

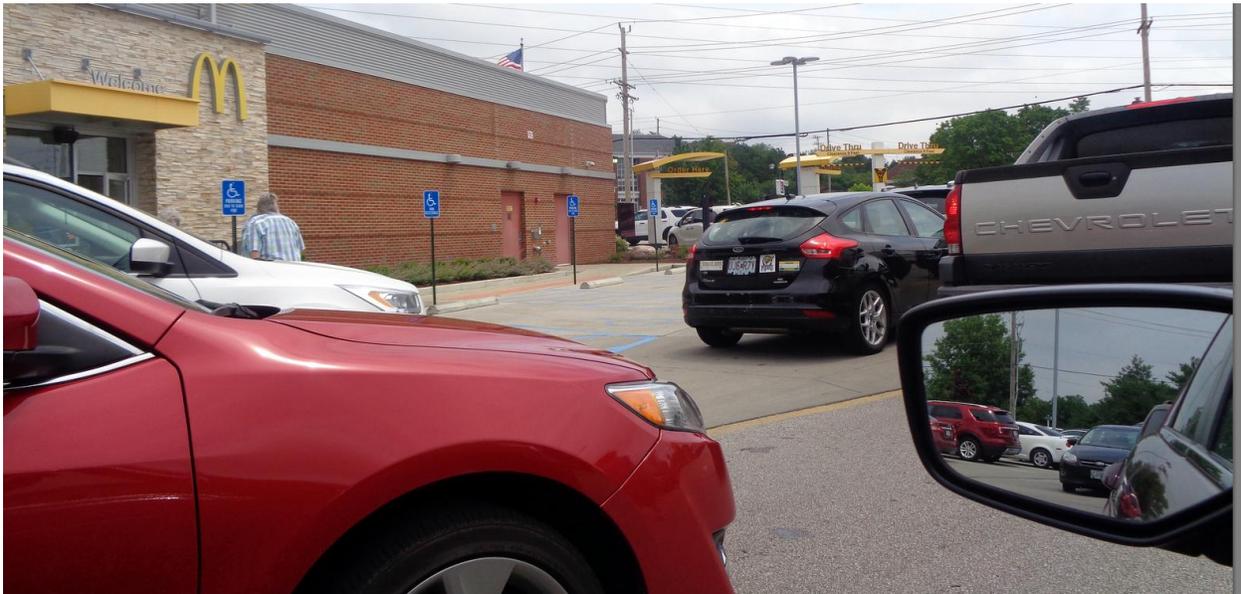
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July 8, 2018

HANDICAPPED PARKING VANISHES FOR MUCH OF THE DAY AT TOWN AND COUNTRY MCDONALDS. The Town and Country McDonalds, owned by McDonalds and operated by Colleen Schoendiest, installed two drive through lanes when remodeling the restaurant last year. Due to an increase in drive-thru business when remodeling stores McDonalds reduces the sitting areas and increased the kitchen area.

The drive thru business at the Town and Country McDonalds is so strong that two lanes wind around the south side of the building for three hours during lunch time and for a shorter time during dinner rush. Here is the problem. The long lines block all the Handicap Parking Spaces. McDonalds has reasonable and even low prices which is perfect people on a fixed income who want out of the kitchen. However getting a spot close to the door, where with a disability you can avoid walking through traffic is not possible. There are four Handicap spaces but you can't get to them!



This is two lines of cars at the T&C McDonalds' drive thru. They totally block all the handicap spaces.

NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL BIKE RIDERS WARNING SIGN VANISHES FOR A HARD TO READ SIGN: Town and Country has taken down the U.S. and International signs for “Bicyclists on Road” and replaced them with one that requires drivers to slow down, take their eyes off the road to see exactly what the sign says. The new sign is not only difficult to read, but it is not an immediate symbol understood by all drivers.



I asked Craig Wilde, Director of Services why he put up the signs. He replied that they were from the police department and the police told him to put up the signs.

I sent an email asking for details from Chief of Police Gary Hoelzer. This is the response I got:

From: Hoelzer, Gary A. [mailto:HoelzerGA@town-and-country.org]
Sent: Thursday, June 28, 2018 1:37 PM
To: John Hoffmann
Subject: RE: question signs

I addressed that issue in a June 20 post on our Facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/TownandcountryPD/>

Gary A. Hoelzer
Chief of Police

Here is the facebook post:

Share the Road: What it means

New “Share the Road” signs have been installed on Clayton Road providing a clearer message on what that statement is intended to convey. By law, both vehicles and bicycles have a right to the road and both driver and cyclist must follow the rules of the road.

Missouri Statute (RSMo 304.678) and City Code (375.050) require certain actions on the part of both motorists and cyclists with the goal of safely, and peacefully, co-existing on our city streets.

Missouri statute requires motorists when passing a bicycle to maintain a safe distance between the vehicle and cyclist.

Likewise, cyclists are required to ride as near to the right side of the roadway as safely possible, except in certain circumstances (intersections or when the roadway is too narrow to accommodate both bike and vehicle). Also, cyclists CAN ride abreast as long as they do not impede the flow of traffic.

Most conflicts on our roadways could be resolved if we simply follow the rules of the road, as well as the Golden Rule: “Do unto others as you would have them do unto you...”

I wonder if Chief Hoelzer’s rules include for bicyclists to stop for red lights and stop signs? This is something they rarely do in Town and Country.

I asked how he came up with this sign. Here is the answer:

From: Hoelzer, Gary A. [mailto:HoelzerGA@town-and-country.org]

Sent: Thursday, June 28, 2018 2:02 PM

To: John Hoffmann

Subject: RE: question signs

[A local collaboration](#)

[Gary A. Hoelzer](#)

[Chief of Police](#)

Having spent my of my life in Law Enforcement including stretches in Traffic Safety, plus working for a huge county transportation division on the East Coast, I know when it come to signs you want universally identifiable signage.

Yellow signs are warning signs. The City of Town and Country replaced bicyclist warning signs with white information signs that have too much on them. This would clearly reduce the liability if a bicyclist is struck by a car. Before the change, drivers

passed a **WARNING SIGN**. Now they pass a hard to read information sign. If you are doing 35-to-40MPH past one of these signs you don't have much of a chance to know what they say. While drivers try to read the new signs and they take their eyes off the road, they might not see and then hit a bicyclist.



I started calling around and people asking not to be named started telling me the same thing. The signs came from Peter Stevens of Principia. There is a clear conflict of interest since Stevens is a bicyclist with almost no body fat who wears the tight bicyclist outfits. The “local collaboration” to replace universally recognizable warning signs with information signs that are hard to read came from Stevens.



Peter Stevens

A number of writers have lists of the problems with certain types of bicyclists, the one seems to cover that most lists contain:

- 1) They think they own the road.
- 2) They ignore the rules such as stopping at red lights or one way systems.

- 3) They mount the pavement at the drop of a hat, without the benefit of insurance should they cause an accident.
- 4) They often wear dark clothes when riding at night and don't have lights on their bikes.
- 5) They don't pay any road fund license money or contribute to the upkeep of the roads in any way.
- 6) They have an insane sense of entitlement.
- 7) They often have a smug, 'look at me I'm saving the planet' look on their faces. (To be fair, they are helping to save the planet. But do they have to look so smug?)
- 8) Many of them wear ridiculously tight, distracting trousers. (Just not the ones that should.)
- 9) They often ride two or three abreast, happily chatting away to each other and holding up the traffic.

Apparently Town and Country does not have the good sense to have WARNING signs on the street. The staff at City Hall are just like the woman in Rodgers and Hammerstein's Oklahoma, who just "Cain't Say No."



Gloria Grahame in the movie Oklahoma as Ado Annie Cranes, who just Cain't Say No.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A18kYnP4Pec>

REHNQUIST GETS EXEMPTION FROM PUTTING IN REQUIRED SIDEWALKS TO HIS LATEST MASON ROAD SUBDIVISION: St. Louis County is not requiring developer Rob Rehnquist to place a sidewalk along the Stonemount subdivision on South Mason Road near the city's southern border.

Now somebody, starting with the city staff or elected officials or members of the Planning & Zoning Commission or the County could have required Rehnquist to move the right of way/common ground to the west away from the water main and build the required sidewalk on his property. That was not done. The city was aware of this apparently for over a year, since June of 2017. Here is a letter from Rehnquist's

engineering company on June 6, 2017 that claimed the city was aware of the request not to build a sidewalk and was okay with it.

The of City of Town & Country has verbally indicated that they have no objection to eliminating the proposed sidewalk along South Mason Road

Here is the whole letter:

POEHLMAN & PROST, INC.
Land Surveying and Civil Engineering

P.O. Box 8340
9260 Diehlman Industrial Dr.
St. Louis, Missouri 63132
(314) 997-5777
Fax 997-0467
E-Mail: bi@poehelman-prost.com

June 6, 2017

St. Louis County Transportation

1050 North Lindbergh Blvd.

St. Louis, MO 63132

Attn: Mr. Brian McElroy

Re: Stonemont Subdivision (2069 South Mason Road)

Mason Road west of Amount Drive

S.U.P. Number 110-262-C3: HT-3404

Dear Brian,

The set of marked up plans included with your comment letter dated April 18, 2017 state that sidewalks will need to be constructed for the entire length of the subject property on the south side of South Mason Road. During the design process, we have discovered that there is a major conflict with an existing 8" ductile iron water main that runs the full length of the site frontage along the west side of South Mason Road. There is up to 2.3 feet of fill over the water main towards the south end of the project and up to 5.1 feet of cut towards the north end of the project.

We have submitted Site Improvement Plans to Missouri American Water Company. They are not allowing any fill or cut in the vicinity of their water main and I have enclosed a Xerox copy of their correspondence. I have also enclosed a plan sheet and drawings of two cross sections to better illustrate the degree of disturbance at the worst points along with a list showing the amount of cut and fill at each station along South Mason Road.

The of City of Town & Country has verbally indicated that they have no objection to eliminating the proposed sidewalk along South Mason Road

MSD would like to know

It should also be noted that Queeny Park is located to the north of our site. There are no sidewalks along the west side of South Mason Road in this area and the probability of sidewalks being constructed along the parks frontage is very small. An aerial of the properties (includes Queeny Park) to the north of our site and fronting on South Mason Road is enclosed.

On behalf of our client, Rehnquist Design & Build, Inc., we respectfully are making a formal request to waive the requirement to construct a sidewalk along the west side of South Mason Road. A cash escrow would be provided by the developer in lieu of constructing the sidewalk.

Please take the necessary steps to determine whether the sidewalk construction requirement can be waived and an escrow established. We appreciate your help in this matter and hopefully we can get a favorable decision.

Sincerely,

Poehlman & Prost, Inc.



Bruce Poehlman

Project #201-004-A

Rehnquist was aware of the water main issue since February 22, 2017 when they received a letter from American Water.



727 Craig Road
Creve Coeur, MO 63141

February 22, 2017

Mr. Dale Overkamp
Poehlman & Prost, Inc.
9280 Dielman Industrial Drive
St. Louis, MO 63132

Re: E2017-040 Stonemont Subdivision

...

- An existing 8-inch DI main in easement is located along the west side of South Mason Road. The proposed grading (cut and fill) within our easement is not permitted.
- The proposed 20-foot wide right-of-way dedication overlaps our existing 20-foot wide easement. We will require a license to utilize agreement prior to the dedication of this area to the public.

...

Due to the recorded location of the existing water main relative to the proposed improvements, investigation of the existing water main is required for location verification. Please note that since the main is within our easement, any cost of investigating the mains location will be the responsibility of the Developer.

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me at 314-996-2247 or Monte.Griffith@amwater.com.

Sincerely,



Monte E. Griffith
Project Manager

REHNQUIST LIED TO PLANNING AND ZONING: Rehnquist knew he could not put a sidewalk over the water main. To install a sidewalk he would have to take a small amount of land from each corner house. He certainly didn't want to do that.

So he lied to the members of the Planning and Zoning Commission in July of 2017 when he said he was installing sidewalks but already knew he wasn't

Here are the minutes of the July 19, 2017 Planning and Zoning Commission meeting concerning Rehnquist and the Stonemont subdivision.

**MINUTES
PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
CITY OF TOWN AND COUNTRY
JULY 19, 2017**

OLD BUSINESS

1. Record Plat (Stonemont Subdivision) – A request has been made by Rehnquist Design + Build, owner, to subdivide a site of approximately 8.5 acres into residential lots. The site to be subdivided is located at 2045/2069 S. Mason Road, in the Suburban Estate (SE) Zoning District

2. Improvement Plans (Stonemont Subdivision) – A request has been made by Rehnquist Design + Build, owner, for approval of improvement plans for a subdivision of two lots, located at 2045/2069 S. Mason Road, in the Suburban Estate (SE) Zoning District into six lots

Rob Rehnquist, Rehnquist Design + Build, was present on behalf of the request.

Mr. Rehnquist explained that since the last meeting the issues with the easement and greenspace have been resolved. He stated the easement has been revised to allow only 20 feet of the 30 foot right of way easement to be paved. He furthered added that even if the entire easement is paved the greenspace for lot 4 will still comply with the zoning regulations.

1. Mr. McKnight moved to recommend approval of the Stonemont Record Plat. Ms. Mueller seconded the motion.

The roll call vote on the motion was as follows: AYE, Vice Chairman Cima, Alderman Meyland-Smith, Commissioners Bolazina, Kreikemeier, Kuchan, McKnight and Mueller; NAY, none; ABSTAIN, none; ABSENT, Chairman Sulewski, Mayor Dalton and Commissioner Omell.

2. Mr. McKnight moved to approve the Stonemont Improvement Plans. Alderman Meyland-Smith seconded the motion.

The roll call vote was: AYE, Vice Chairman Cima, Alderman Meyland-Smith, Commissioners Bolazina, Kreikemeier, Kuchan, McKnight and Mueller; NAY, none;

Here some photos where sidewalk should have been built west of the water main:





CITY STAFF REPORTING REHNQUIST RECEIVED AN EXEMPTION FOR SIDEWALKS TO ALDERPERSONS IN JUNE OF 2018. Plans at City Hall in June of 2018 show a sidewalk. Ward-2 Alderwoman Lindsey Butler noticed that Rehnquist was not building a sidewalk on Mason Road at his Stonemont subdivision. Neither she nor Alderwoman Tiffany Frautschi had been told that the sidewalk had been eliminated.

On June 8, she sent the following email:

From: Butler, Ald. Lindsey
Sent: Friday, June 08, 2018 5:51 PM
To: Wilde, Craig; Dalton, Mayor Jon; Shelton, Bob
Cc: Frautschi, Ald Tiffany
Subject: Stonemont

I have a question concerning the requirements of subdivisions built on Mason Rd/St Louis County Rds. I have been told by our staff that the reason we have pockets of sidewalk on S Mason is due to a County requirement for sidewalk when subdivisions are built on County roads. Does the new Stonemont subdivision have this in the project? As I drove by tonight it doesn't appear that space is being marked for that purpose.

Please let me know if this is part of the plan.

Lindsey Butler

The below emails are between the city planner Ryan Spencer and the City Administrator.

From: Spencer, Ryan
Sent: Monday, June 11, 2018 9:15 AM
To: Shelton, Bob
Subject: RE: Stonemont

Bob,

I have attached a scan with a highlight showing that a 5 foot sidewalk is planned per County Standards. I am not aware of at what point in the development of the subdivision it will be constructed.

Regards,

Ryan

Spencer, Ryan

From: Spencer, Ryan
Sent: Monday, June 11, 2018 10:30 AM
To: Shelton, Bob
Subject: RE: Stonemont

Bob,

I spoke with the Plan Review Engineer at St. Louis County and what happened is the Engineer for Rehnquist submitted a hardship letter to the County to not build the sidewalk based on the location and depth of the water main adjacent to Mason Road. Missouri American apparently also supported this waiver.

Regards,

Ryan

Then later in the day Ald. Lindsey Butler wrote City Administrator Bob Shelton wanting to know what is going on. He writes back to Ward-2 Alderwomen Lindsey Butler and Tiffany Frautschi, who are pissed off about the sidewalk not going in and them not being aware of the situation.

From: Lindsey Butler [<mailto:lindseybutlersgirls@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, June 11, 2018 1:17 PM
To: Shelton, Bob
Cc: tiffanyfrautschi@gmail.com
Subject: Re: Stonemont

Thank you! So, due to this hardship it would be difficult to ever construct a sidewalk on South Mason Rd that would connect to our southern border, correct? The other side of the road drops off drastically and was the recent scene of an accident, so doesn't seem to be an option for a sidewalk either.

Also, at what point did the plan that showed a 5ft sidewalk, per scan attached, go under review by the city and then when was our city notified that a sidewalk was not required? The scan wasn't included in my email, so I couldn't review dates.

Lindsey

From: "Shelton, Bob" <sheltonb@town-and-country.org>
Date: June 11, 2018 at 2:47:13 PM CDT
To: "Lindsey Butler" <lindseybutlersgirls@gmail.com>
Cc: <tiffanyfrautschi@gmail.com>
Subject: RE: Stonemont

Lindsey:

Attached is the scan which highlighted in yellow states the sidewalk is to be installed, then a note in a box below it that states the sidewalk will not be constructed. I would assume you are correct about a future sidewalk in that area unless the water company was to replace the main in the future and it was relocated.

Bob

June 19 started with an email from Services Director Craig Wilde,

On Jun 19, 2018, at 7:33 AM, Wilde, Craig <WildeCJ@town-and-country.org> wrote:

St Louis County has accepted an escrow and dedicated easements for a future installation of sidewalk. Although the plans accommodate its installation, it will not be placed until St. Louis County permits it. This can be done by Rehnquist, the County itself, or another party such as the City as a permit project.

Craig J. Wilde, P.E.
Director of Planning & Public Works

Here is a response from a pissed Lindsey Butler:

From: Butler, Ald. Lindsey
Sent: Tuesday, June 19, 2018 1:51 PM
To: Wilde, Craig
Cc: Dalton, Mayor Jon; Shelton, Bob; Frautschi, Ald Tiffany; Wright, Ald. Lynn
Subject: Re: Stonemont

This is very different from the statement recently stating they received a hardship and it would not be built.

What changed?

Also, I do not think the city (of Town and Country) should bear this burden at all. The subdivision is being built now, the sidewalk should go in now. To wait and have the city and residents be on the hook for planning (we pay numerous times for engineering on a single sidewalk) and permitting this project is wasteful of our time and resources. Please alert the Parks and Trails Commission and Board of Aldermen on this situation.

If you notice, Rehnquist put \$24,000 in escrow for someone to build sidewalks at a later date. Looking at the terrain I have to think \$24,000 would not cover the costs today, let alone after several years of inflation.

HE IS COMING AROUND THE MOUNTAIN AGAIN: The evil homebuilder Rob Rehnquist, whose recent developments have created tens of thousands of dollars of damage to neighboring property, is back to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

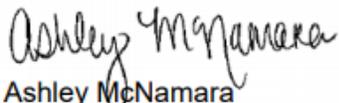
Rehnquist's current plan for seven homes on the 17.6 acres that is partially designated as Protected Woodland was voted down by the Planning and Zoning Commission on a 6-0 vote. Despite that loss Rehnquist moved the proposal to the Board of Aldermen where the alderpersons refused to vote it down or vote on it all. The matter has been continued three times since it was first up for a vote on May 29.

Now Rehnquist has a new proposal before the P&Z, again for seven homes on the same property. It appears as if Rehnquist and the City of Town and Country have joined together in an effort to wear down all the residents who are in opposition to the rezoning. With this new plan before P&Z we expect he will withdraw the one the alderpersons were afraid to vote on.

**NOTICE OF SUBDIVISION REVIEW
PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
CITY OF TOWN AND COUNTRY, MO**

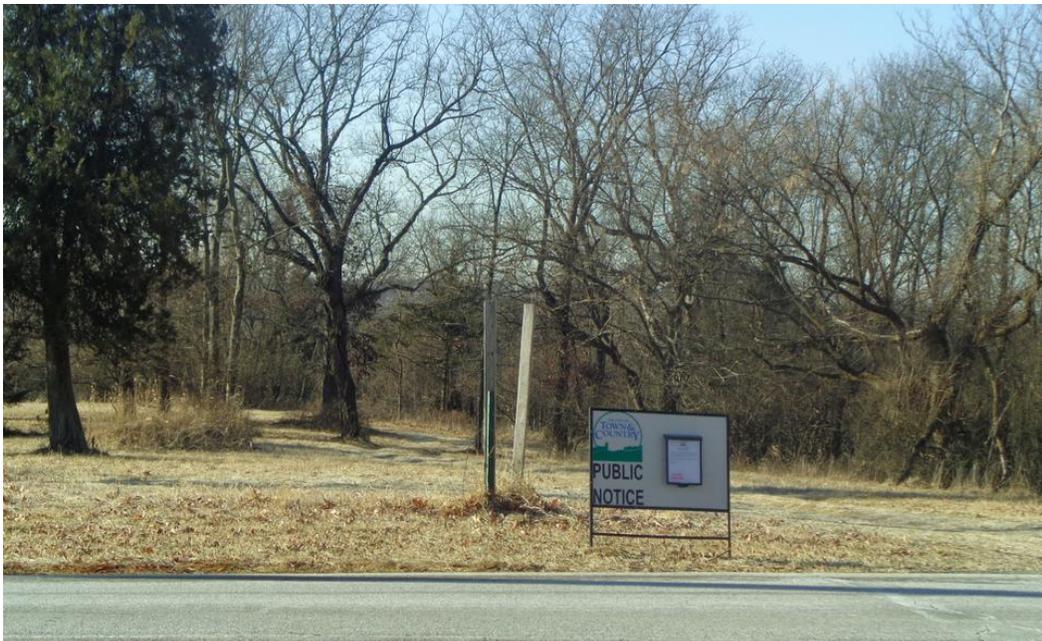
Notice is hereby given that the Planning and Zoning Commission of the City of Town and Country, Missouri will hold a hearing on Wednesday, July 18, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Center, 1011 Municipal Center Drive, to review a request by Rob Rehnquist, Rehnquist Design + Build, owner, to subdivide one lot of approximately 17.59 acres into seven residential lots. The lot to be subdivided is located at 1919 South Mason Road, in the Suburban Estate (SE) Zoning District.

All interested parties may examine all public documents relating to this matter at the Municipal Center and may appear and be heard at the public hearing. For direct inquiries, please contact Director of Planning and Public Works Craig Wilde at (314) 587-2824.


Ashley McNamara
City Clerk
June 29, 2018



Below are two different Public Notice signs at 1919 S. Mason. One is for a February public hearing and the second sign is for an April public hearing. Then there have been five Aldermanic meetings with this rezoning on the agenda. That's seven trips to City hall for residents opposed to the Rehnquist rezoning. They have to be getting tired.





POLICE NOT LIKELY TO BOTHER TAX CHEAT FRED MEYLAND SMITH ABOUT HIS ILLEGAL LICENSE PLATES:

I have had one reader email me and several people ask me in person. The County Assessor's told me to do it. It all dealt with reporting Fred Meyland-Smith's illegal Tax-Dodging Illinois license plates to the Town and Country Police. I laugh when I hear this suggestion.

I believe one of the official mottos of the Town and Country Police is "WE Are a Police Department that Does Not Enforce Missouri License Plate Laws Involving Expensive Cars or Local Officials." Now I know that the motto is too long to put on officer's business cards, but I think it is a motto, just like "Protect and Serve."

Below is local resident, downtown lawyer and member of the Police Commission, Allen Allred's Porsche. It is parked illegally taking two spaces on a public parking lot (city hall). It also has no front license plate. I see him driving around town regularly in this car and I see him passing marked police cars in violation of Missouri License Plate laws. They give you two license plates for a reason. They both go on your car!



Fred Meyland-Smith's prayers are apparently being answered. He has cheated the City of Town and Country and the State of Missouri out of sales tax when he bought this car in 2016. He also cheats St. Louis County by not paying a Personal Property Tax on the car each year, like the rest of us pay. If Fred is an elected official in Missouri he has signed paper work claiming to be a Missouri resident, so there is no being an Illinois resident only when you drive your car.



VERY DRUNK WOMAN WHO HAD STOLEN A TRUCK WITH GUNS INSIDE PULLED INTO A DRIVEWAY ON WHEATFIELD FARMS ROAD AND TRIED TO SELL HOMEOWNER THE GUNS AND ASKED FOR HIM TO CALL HER CAB BECAUSE SHE IS TOO DRUNK TO DRIVE: Gosh, you could have a Made-for-TV movie out of this one.

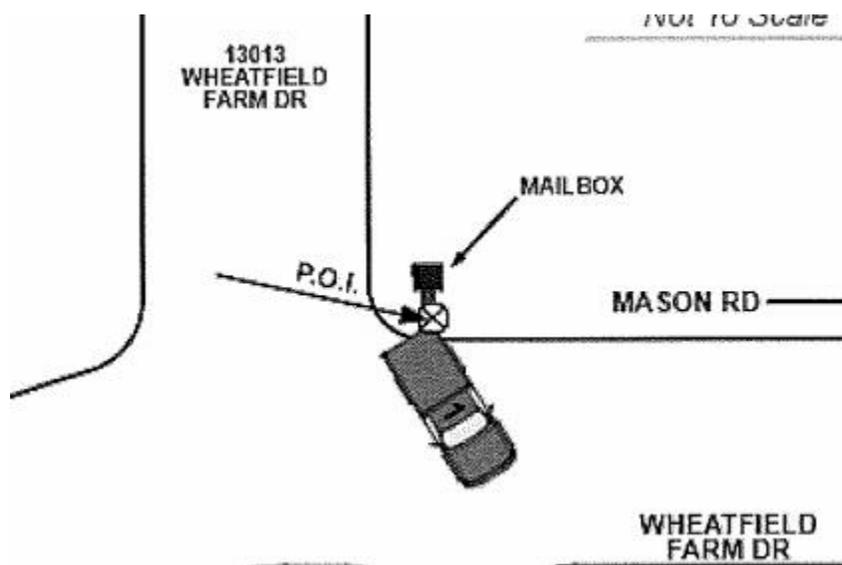
On June 9, 2017 at 6:50 PM a homeowner in the Wheatfield Farms subdivision off of Mason Road noticed a truck in his driveway. He went out to see why the truck was there. The woman driver told him that she was too drunk to keep driving and asked if he would call her cab. She then offered to sell him guns that were in the truck she was driving.

The homeowner called the Town and Country Police and then took photos of the woman and the truck, a 2003 Chevrolet Tahoe with a "Jackson Custom Homes and Remodeling" logo on the side of the truck.

Officer Cook responded to the call and spotted the truck outside of the subdivision on the side of Mason Road. He found the driver, **Danielle Marie Foster** lying in the grass to the side of the truck. The following is from the police report:

While driving to the area I observed a truck fitting the description of the suspicious vehicle parked on the east side of Mason road. The truck had the passenger side door open and a pile of clothes laying on the ground. I observed heavy front end damage to the vehicle. I observed a Jackson Custom Homes and Remodeling logo on the vehicle. As I approached the truck, I observed a female laying on the ground by some bushes next to the truck. The female was identified as Danielle Foster. Foster was very incoherent, confused and her speech was slurred. It should be noted that the rear taillight was heavily damaged, red and clear pieces of the taillight were missing.

It was determined that the truck had been involved in an accident when it was backed into a mailbox in the Wheatfield Farms Subdivision.



Foster then did what all good criminals should do. She confessed again and again. This is from the police report:

Foster made several spontaneous utterances and continued apologizing for stealing the truck. Foster stated she could not drive anymore because she was too drunk. Foster said she stole the vehicle from her ex boyfriend after she left the hospital out west. She stopped at a Walgreens, filled a prescription and purchased a bottle of Fireball whiskey. She then left and began driving and drinking the whiskey. Foster was unsure of where she was at and stated "she took the firearms that were inside the truck".

Also recovered from the truck were two .22 rifles, a BB gun, a gun case and a laptop computer.

This is from a portion of Foster's interview with Officer Cook:

WHAT WERE YOU DOING DURING THE LAST THREE HOURS PRIOR TO CONTACT WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT? WALKING TRYING TO GET HOME		
WERE YOU OPERATING THE VEHICLE AT THE TIME OF THE CRASH OR STOP? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		
HAVE YOU BEEN DRINKING? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	IF YES, WHAT WERE YOU DRINKING? FIREBALL	
TIME STARTED AN HOUR BEFORE YOU GUYS GOT ME	TIME STOPPED WHEN I MET YOU GUYS	
HOW MUCH? I DON'T KNOW	WHERE? WHEREVER	ARE YOU UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF AN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO NOT ANYMORE
HAVE YOU EVER MADE HAMA OR ANY OTHER DRUG? IF YES, WHEN?	WHERE?	HOW MUCH? IF YES, WHAT?

Foster agreed to have a blood draw to determine her BAC level. She was taken to Mercy Hospital. The results of the test showed her BAC level to be .165% or more than twice the legal limit.



Here is her record that we could find:

11/27/97	Speeding fined \$50 Lincoln County	MO Highway Patrol
07/10/08	Domestic Assault and Assault 90-days jail	St. Peters PD
02/29/16	DWI/Accident	Rice CO SO MN
	Felony Drug Possession	
	Open Container in Veh	
04/26/16	Felony Drug Possession	Northfield, MN PD
03/02/16	DWI	Floyd CO Iowa
	Open Container in Vehicle	
05/21/17	Burglary 5-years SES probation term	O'Fallon PD
06/09/17	Motor Veh Theft 120-days jail then 5-yr probation	St. Charles Co PD
06/09/17	DWI Felony Persistent 4-yr jail but on SES 5-yr Probation 30-days shock jail	Town and Country PD
	Leaving the Scene of Accident 30-days jail	

Here is the list of active Warrants for the arrest of Foster in Minnesota:

01/26/18	Fail to Appear Felony Drug Possession	Rice County MN
04/28/17	2-Counts Felony Check Forgery 1 ct Theft by Swindle	Rice County MN
02/02/17	DWI and Felony Drug Possession	Rice County MN
02/07/17	Driving While Revoked & No Proof of Ins.	Rice County MN

OUTCOME: Foster pled guilty to the Felony DWI on 04/12/18. She was sentenced to 4-years in prison, but immediately was placed on a 5-year SES probation term at the end of a 30-day shock jail sentence. She is supervised by the Missouri Department of Probation and Parole. She pled guilty to the Leaving the Scene of an Accident charge and was sentenced to 30-days jail.

FRONTENAC EX-CON ARRESTED FOR DWI AT 8:48 IN THE MORNING: Aloysius Grunzinger, 38, from the West End (really northeast end) of Frontenac was arrested on Sunday morning July 1, 2018 by the Highway Patrol. Grunzinger has both a criminal record and an extensive traffic record. In fact he has been cited or arrested a number of times along I-70 between St, Louis and Columbia. This is from the Highway Patrol's online arrest reports:

Arrest Date	Arrest Time	Arrest County
07/01/2018	8:48AM	GASCONADE

Person Name	Person Age	Person Gender	Person City/State
GRUNZINGER, ALOYSIUS L	38	MALE	FRONTENAC, MO

Charge
1) DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED

We might of ignored this, but the 8:48 AM arrest time on a DWI is a little unusual.

Here is his local record:

11/17/96	3-Counts of Burglary 3-Counts of Felony Stealing Felony Assault	Creve Coeur PD
05/01/97	Sentence to 1 year jail for stealing and assault Placed on 5-year probation term for burglary	
01/26/98	Speeding \$49 fine	Kirkwood PD
11/12/98	Speeding 20 + Over Limit Cash fine	MO Highway Patrol
03/07/99	Careless and Impudent Driving Cash fine Speeding cash fine \$100	Chesterfield PD

	2 other moving violations reduced to Illegal Parking fines	
01/08/00	2-Counts Drug Possession Found Guilty Bench trial	Frontenac PD
05/17/00	Moving Violation reduced to Illegal Parking \$100 fine	St. Louis CO PD
07/10/00	Moving Violation reduced to Illegal Parking \$200 fine	St. Louis CO PD
04/30/01	Moving Violation reduced to loud muffler	MO Highway Patrol
05/25/02	Marijuana Possession \$150 cash fine	Montgomery CO SO
	No Operator's License \$50 fine	
03/31/03	Peace Disturbance	St. Peters PD
	Assault	
	Assault on a Law Enforcement Officer 180-days jail	
08/20/04	Speeding \$161 fine	MO Highway Patrol
06/06/06	Moving Violation reduced to loud muffler \$250 fine	MO Highway Patrol
11/07/10	Speeding \$30 fine	Columbia PD
08/16/11	Speeding \$300 fine	MO Highway Patrol
06/13/15	Possession of Marijuana \$300 fine	MO Highway Patrol
07/01/18	DWI pending	MO Highway Patrol

REPAIRS AND IRRIGATION FOR FIREHOUSE AND IRRIGATION IMPROVEMENTS

AT CITY HALL: Here is the short version from Town and Country Project manager Tim Randick on what is being done at the Firehouse for \$127,600. Following Tim's explanation is the contractor's winning bid and includes the sprinkler system at City Hall.



We will be replacing the guttering & downspouts, replacing one window, minor drywall repair, and replacing the irrigation system which is currently not functioning.

Add for Irrigation Scope on Municipal Center Inclusions/Exclusions/Clarifications:

Inclusions:

- Installing 220 lf of SCH 40 PVC Sleeving
- Replace spray heads in canoe island
- Move rotor heads from inside brush line to turf area
- New Controller to be installed in same location as existing
- Includes crossing under existing walks
- Includes seeding and strawing any disturbance
- Includes 1 year parts and labor warranty

Exclusions:

- Excavations of paved surfaces, replacement of paved surfaces, directional boring and/or staking of locations

Clarifications:

- Water source to be existing 2" service with backflow assumed to be in good working order
- WIFI connectivity to be supplied by owner

Price Breakdown

Code	Description	Quantity	Unit Price	Price
Total Bid Price		1	127,600.00	\$127,600.00
328000 Irrigation	Add price for Irrigation at Municipal Center	1	39,720.00	\$39,720.00

Total Price: \$167,320.00

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RV SALES LOT COMING TO CHESTERFIELD. IT WILL BE JUST LIKE LIVING IN JEFFERSON COUNTY! In case you missed it in last week's Post-Dispatch Business Section here is the headline:

Camping World to add RV sales at Gander Mountain in Chesterfield

By Brian Feldt St. Louis Post-Dispatch 1 hr ago (0)



18941 Outlet Blvd.

We asked Chesterfield' Director of Planning, Justin Wyse if Gander Mountain will need new zoning or other permits to start selling RVs. Here is the current answer:

The area does permit auto sales (which includes recreational vehicles) with some restrictions (e.g. not more than 20% of area of development and not visible from streets exterior to the development).

We aren't sure exactly what their business model / plan for sales at this location are, but we are working to get everything clarified. At this very early juncture and with limited information, I would expect they would have to amend their Site Development Section Plan to show the areas for outdoor sales to verify compliance with all requirements of the Unified Development Code and planned district ordinance. The scale of those changes would dictate if review by the Architectural Review Board and / or Planning Commission is required.

In short, we are waiting to get more information from them on exactly what they are proposing at the location.

Justin Wyse, AICP, PTP

Director of Planning & Development Services

LOGAN UNIVERSITY STUDENT LIVING IN VALLEY PARK EITHER STEALS WALLET LEFT AT BAR OR "FINDS" IT AND STARTS USING CREDIT CARD: Todd Eason McGowan had been at the Corner Pub and Grill at 15824 Fountain Plaza in

Ellisville at Clayton and Clarkson Roads on Sunday July 16, 2017 when he apparently left his wallet.



The Corner Pub



Todd McGowan left wallet

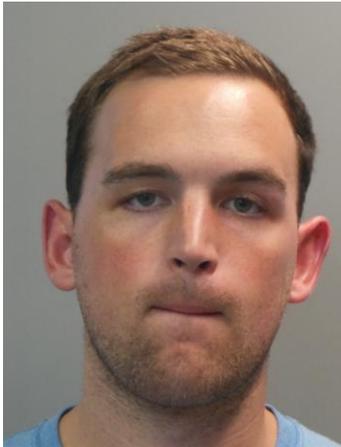
On Monday July 17, 2017 McGowan knew he had not simply misplaced his wallet. He called credit card companies and found out later on in the day he apparently left the wallet the day before at the Corner Bar and it was taken as there was a \$500.71 transaction at the Target Store in Town and Country.

The Master Card was also used at two different Petro-Mart gas station/convenience stores also on Sunday July 16. One Petro-Mart was in Chesterfield and the other one was in Valley Park. Later it was determined that it was also used at Half-Price Books in Chesterfield.

DON'T DO THIS IF YOU ARE A CREDIT CARD THIEF: Town and Country Police Detective Hunt called around to the four locations that the credit card was used on July 16 to steal a total of \$633.30 worth of merchandise.

Every location had a video of the suspect using the card. But the one that identified the suspect the fastest was the Petro-Mart in Valley Park, where the suspect is a regular customer and known to the staff. In fact he had just filled out a part time work application as he finished the last 18 months his studies at Logan University.

He was identified as **Curtis R. Bixenstine**, 27, who had lived in Valley Park and now lives at 1808 Ridge Lake Drive in Chesterfield. Det. Hunt obtain Bixenstine's drivers' license photo from his home state of Ohio and then went to Target, the Chesterfield Petro-Mart and Half-Price Books, where he positively identified Bixenstine from the store video when he used the stolen card.



At Target he fraudulently obtained a Play Station 4 and other Play Station accessories. At the Chesterfield Petro-Mart it was gasoline and food, in Valley Park it was cigars and cigarettes (He is now in the medical profession?). What he pulled at Half Price Books led me to believe this scam with a stolen credit card was not new to him. He bought books and then within days tried to return them for cash, but was only offered a store credit.

On July 25, 2017 Det. Hunt and Det. Nicoletti went to Bixenstine's apartment in Valley Park, but he wasn't at home. Next they went to Logan University, where Bixenstine is currently enrolled to be a chiropractor. He was not there. (Perhaps he is developing a new treatment that can relax muscles, adjust bones and remove credit cards from patients' wallets.) They did reach him by cell phone. At first he said he would go right to the Town and Country Police Station in the next hour. 30-minutes later he contacted Det. Hunt back and said he had to hire a lawyer first.

The lawyer called back and informed Det. Hunt that Bixenstine was turning himself in.

Here is what Bixenstine told Det. Hunt from the police report after he was advised of the Miranda Warning:

***** Bixenstine stated he found the victim's wallet and contents, including the credit card in question, in the "middle of the street". Bixenstine stated his friend lives at 1█ Ridge Lake (Chesterfield, Mo) and that he found the wallet in close proximity to same.**

I question this statement completely. McGowan apparently left his wallet at the Corner Pub, at worse maybe it slid off the roof of his car in the Ellisville parking lot.

*** Bixenstine stated he later removed the credit card in question and made purchases at (2) two different gas / service stations, a book store, and a Target store.

*** Bixenstine stated at (1) one gas station (Petro-Mart - Chesterfield) he purchased food and fuel and at the other he purchased cigarettes and a cigar. Bixenstine stated he purchased numerous books from the book store. Bixenstine stated at Target he purchased a Playstation 4 gaming system, (2) two Playstation 4 video games, headphones, and an OtterBox.

OUTCOME: On April 4, 2018 Bixenstine pled guilty in Town and Country Municipal Court to Fraudulent Use of a Credit Card. Judge Niehoff placed him on a No-Record and No-Fine and No-Jail 2-year probation term.

DRUNK DRIVER 4X OVER THE LIMIT DRIVING ON TWO FLAT TIRES ARRESTED BY CHESTERFIELD POLICE OFFICERS:

18-2953 DWI arrest (Chesterfield Parkway & Justis Post) - Vehicle was stopped after officers spotted the vehicle driving on two flat tires. Subject was arrested for DWI with a blood alcohol level of .310.

Jeffrey Hall, a former Chesterfield resident now living in O'Fallon, Mo., was arrested at 1:17 AM July 1 (Saturday night into Sunday morning) on Chesterfield Parkway and Lydia Hill Road for DWI. His 0.310% BAC is almost four time the legal limit.

Does he look drunk to you? (Below)



CHESTERFIELD POLICE BLOTTER:



**CHESTERFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT
Crime Report**

<u>Time of Occurrence</u>	<u>Generic Address</u>	<u>Business/Location Name</u>	<u>Subdivision</u>	<u>Incident Type</u>
06/07/2018, 1330 06/07/2018, 1340	18XXX OUTLET BLVD	St. Louis Premium Outlet Mall	CHESTERFIELD BLUE VALLEY	Assault Common - Threat
Arrested:				
Brief Narrative Description: Former employer threatened victim while at work.				

06/28/2018, 0900 06/28/2018, 1850	15XXX HITCHCOCK RD		SHENANDOAH	Larceny under \$750 from Auto
Arrested:				
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject entered victim's unlocked vehicle and took a dash camera.				
06/28/2018, 1220 06/28/2018, 1220	18XXX OUTLET BLVD	Sunglass Hut	CHESTERFIELD BLUE VALLEY	Abduction
Arrested: Carter,Trinice L B 31 F Cox,Jamica R B 27 F Blue,Antwoinese G B 28 F				
Brief Narrative Description: 31, 28, and 27 yo females concealed sunglasses and jewelry and left stores without paying. Also in possession of prohibited theft devices.				
07/01/2018, 0037 07/01/2018, 0037	3XX E CHESTERFIELD CTR	Drury	DRURY PLAZA HOTEL	Drugs Possession - Misdemeanor
Arrested: Robinson,Jeremiah B 20 M				
Brief Narrative Description: 20 yo male in possession of marijuana and paraphernalia after being stopped for a traffic violation.				
06/23/2018, 0000 07/01/2018, 0809	17XXX NORTH OUTER 40 RD		GATEWAY GOLF CENTER	Property Damage Building
Arrested:				
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject spray painted graffiti on building.				
07/01/2018, 1146 07/01/2018, 1146	N WOODS MILL RD & OLIVE BLVD & WOODS MILL RD			Drugs Possession - Misdemeanor
Arrested: Pukas,David V W 26 M				
Brief Narrative Description: 26 yo male in possession of marijuana after being stopped for a traffic violation.				
07/01/2018, 1617 07/01/2018, 1620	4X THF BLVD	Ulta	CHESTERFIELD COMMONS EAST	Larceny Over \$750 Shoplifting
Arrested:				
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subjects concealed fragrances and left store with paying.				
06/30/2018, 1200 07/01/2018, 1940	12XX BEAVER CREEK RD		SHENANDOAH	Property Damage to Mailbox
Arrested:				
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject damaged victim's mailbox.				

07/01/2018, 1945 07/01/2018, 1945	7XX ALRICK DR		CHESTERFIELD MOBILE HOME PARK	Assault Common - Actual Assault
Arrested:				
Brief Narrative Description: Assault report between neighbors over argument over parking spot. Investigation ongoing. Minor injury reported.				
06/30/2018, 0109 06/30/2018, 0109	BAXTER RD & DARTMOOR HILL LN			Drugs Possession - Misdemeanor
Arrested: Watford,Jeremy W W 26 M				
Brief Narrative Description: 26 yo male in possession of marijuana and paraphernalia after being stopped for a traffic violation.				
06/29/2018, 0300 06/29/2018, 0300	15XXX CHAMISAL DR		CLAYMONT WOODS	Property Damage to Vehicle
Arrested:				
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject broke out window on victim's vehicle.				
06/30/2018, 1630 06/30/2018, 1630	164 HWY W & BOONES CROSSING			Peace Disturbance Road Rage
Arrested:				
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject cut off victim while driving after road rage incident.				
06/29/2018, 1100 06/29/2018, 1100	21XX VILLAGE GREEN PKY		VILLAGE GREEN	Drugs Paraphernalia
Arrested: Patterson,Jack M W 17 M Ram, Mercer W W 17 M				
Brief Narrative Description: Two 17 yo males in possession of marijuana paraphernalia after suspicious vehicle check.				
06/29/2018, 1600 06/29/2018, 1600	7 ARNAGE RD	National Medical Billing	RIVER CROSSINGS	Larceny under \$750 License Plate/Tabs
Arrested:				
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject took license plate off of victim's vehicle.				
06/16/2018, 1725 06/28/2018, 1700	15XX PACLAND RIDGE CT		PACLAND PLACE FIRST ADDITION	Larceny under \$750 Residence
Arrested:				
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject took fire arm from victim's residence.				

06/29/2018, 1725 06/29/2018, 1852	18XXX OUTLET BLVD	St. Louis Premium Outlet Mall	CHESTERFIELD BLUE VALLEY	Drugs Possession - Felony
Arrested: Schaffer,Zachary S W 27 M				
Brief Narrative Description: 27 yo male in possession of narcotics and paraphernalia after suspicious person check. After being stopped, subject pushed officer and ran but was taken into custody shortly after without incident. No injuries reported.				
06/29/2018, 2050 06/29/2018, 2050	15XX WESTMEADE DR		WESTBURY PARK	Trespassing Private Property
Arrested: Sloan,Kevin M W 48 M				
Brief Narrative Description: 48 yo male knowingly trespassed onto private property pool area.				
07/02/2018, 1730 07/02/2018, 1830	18XXX OUTLET BLVD	Coach	CHESTERFIELD BLUE VALLEY	Fraud Credit Card
Arrested:				
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject used victim's debit card information to make purchases.				
07/03/2018, 1307 07/03/2018, 1307	6X THF BLVD	Dick's Sporting Goods	CHESTERFIELD COMMONS EAST	Larceny Over \$750 Shoplifting
Arrested:				
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject took golf clubs and walked out of store without paying.				
07/03/2018, 1345 07/03/2018, 1345	18XXX OUTLET BLVD	Tommy Hilfiger	CHESTERFIELD BLUE VALLEY	Larceny under \$750 Shoplifting
Arrested:				
Brief Narrative Description: 26 yo female removed security tags off of clothing in an attempt to take them without paying.				
07/03/2018, 0350 07/03/2018, 1500	5 MCBRIDE AND SON CENTER DR	Hampton Inn	McBRIDE AND SON CENTER	Larceny under \$750 License Plate/Tabs
Arrested:				
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject took license plates off of victim's vehicle.				
07/03/2018, 2338 07/03/2018, 2338	6X FOUR SEASONS SHPG CTR	Talayna's	FOUR SEASONS PLAZA	Burglary Commercial - Business
Arrested:				
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subjects attempted to force entry on plywood board on front entrance window of business from previous burglary attempt.				

07/03/2018, 2341 07/03/2018, 2341	15XXX SUMMER RIDGE DR		VILLAGES AT BAXTER RIDGE	Liquor Violation MIP
Arrested: Juveniles				
Brief Narrative Description: Four 16 yo males in possession of alcohol after hosting underage party. Parents out of town and will be cited upon return for Failure to Supervise.				
07/03/2018, 1910 07/03/2018, 2000	14XXX CHATEAU VILLAGE DR		CHATEAU VILLAGE	Burglary Residential - Home
Arrested:				
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject forced open basement window on residence and took paperwork, electronics, and money.				

GUN WAVING, THREATENING EX-BOYFRIEND CHARGED WITH A FELONY: Last week we wrote about Michael Zebley going to the Twin Peaks restaurant at 963 Chesterfield Center where he waved a gun threatening to shoot a person if he hit on his ex-girlfriend. This week we obtained the court documents after Zebley was charged with a Felony Unlawful Use of a Weapon.



IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY
STATE OF MISSOURI

-VS-

MICHAEL ZEBLEY
111 EDWARD COURT
EUREKA, MO 63025

Aliases:

40TH

RACE: White
SEX: Male
DOB: 07/05/1991
HGT: 6'02"
WGT: 180lbs.
P.D.: Chesterfield

CHARGES

Count: 01 UNLAWFUL USE OF WEAPON - SUBSECTION 4 - EXHIBITING - CLASS E FELONY

I, Tim Schumacher, DSN 0307, Chesterfield Police Department, knowing that false statements on this form are punishable by law, state that the facts contained herein are true. I have probable cause to believe that on June 27, 2018, at 963 Chesterfield Ctr. St Louis County, Mo, Michael Zebley, White, Male, DOB 07/05/1991, 6'02", 180lbs, committed one or more criminal offense(s).

Count: 01 UNLAWFUL USE OF WEAPON - SUBSECTION 4 - EXHIBITING - CLASS E FELONY

The facts supporting this belief are as follows:

Defendant approached victim at a restaurant parking lot. Defendant pointed a gun at victim and threatened to shoot him. Defendant admitted he had a verbal argument with victim and waived a loaded gun in victim's face.

A RARITY AS WE KNOW IT! THREE ARRESTED FOR STEALING AT THE SUNGLASS HUT. TWO RETURN TO CHESTERFIELD TO COMMIT MORE CRIMES:

Week after week all year when we run the police blotter and there is a mention of a theft at one of the two Sunglass Huts in Chesterfield with a notation of "No Suspects." That changed last week. (FYI There was no abduction, typo on police entry below)

06/28/2018, 1220	18XXX OUTLET	Sunglass Hut	CHESTERFIELD BLUE VALLEY	Abduction
06/28/2018, 1220	BLVD			
Arrested: Carter,Trinice L B 31 F Cox,Jamica R B 27 F Blue ,Antwoinese G B 28 F				
Brief Narrative Description: 31, 28, and 27 yo females concealed sunglasses and jewelry and left stores without paying. Also in possession of prohibited theft devices.				

These are the three suspects:

Antwoinese Blue, 28, 4250 Clarence Ave. St. Louis This is not Blue's first time to come to Chesterfield and steal. She was arrested on May 06, 2014 by Chesterfield Police for Felony Stealing. She pled guilty on 08/20/15 and was placed on a 5-year SIS (No Fine, No Record) probation, unless of course you violate the probation. There are currently four recent "Probation Violations" filed against Blue. This arrest will make 5 violations.



Blue from 2014

Here is part of her record we could find:

02/17/13	Driving While Revoke/Speeding FTA Warrant Greene CO MO Hwy Patrol	
06/05/13	Careless Driving/Driving While Revoke/No Insurance	St, Louis PD
05/06/14	Felony Stealing PG 8/20/15 placed on 5-yr prob term	Chesterfield PD
09/16/14	Misdemeanor/Ord Violation Shoplifting	Chesterfield PD
09/22/14	Felony Stealing PG 8/20/15 placed on 5-yr prob term	Frontenac PD
	There are currently 7 probation violations filed	
06/28/18	Felony Stealing	

In the May 6, 2014 Chesterfield case, Blue and aco-defendant Maquel Williams had placed \$4,121 worth of merchandise from Macys into trash bags and were attempting to get to a getaway car when police arrived. They fled on foot only to be caught 15 minutes later.

We wrote about the 2014 arrest for stealing from Macys in Part 1 of our May 2016 Drunks and Thieves Newsletter

http://johnhoffmann.net/drunks_and_thieves_051016.pdf

Jamica COX, 27, was not on her first trip to Chesterfield either.



Here is Jamica Cox's record that we were able to find.

02/17/08	6-counts Teft of Credit Card from Mail 3-yrs prison	Brentwood PD
02/17/08	Forgery 3-years-prison	Brentwood PD
02/19/08	Theft of Credit Card from Mail 3-years prison	Ladue PD
02/19/08	2-Counts Forgery 3-years prison	Brentwood PD
02/22/08	Theft of Credit Card from Mail 3-years prison	Ladue PD
02/22/08	Forgery 3-years prison	Brentwood PD
02/26/08	Theft of Credit Card from Mail 3-years prison	Brentwood PD
02/26/08	Misdemeanor Theft 9-months jail	Brentwood PD
03/02/08	Theft of Credit Card from Mail 3-years prison	Ladue PD
03/02/08	Felony Stealing 08/09/10 PG 3-years prison	St. Peters PD
	Fraudulent use of Credit Card 3-years prison	
02/26/14	Felony Stealing pending	St. Peters
	Receiving Stolen Property pending	
03/21/14	Felony Stealing PG 11/12/15 sentenced 1-yr jail	Chesterfield PD
04/04/18	Misdemeanor Stealing pending	Doolittle PD
	Identity Theft	
06/28/18	Felony Theft pending	Chesterfield PD
	Possession of a Theft Device pending	Chesterfield PD

Trinice Carter, 31, of Ferguson was charged with the ordinance violation of Stealing in Chesterfield MUNI Court. We could find no prior record on Carter.



However, Trinice is on the website Poshmark where she lists clothes in her closet. She lists as her favorite brands as (from Poshmark)

Hi! I'm Trinice. Some of my favorite brands are Louis Vuitton, PINK Victoria's Secret, Tory Burch, J. Crew, and CHANEL. Thanks for stopping by! Feel free to leave me a comment so that I can check out your closet too. :)

FROM INSIDE THE TRAILER PARK: This is from the Chesterfield Police midnight shift on July 1 into July2. It involves an assault followed by arrests, followed by detention of two suspects who had illegally entered the United States three times. We hoped to have more on this next week.

18-2963 Assault: **(UPDATE FROM EVENING WATCH)** A resident on Alrick became involved in an argument with a neighbor and his guests over one of the guests parking his vehicle in front of the resident's trailer. The argument escalated until the resident was assaulted by five of the neighbor's guests. The victim suffered minor injuries and refused medical attention. The five guests were arrested for the assault. A St. Louis County officer responded to the station and assisted with translation for the interviews and booking of the suspects. Processing of the suspects continues as of the time of this EOS report.

Two of the five suspects were found to be in the country illegally after being deported on two prior occasions. ICE agent placed a detainer on the two subjects and they were transferred to the St Louis County Jail.



SIGN, SIGNS, EVER WHERE THERE ARE SIGNS: Who is stupid enough to plant vegetation in front of signs. First of all The City of Town and Country is. Here are just a few more of the many dopes.



August 2017



June 2017 it should be completely covered in six weeks.



This sign is after the turn-in to the BMO Harris Bank on one-way EB Manchester Rd in Des Peres. Clearly the bank wants to make itself as hard to find as possible for new customers.



Red Robin in Des Peres is apparently giving away too many unlimited fries and wants it harder for new customers to find the restaurant.

LETTERS: Due to problems 10 days ago with my emails, I was not able to find an email from Chesterfield Councilwoman Barb McGuinness pointing out an error in our Newsletter #335. Here is her complaint:

Attached please find the audio recording of Mon's council meet. Only one time did I say that "it is the Mayor's appointment"....and that was to Michelle who did not seem to understand that it is the Mayor's responsibility to make committee/commission appointments.....Barry said that it is a Mayoral responsibility/appointment.....Mary Ann said it was the Mayor's appointment.

So what I said was not "stupid".....as I was addressing Michelle's question about who makes the appointment.....she didn't seem to understand....and I further said that 'it is

the law' when she asked why it is the way it is. Others also said it in the context of ...there was only one nominee that night...that it was not a choice between 2 people.

I feel compelled to say at other times than this meeting, especially at Agenda Review Meetings McGuinness had almost chanted, "It's his appointment" referring to Mayor Bob Nation's appointment of men to the Planning Commission after he wrote that the commission needed "gender balancing."

I USED TO WORK WITH CAPITAL GAZETTE VICTIM: The Bowie Baysox are a Double-A minor league baseball team in the Eastern League. A Double-A team is a big deal in a smaller city. Bowie, Maryland is in between Baltimore and Washington, DC. The Baysox drew fans because they were an affiliate with the Baltimore Orioles and the Orioles of tomorrow were playing at Bowie today.

From 1997 to 2005 I covered four different minor league baseball teams as a baseball writer and an occasional big league game. The Bowie Baysox were close to Annapolis, Maryland. For a number of years the Annapolis radio station WNAV, owned by Pat Sajak (Sajak lives in Maryland and goes to LA for the tapings of Wheel of Fortune.)



The games were also covered by the Annapolis daily newspaper, the Capital Gazette. Their sportswriter who covered the Baysox was John McNamara. For a number of years John and I would sit next to each other in the front row of the press box. John would cover the Orioles, but if they were on the road he'd be at a Baysox game.

John was a decade younger than me. He grew up in Bethesda, Maryland, near where I was a police officer for seven years. He was both funny and cynical while being enjoyable to be around. Some sportswriters can be a pain in the ass and overly competitive while working. There was a guy with the Washington Post who fit that bill. But you were always happy to see John (AKA Mac) covering the same game you were.

In 2005 McNamara and a Washington DC media critic who operated a website were the only two people to stick up for me when I had a run in the Comcast. At the time Comcast was just a regional cable provider and owned several sports team, including having just bought three of the four baseball teams that I covered. For years Minor League teams would put on a free 2-hour clinic for young kids at local parks. They would usually give the kids free tickets to Monday or Tuesday night games which had small crowds. The hook was a parent would have to come with some kids and buy a ticket and hopefully have a hot dog and a couple of beers, plus buy the kids some stuff at the concession stand.

However, Comcast wanted to make more money and offered two one week-long clinics a year at their three minor league ballparks. The fee per kid was \$100 with 100 kids per clinic. Comcast would pull in \$10,000 per ballpark twice a year. The kids were given cheap hot dogs for lunch. Comcast would pay players on the teams to be the instructors. Five players would split up the 100 kids. The players made around \$500 each or \$2,500 week in costs to Comcast. The stars on the team who signed big bonuses did not want to be instructors. It was the players who needed the money.

The Orioles minor managers were furious over this and two opened up to me about it. They did not want players showing up at the ballpark at 8:45 in the morning for a 9 o'clock clinic. These players after late night games were not getting enough sleep. Granted they were not the stars of the future. They were starters who were never going to make the big leagues, but the managers cared about them as much as a bonus baby.

I wrote about this in a Sunday baseball column I had. By Monday, less than 24 hours after the column was posted, Comcast had revoked my press cards. John McNamara of the Capital Gazette was almost as upset as I was. He was the only print reporter that wrote a story about the heavy handedness of Comcast.



On Thursday June 28, 2018 John McNamara was one of the five Capital Gazette employees shot and killed at the newspaper's office by someone who didn't like the coverage he got six years earlier at his trial for sexual stalking of his former high school girlfriend.

NEW GARAGE: The only new building plans at Town and Country City Hall last week were for a new garage to be added to this one-and-a-half story house on Thornhill Drive.



LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION: We all know the California, Boston, Long Island real estate is very expensive, but I like to look at the houses, lobbyists, cabinet officers, special interest lawyers and others on the Washington, DC government scene are buying. You can often tell by the price of houses what sort of person is buying.

Here's one that is 90-years old, located two blocks inside Maryland from the DC border. It is on 1/3 of an acre with a detached garage. It is 7 bedrooms and has 4,285 square feet of living space. It has been on the market for 23 days at **\$3,500,000**. Taxes last year on this house were \$29,345.



100 YEAR OLD HOUSE: This one (below) is 100 years old. It was built before anyone had car, but has a one-car garage. It is 3,941 sq feet and is on a quarter acre of land. It went on the market 50 days ago at **\$2,750,000**. It is located four blocks from the Maryland/DC border. Taxes last year on the house at 10 W. Kirke were \$18,257.



A STEAL AT ONLY \$25,900,000. This house (below) is at 9 Chevy Chase Circle and sits on the Maryland-Washington DC Borderline on one of the busiest traffic circles in the DC area. When I moved to Maryland and went to work at the Chevy Chase Village PD this house was a foreign government's ambassador's residence, but it had a much more interesting history prior to that. For more read the Bethesda Magazine article at the below link.

<http://www.bethesdamagazine.com/Bethesda-Magazine/May-June-2010/Call-it-lshpiming/index.php?cparticle=2&siarticle=1#artanc>

Around 1996 it was sold to John J. Cafaro from Youngstown, Ohio, a developer, who had at the time bought the rights to manufacture the old Studebaker sports car, Avanti. Cafaro told me that he bought the house to be close to his daughter who was attending a Washington, DC girl's boarding school. He and his wife wanted to stay at the house on weekends. In 2002 Cafaro was convicted in Federal Court of bribing corrupt Ohio congressman James Traficant, who also did Federal prison time. 2010 Cafaro was placed on probation on another Federal campaign violation charge.

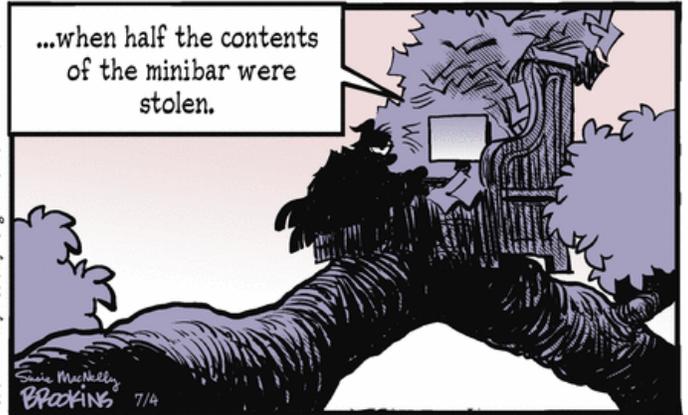


Cafaro

Taxes on the 12,885 square foot, 7-bedroom and one ballroom house are \$77,298 a year. The closest neighbor to the house is the All-Saints Catholic Church and School, located across the street in Washington, DC.



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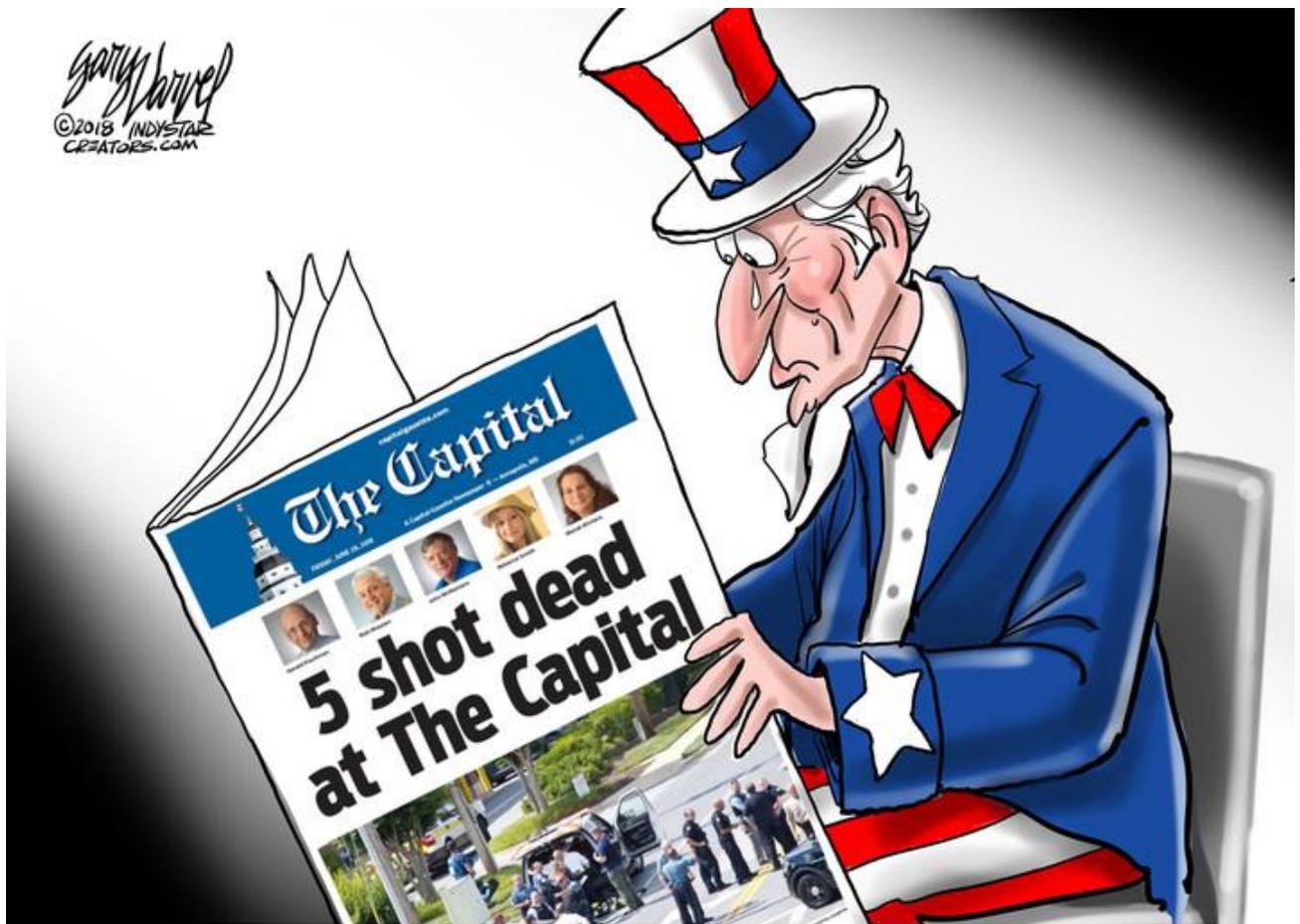
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