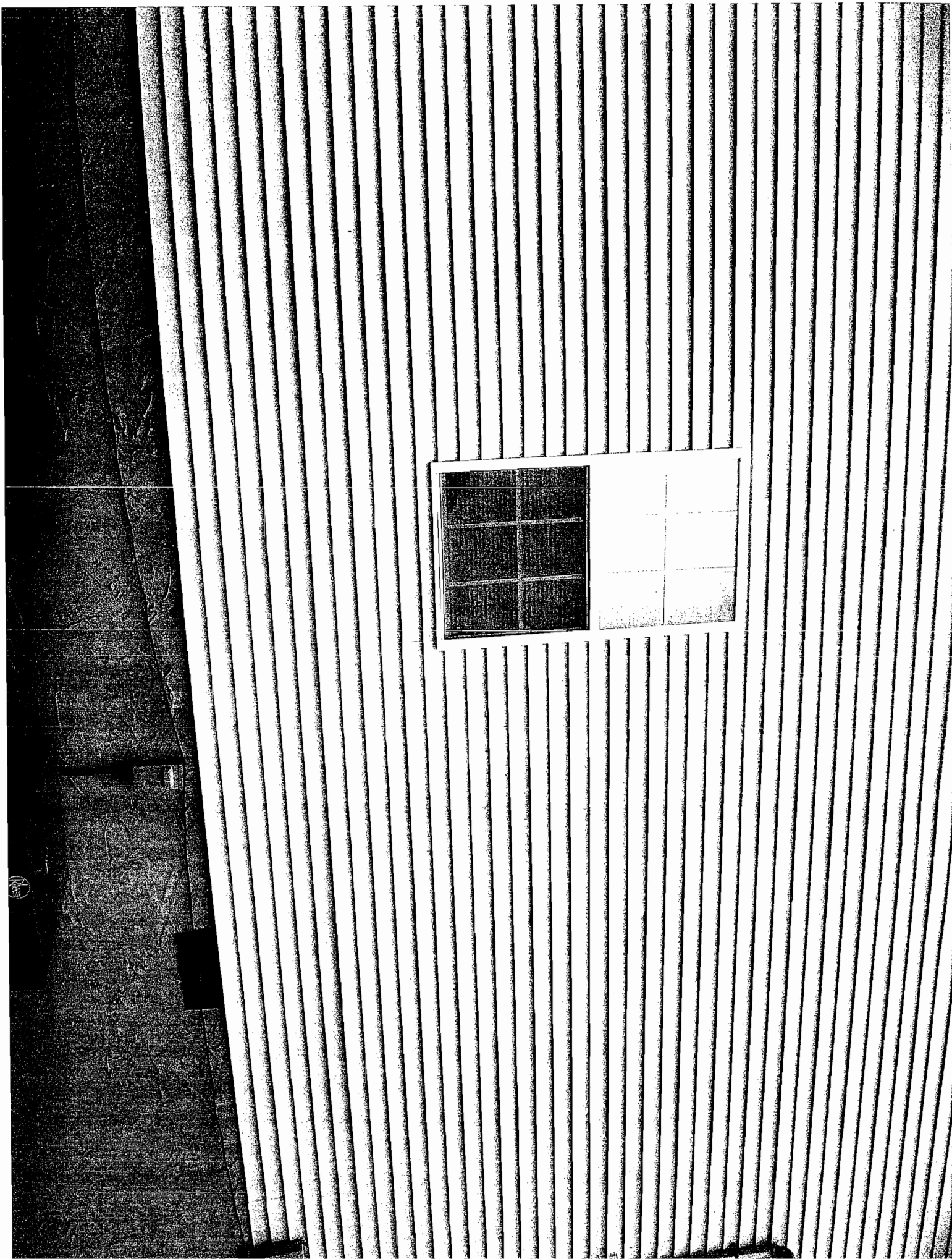




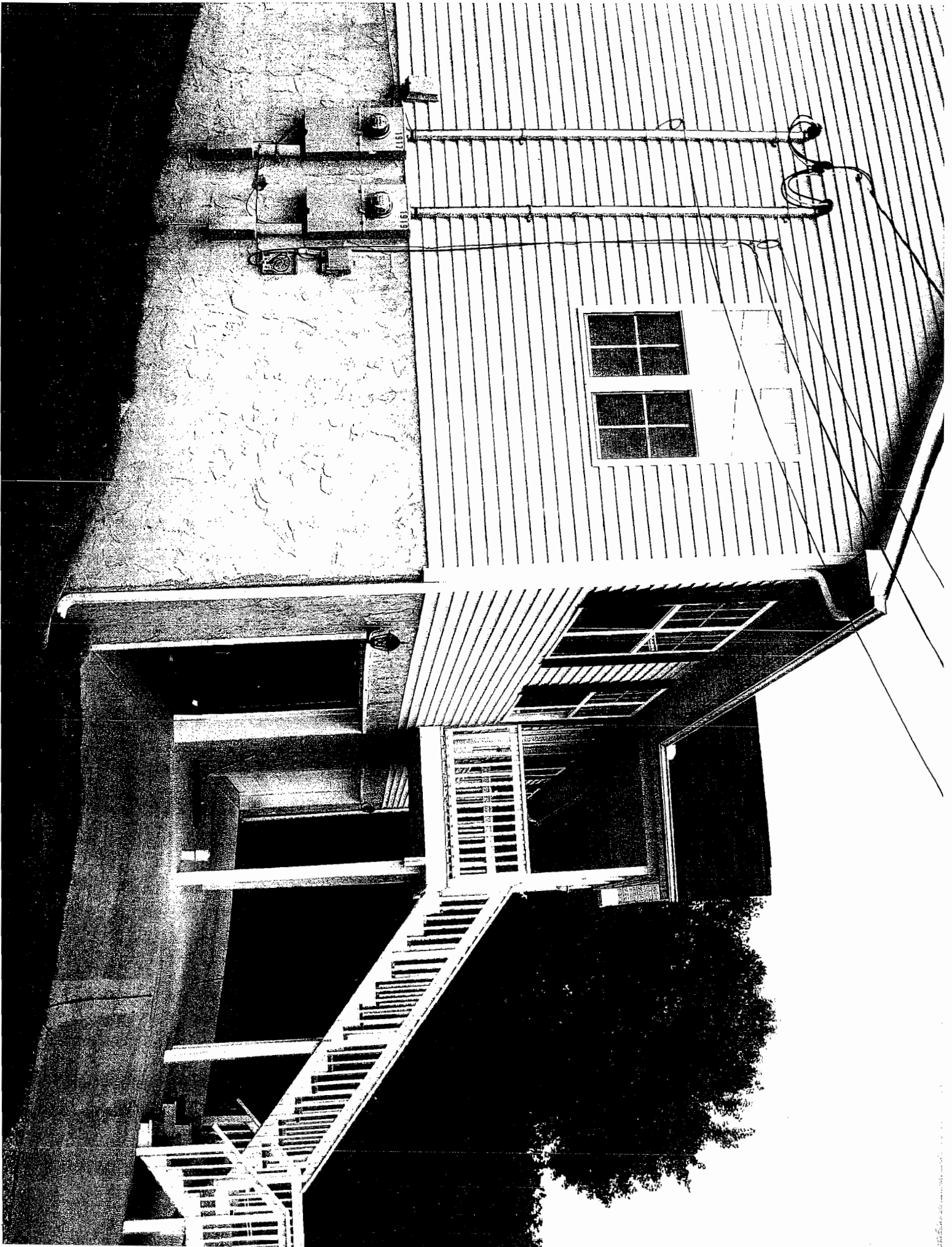




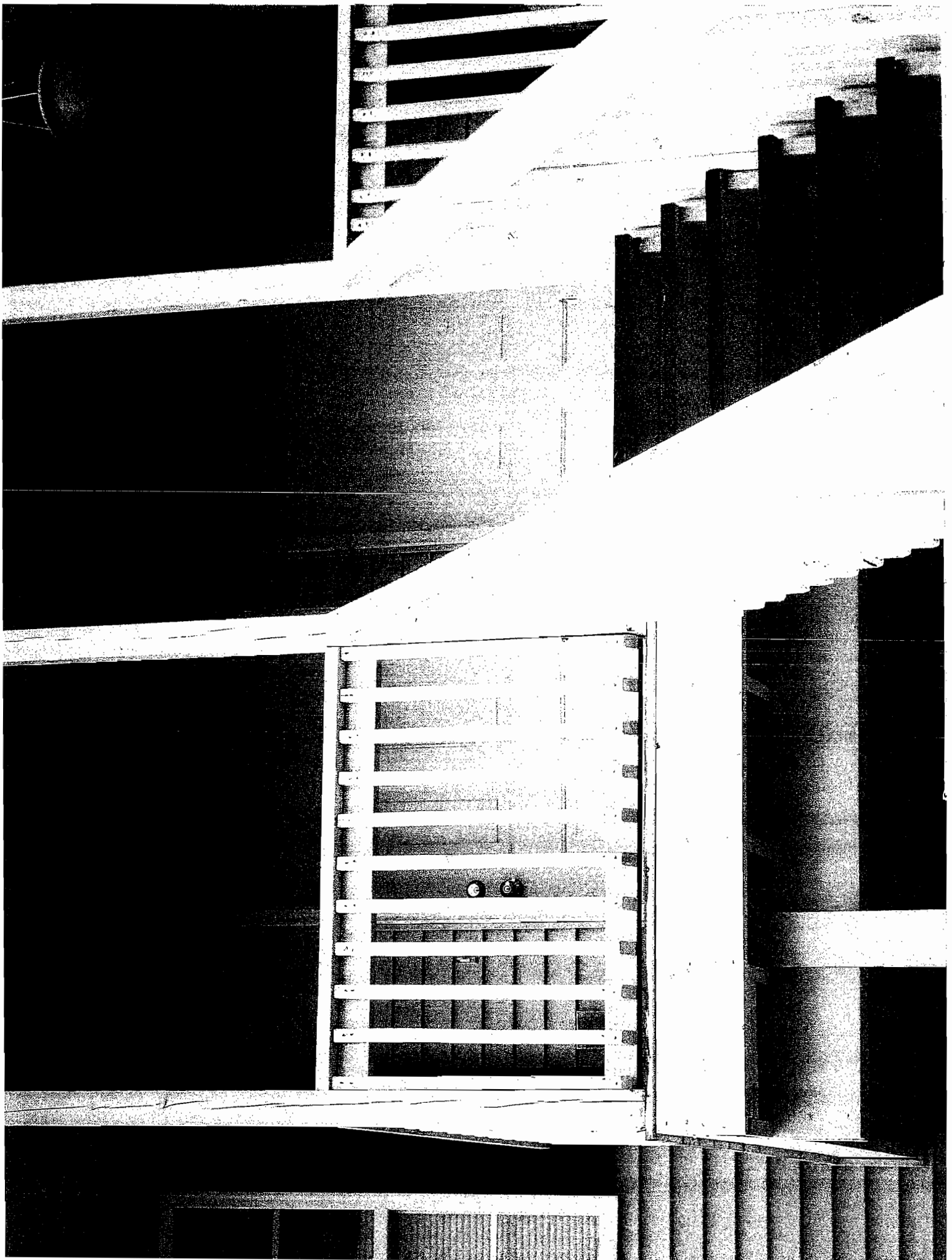


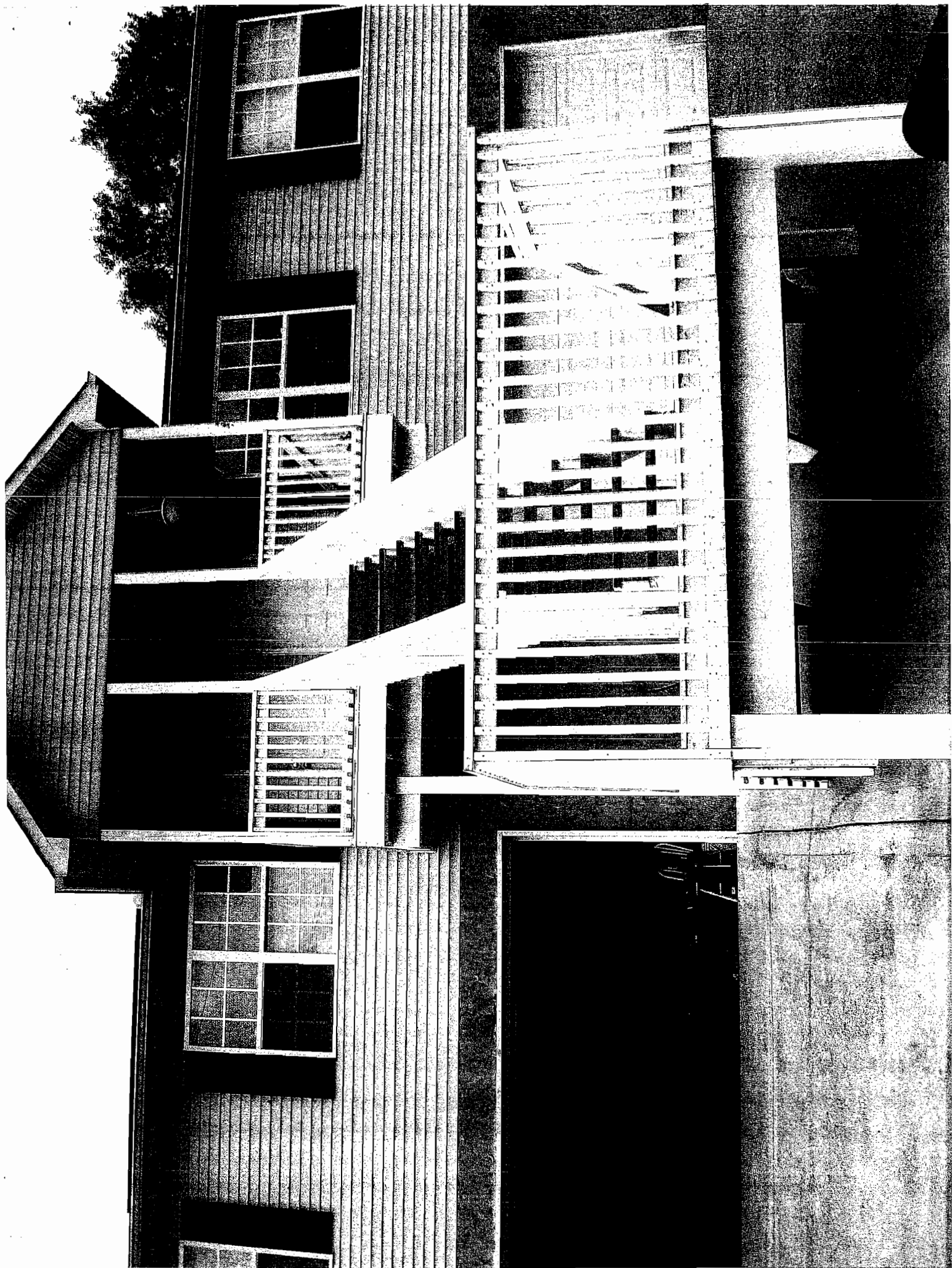


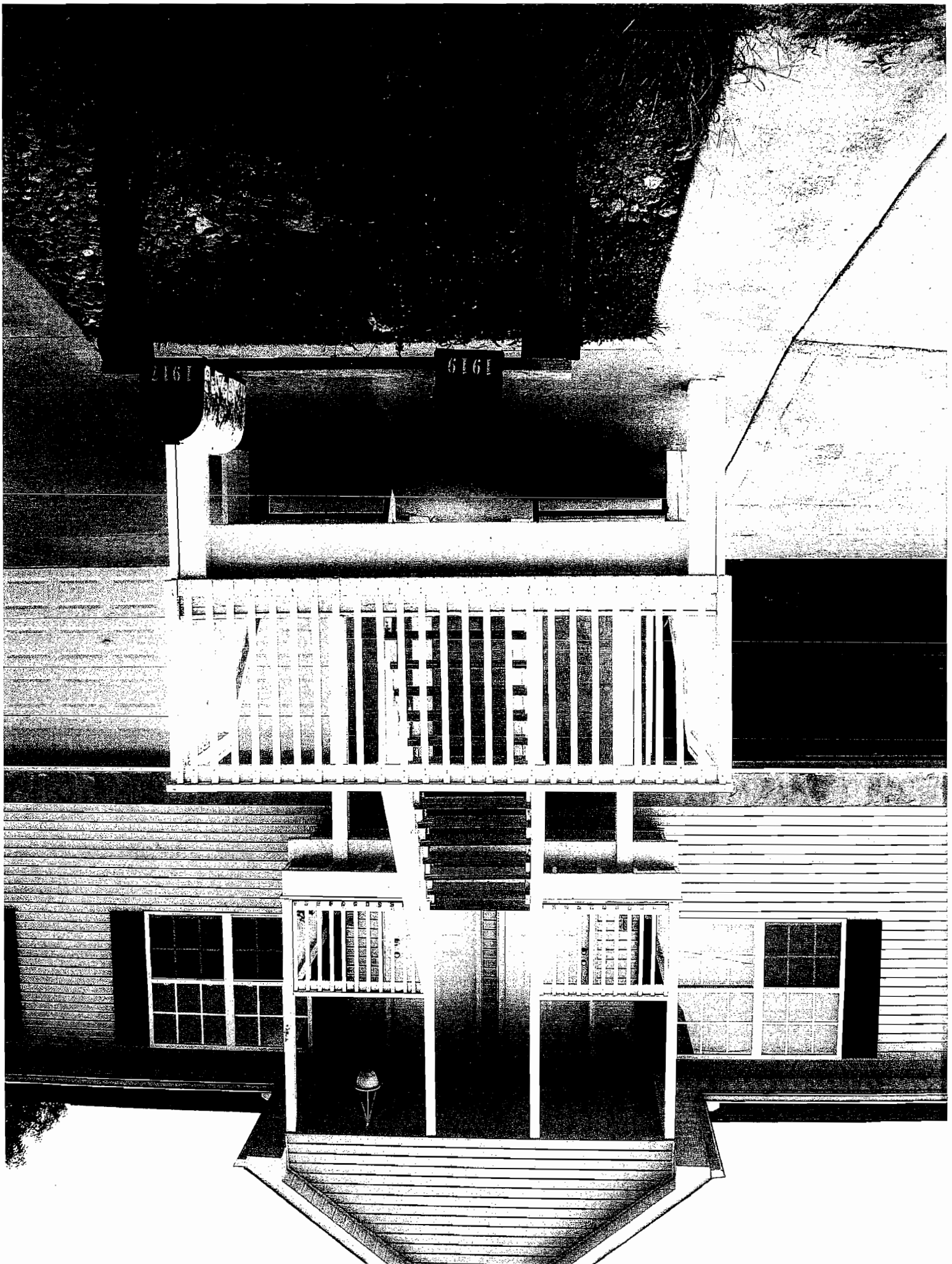












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Proof by "Affidavit for search warrant," which is specifically incorporated by reference herein, having been made this day before me that there is certain property, to wit weapons, ammunition, articles of identification (e.g. credit/debit cards), receipts, newspaper clippings, writings, recordings, literature, other documents, diagrams, photographs, and weapons, ammunition, articles of identification (e.g. credit/debit cards), receipts, newspaper clippings, recordings, computers, hard drives or other digital media that may contain evidence of motive, a leather flap from the bag carried by Adkisson, metal shavings, saws or saw blades and microscopic particles consistent with the crime of homicide, are located at 1919 Levy Drive, Powell, Knox County, Tennessee, said residence being more particularly described as: A two story duplex gray in color with black trim located on the north side of Levy Drive. The residence shares a wall with 1917 Levy Drive. The residence is recorded as a duplex on Parcel ID 056KA014 by the Knox County Property Assessor. The residence is the westernmost unit when facing the duplex from the road. The residence is a vinyl sided with stucco finished foundation structure with a ground level garage under the living area and has a white wood porch with stairs splitting the driveways between 1917 and 1919 Levy. The residence has a white door and a black light fixture to the left of the front door. There is a wooden post holding a black mailbox with the numbers 1919 written in white lettering and a tan and black mailbox with the numbers 1917 in white lettering in front of the residence. The mailbox reading 1919 is on the westernmost side of the post and the mailbox reading 1917 is on the easternmost side of the post holding the mailboxes, where there is probable cause to believe that Jim David Adkisson has in his residence, weapons, ammunition, articles of identification (e.g. credit/debit cards), receipts, newspaper clippings, writings, recordings, literature, other documents, diagrams, photographs, and weapons, ammunition, articles of identification (e.g. credit/debit cards), receipts, newspaper clippings, recordings, computers, hard drives or other digital media that may contain evidence of motive, a leather flap from the bag carried by Adkisson, metal shavings, saws or saw blades and microscopic particles consistent with the crime of homicide used during the commission of the homicide of Gregory J. McKendry Jr. Moreover, as set forth above, there is probable cause to believe that this property constitutes evidence or tends to demonstrate that Jim David Adkisson, is a possible suspect of a violation of T.C.A. § 39-13-201 et seq.

YOU ARE THEREFORE COMMANDED to make a forthwith seizure and search of the residence in the possession of Jim David Adkisson located at 1919 Levy Drive, Powell, Knox County, Tennessee, said residence being more particularly described as: A two story duplex gray in color with black trim located on the north side of Levy Drive. The residence shares a wall with 1917 Levy Drive. The residence is recorded as a duplex on Parcel ID 056KA014 by the Knox County Property Assessor. The residence is the westernmost unit when facing the duplex from the road. The residence is a vinyl sided with stucco finished foundation structure with a ground level garage under the living area and has a white wood porch with stairs splitting the driveways between 1917 and 1919 Levy. The residence has a white door and a black light fixture to the left of the front door. There is a wooden post holding a black mailbox with the numbers 1919 written in white lettering and a tan and black mailbox with the numbers 1917 in white lettering in front of the residence. The mailbox reading 1919 is on the westernmost side of the post and the mailbox reading 1917 is on the easternmost side of the post holding the mailboxes, searching said property for weapons, ammunition, articles of identification (e.g. credit/debit cards), receipts, newspaper clippings, writings, recordings, literature, other documents, diagrams, photographs, and weapons, ammunition, articles of identification (e.g. credit/debit cards), receipts, newspaper clippings, recordings, computers, hard drives or other digital media that may contain evidence of motive, a leather flap from the bag carried by Adkisson, metal shavings, saws or saw blades and microscopic particles consistent with the crime of homicide, evidence of dominion, ownership and/or control of the residence. All evidencing being that Jim David Adkisson, a possible suspect of T.C.A. § 39-13-202 et. Seq. and if you find such property or any part thereof to bring it before the Court without unnecessary delay.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I HAVE DELIVERED THIS SEARCH WARRANT FOR EXECUTION TO:

Inv. Steve Still At 7:24 o'clock PM, on this 27th day of July, 2008
OFFICER TO WHOM WARRANT IS
DELIVERED FOR EXECUTION

Kenneth J. Drune Jr.
JUDGE OF KNOX COUNTY

RETURN OF SEARCH WARRANT

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Came to my hand same day issued. Executed by seizing the property described as commanded. The following evidence as seized pursuant to warrant:

BARREL PART, PIPE CUTTER, RULER, RED HAROLD FILE, FILE w/ TAPE KUB Bill,
STATE FARM Bill, FIRST TN Bill, HANS DALE POWELL Bill, HARLEY DAVIDSON X3 (envelope)
Envelope from FED Cycle, 3 BOOKS - LIBERALISM IS A MENTAL HEALTH DISORDER
LET FREEDOM RING, O'REILLY FACTOR. 6 EMPTY BOXES OF (5) REMINGTON 12g 234 4 BULLETS 27
3 BOXES EMPTY (25) WINCHESTER 12g 2 3/4 4 BULLETS BRASS KNUCKLES
NOTE TO DIANE, 2 KEYS, \$200.00 IN CASH. (w 20's) Cell phone
LETTER FROM KNOX C HUMAN SERVICES, BANK STATEMENT, PAISTUBI X3
LEASE AGREEMENT (2) I.D.S phone w/ hanger (1) Handgun Rossi 38 CAL
Registration to Ford '04 ESCAPE, TITLE '04 FORD ESCAPE.

This 27 day of July, 2008.


Police Officer