

**EX ALDERMAN NEWSLETTER 466 AND CHESTERFIELD UNAPPROVED 411**  
**February 13, 2021**

**HE IS AT IT AGAIN. SON OF WELL KNOW AREA DOCTOR CONTINUES TO COMMIT FELONIES. THE VICTIMS ARE STILL HIS PARENTS.** Patrick Capps Ahlering is an admitted gambling addict. He has stolen just under \$1,000,000 from his parents while living in their Town and Country home. After a \$750,000 theft from his father Dr. George Ahlering, a top rated Obstetrics and Gynecology doctor, his parents filed a criminal complaint in 2015.

Despite being convicted of several felonies, violating his probation, being sentenced to limited prison time with an early release and returning to the family home, Ahlering was arrested again on January 29 for felony Identity Theft charges.



Victims Dr. George and Julie Ahlering



Suspect and son Patrick Ahlering



Family home on Mason View Ct.

Ahlering has serious problems entering a casino using his own identity since he is banned from all casinos and has actually been arrested for trespassing in the past. He also used his father's identity to commit bank and credit card fraud that was over \$700,000.

This is currently on file with the Gambling Commission concerning Ahlering.

COMMISSION RESOLUTION NO. 18-011 REGARDING EXCLUSION OF AN INDIVIDUAL FROM EXCURSION  
GAMBLING BOATS AND FACILITIES IN MISSOURI  
February 28, 2018

WHEREAS, pursuant to 11 CSR 45-15.030, the Missouri Gaming Commission (the "Commission") has the authority to place a person on the Exclusion List for the conviction of a felony in any jurisdiction of any crime involving moral turpitude or of a crime involving gaming, violating any provision of Chapter 313 RSMo. or any rule promulgated by the Missouri Gaming Commission, or performing any act or having a notorious or unsavory reputation which would adversely affect public confidence and trust in gaming, or has their name on any valid and current exclusion list from another jurisdiction in the United States; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 11 CSR 45-15.010, placement on the Exclusion List prohibits such person from entering or having contact of any kind with any Missouri riverboat gaming operation; and

WHEREAS, Patrick C. Ahlering pled guilty to and was convicted on December 1, 2016, of one count of Identify Theft, a Class B Felony, one count of Receiving Stolen Property Over \$25,000, a Class B Felony, and one count of Stealing Over \$500, a Class C Felony, in the Circuit Court of St. Louis County, Missouri and was sentenced to seven years in the Missouri Department of Corrections to run concurrent for each felony and ordered to pay restitution in the amount of \$20,000. The Court suspended the execution of his sentence, and placed Mr. Ahlering on Supervised Probation for five years with the Missouri State Board of Probation and Parole.

Mr. Ahlering pled guilty to and was convicted on October 3, 2017, of one count of Stealing - \$750 or more, a Class D Felony, in the Circuit Court of St. Louis County, Missouri and was sentenced to seven years in the Missouri Department of Corrections to run concurrent with his prior felony convictions, listed above. The Court ordered him sentenced to 120 days Shock Incarceration.

Mr. Ahlering applied to be placed the Missouri Gaming Commission's Disassociated Person List and was approved on May 24, 2010. Mr. Ahlering applied and was approved for removal from the Missouri Gaming Commission's Disassociated Persons List on August 2, 2016.

Mr. Ahlering was found on the gaming floor by MGC agents on at least four occasions, specifically, on January 21, 2011, April 16, 2014, January 23, 2015, and July 25, 2016. He pled guilty to Trespassing – First Degree, a Class B Misdemeanor, in the Circuit Court of St. Louis City, Missouri on April 5, 2016, and ordered to pay court costs and a fine.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Commission hereby finds that Patrick C. Ahlering is eligible for permanent placement on the Exclusion List, and the Commission directs the Executive Director to issue a Notice of Exclusion to Patrick C. Ahlering.

This is a recap of Ahlering's earlier crimes:

Ahlering who over the course of a year stole at least \$750,000 from his parents, Dr. George Ahlering and Julie Ahlering. He stole the money through unauthorized credit card use, theft of his mother's jewelry and breaking into their house at 13020 Mason View Ct. after he was kicked out.

The money from the stolen items all went toward Patrick's gambling habit at area casinos. While the official amount of stolen property was \$743,000 it could be much higher due to other thefts before the parents decided to call the police.

On December 1, 2016 Patrick Ahlering pled guilty to the thefts (receiving stolen property) and felony Credit Card Identity Theft before Judge Nancy Watkins. He was sentenced to seven years in prison. HOWEVER, that sentence was immediately stayed and Patrick was placed on a 5-year SES probation term. This means he has a record that will not disappear at the end of a successful probation.

However a successful probation did not occur. On 01/17/18 Ahlering's probation terms for three felonies were revoked and he was sentenced to a 7-year prison term, that was reduced to 5-years . Ahlering then got an early release.

Here is Ahlering's arrest record we could find:

01/29/21	Felony Identity Theft	pending	Town & Country PD
12/07/17	Adult Abuse Stalking Order Issued		St. Louis Co Courts
06/01/17	Felony Stealing Pled Guilty	10/03/17 120-days	Town & Country PD
	Shock prison in lieu of 7-years prison then probation		
	Term of 5-years. 01/17/18 Probation revoked		
	Sentenced to 5-years prison, 09/07/18 sentence		
	Reduced to 2-years including Substance Abuse treatment		
07/12/16	Felony Receiving Stolen Property	Pled Guilty	Town & Country PD
	Sentence and probation revocation see above		
11/01/15	Felony Identity Theft	Pled Guilty sent see above	Town & Country PD
01/23/15	Trespassing In Casino	04/05/16 Pled Guilty	St. Louis City PD

### **January 2021 Town and Country Deer v Vehicle**

In 2020 for the whole year there was only one vehicle-deer incident that the police were aware of on Ladue Road. 2021 starts off with all three of Town and Country's deer hits occurring on Ladue Road.



1	1/5	21:07	12925 Ladue Road
2	1/11	09:03	Ladue Rd/Bryn Wyck Pl
3	1/29	5:47	13175 Ladue Road

**ONE OF WEATHIEST RESIDENTS OF T&C MOVING TO LA:** Outfielder Dexter Fowler waived his “no trade” clause in his 5-year contract with the St. Louis Cardinals. He was then traded to the Los Angeles Angles with the Cardinals picking up \$10,000,000 of the remaining \$12,000,000 on the 5-year \$82-million contract. While Dexter’s off-season home is in Atlanta, during the baseball season his wife and two small children joined him at their Town and Country house in the Thornhill subdivision. I would guess that the house would be on the market soon.



Fowler’s “house on the hill.”

**EVENING BURGLARY IN PROGRESS WITH ONE PROBLEM:** Three Hispanic males entered a house on Woodlark off of Topping Road on Friday February 5 a little after 6 o’clock in the evening. The suspects apparently thought no one was home. They were wrong as a teenage son of the homeowners was home and called 9-1-1 at 6:11pm after they had entered the house. They were speaking in Spanish. When the saw the teenager, they fled.

It is believed they were driving a newer model white SUV.



**BOARD OF ALDERMEN MEETING:**



For the second meeting in a row the big topic was the proposed resolution urging citizens not to sign a petition requesting an Audit by the State Auditor's Office of Town and Country's reckless spending on road and sidewalk projects that never got built and on the Town Square that has gone \$4,500,000 over budget.

Once again the issue here is the majority of the aldermen want to make this a resolution against a group of citizens petitioning for an Audit and about the people signing the petition. The resolution that is on our website, urges people to remove their names from the petition and also attacks the people doing the petition. This is not like the last meeting when the citizen comments attacked the resolution. This time the comments almost seem scripted as they mention the same things at the beginning, like how long they have lived in T&C. They also attack the people personally doing the petition drive. They don't seem to like people petitioning government, something the constitution says is O.K. and guarantees your right to do.

There were more comments concerning the resolution both written and spoken. Here are a few:

Dear Mayor Dalton and Madam Clerk McNamara,

I am writing tonight on behalf of myself & my wife, Anne W. Dorr, to state our full support of Resolution R and rejection of a State Audit.

We have been the property owners of 907 Arlington Oaks Terrace for over 20 years, during that time our city has been under the able leadership of Mayor Dalton and we have fully supported his direction. We find it outlandish in a time diminished revenues to desire to spend upwards of & in excess of 120K to learn that we don't have as much money as we did 2 years ago. We categorically reject a state audit, or an audit of any kind, if there is uncertainty about the financial acumen of decisions being made or protocols being followed in the future those leading the city will have ample opportunity to make changes as they see fit or needed.

Mayor Dalton, thank you for your very dedicated & capable leadership over these many years. Good luck in all of your future endeavors!

Dan Dorr  
Dorr and Associates

I am writing to let you know that i fully support resolution No.R. It is upsetting that anyone who is or has been a resident of T&C could find fault with our leadership. It is apparent that those making noise have an agenda that is misguided. It should also be noted that their yes votes endorsed the actions that they are now criticising.

I am also sad to hear that you will not be running for Mayor this next election. Please except Kathy and my thanks for your service. You will have our support for the rest of your term.

Best regards,  
Steve Gable  
908 Mason Wood

To the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of Town and Country,

My spouse and I have lived in Town and Country since 1984 and have enjoyed 37 years raising a family and growing older in this lovely city. Aside from the great mix of country living with access to city resources, we have been impressed with the open government that evolved. The aldermen have always encouraged free discussion of important topics and listened the the concerns of their wards. While we have not always agreed with every decision that was made, we believed our voices and opinions were heard and incorporated into the decisions. We also have been pleased with the quality of our Mayors who have helped lead and implement the actions approved by the Board of Aldermen.

Personally, we are concerned with the recent articles and publicity that seem to imply that something wrong has been done and seeks to engage the State Auditors office to carry out and expensive performance audit. Yet, little real evidence has been provided to support the need for such an audit and, it appears, there is political motive behind the various requests and articles.

Looking outside our Town and Country drama, what I see are major needs that have been driven by our past year of dealing with the COVID19 Pandemic. Many people, particularly elderly people in nursing homes, have been very sick and some have lost their lives. The understandable reactions to close restaurants, gyms, schools and many businesses has eliminated many jobs. At this moment, the vaccine implementation is underway but seems to be taking too long. My question is - Why are our aldermen wasting precious time debating judgements and actions that took place over the past eight years? Why would anyone consider wasting precious dollars on politically driven actions. Rather, spend time and money finding ways to support the needy through the Food Pantries, Urban League or Assistance League. Find ways to help local businesses that are struggling to survive. Help find ways to accelerate the Vaccine implementations. And reach out to those that may have been socially isolated as a result of the pandemic.

Having expressed that view, we support Resolution No R01-2021 in the hope it will put aside the divisive actions and refocus the Mayor and Board of Aldermen on proceeding rather than looking back.

Dave and Barb Gifford  
14100 Northmill Court  
Town and Country, MO 63017

Ashley McNamara,

I oppose conducting a State Audit. It is unjustified from a need standpoint, and unwarranted from a cost perspective.

I fully support the Resolution No.R, and expect the Board to adopt it on February 8.

Christina Barry  
3 Ridgecreek Rd, St. Louis, MO 63141

**From:** Tom Pelikan <tjpelikan@sbcglobal.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 04, 2021 10:58 AM  
**To:** Dalton, Mayor Jon; McNamara, Ashley; Jeff Wittmaier; Ryan Mortland  
**Subject:** support of RO1-2021

My wife and I have lived in Town & Country since 1978. We love the area and how it has advanced in these years. Longview and Drace Park to name a few. The sidewalk program, Town Square and others. I have served on the Public Works board for the past 3 years. With this in mind We are concerned with the supposed uproar and petition drive that is circulating now regarding a State audit of the City. It is always the same small group that are continuing to disrupt. A state audit would be very costly to all of us and is totally unnecessary. With these thoughts in mind we support RO1-2021. Thank You Tom and Susanne Pelikan 13706 Clayton Rd

AGAINST THE RESOLUTION AND OR THE PETITION DRIVE:

Alderman Mortland and Alderman Wittmaier,

I am a resident of Ward 3 in Town & Country. I am writing to state that I am AGAINST Resolution R01-2021 and am FOR the independent State audit. Transparency wins, and an independent State audit is the sole way to ensure independence.

Regards,  
Howard Weiser  
748 Kraffel Ln.  
Town & Country, MO 63017

**We object to a state audit regarding the Town Center.  
It is not necessary or justified.  
Respectfully,  
Marilyn and Dick Felter  
807 Mason Wood Drive**

Marilyn and I object to a state audit as it is unwarranted from both a factual and cost basis. We support passage of Resolution ROI-2021

Thank all of you for your community service

Marilyn R Smith  
Jerry E. Smith

**LYNN WRIGHT'S LETTER** mirrors many others in inferring the Benigas resolution would stop the petition drive and not allow a State Audit of T&C projects. She also incorrectly and falsely claims annual audits would do this. The annual audits by auditors hired by the city simply make sure everything adds up and don't look at the ethics or legality of the spending. And of course Wright claims everything was on the up and up while she was on the board. (Close the curtain. There is nothing to see here.)

Lynn Wright  
2478 White Stable Road  
St. Louis, MO 63131

Dear Mayor, and Board of Alderman:

After following a petition that has been circulated for a state audit for the City of Town and Country, I feel it is imperative to write to the board with my appreciation to Alderman Benigas for Resolution R01-2021.

Contrary to the claims and suggestions of some previous Aldermen, there has been no evidence uncovered of any fiscal mismanagement by the Mayor, the Board of Alderman, or the staff of the city of Town and Country. Furthermore the professional way in which the City conducts its business is supported by the results of the independent financial audits that Town and Country receives on an annual basis. Based on the findings of these independent audits I see no reason for Town and Country to incur the very substantial cost of a state audit.

Negligence was definitely not the reason for the increase in costs of the projects on Mason Road, Clayton and Ballas and Town Square. The Board of Alderman and the staff worked together with the public to satisfy the needs of the community while meeting the requirements of Federal Grants and Parks Grant. All of the projects that have been funded by the Board followed the established Municipal codes of Conduct. Transparency was mandatory with all of the projects that came before the board.

During these difficult times with COVID our city taxes remain at 0% put in place again by you the board to remain. With a reserve fortunately no lay offs of employees. Is this a city that is not being run correctly? Why a former Alderman is pushing a state audit and not coming before the board first is incomprehensible. Especially when she served on the board voting for all of the projects. Costing our city a \$120,000.00 for a state audit is nonsensical. This is why I am asking the board to vote in Favor of Resolution R01-2021.

Thank you,

Lynn Wright  
Former Alderman Ward 1

**ANOTHER LETTER FROM A VERY CONFUSED RESIDENT.** In this letter resident, Mark Johnson, apparently thinks the request for a State Audit is before the Board of Aldermen as he requests they vote the audit down. Apparently he is confused that the request for an audit would be by 750 or more residents signing a petition and has nothing to do with the city government obtaining the audit.

**Subject:** Opposition to Performance Audit

To: Town & Country Aldermen

I wanted to take this opportunity to express my strong opinion regarding the petition that is circulating to invite a State Performance Audit.

1. I believe the audit to be unnecessary. From what I have seen and read the projects being questioned were sufficiently transparent as they developed and were voted on and approved each step of the way by the Aldermen in office at the time, including by the former Alderman leading the charge for this performance audit.
2. I believe, while all our City's processes might not be perfect, they have been honest and transparent. From what I understand the current Aldermen have already put new process improvements in place which make the audit even less necessary today than might have been.
3. I believe the expense related to performing this audit, which I have heard as running anywhere from \$130,000 to as much as \$200,000, is money better spent elsewhere in the current economic environment.
4. I believe many of the claims presented as facts in the circulating petition and supporting documentation to be outright false or at best misleading.
5. I believe the motivation behind this audit is far more political than practical and for that reason alone should be voted down.

I have read the letter from Gary Hoelzer and an email from Will McKnight he sent to his subdivision, as well as the recent article in West Magazine. I am certain you all have read the same. All of these point in greater detail than I have here the reasons for my opposition.

Thanks for the opportunity to voice my opinion.

*Mark C. Johnson*

Here is a response to Johnson's comments from **Lindsey Butler**:

Dear Mark,

I hope that you are staying safe and healthy. I am reaching out to you, as I have to every one that is writing specifically about me or the petition, to correct some of the items that you are sharing.

First and importantly, you have doubled the cost estimate of the audit from \$100,000 to \$200,000 in your emails. The petition clearly states the figure and to double it may have been an accident. Secondly, the letter referenced is a politically motivated slander letter and may not be the best reasoning for not supporting a state wide audit. Perhaps it would be good to consider that the very person who wrote the letter blaming Ald Frautschi and me for the issues would be implicated in any items that are found in the audit since he was the city administrator at the time. His involvement seems like a good reason to not want the state to come in and review the city government's projects. Lastly, Ald Frautschi has not had any involvement in the petition, but did stand up for the rights of hundreds of your neighbors, who have already signed, to petition their government as opposed to the unconstitutional Resolution that some of the current board of aldermen are supporting.

Also, the city does have an annual financial audit conducted that is required by law. This audit does not state if our government is using tax dollars wisely or efficiently. In fact, it is a basic "balancing of the check book" type of audit whereas a performance audit will look to see if bidding was done correctly, cost estimates were close, contracts were executed appropriately, deadlines were met, budgets were maintained, processes were effective and efficient, expectations of residents were met etc. A performance audit has never been done.

From Steven Krause of the Petition Group: (This is maybe the best of the bunch)

February 5, 2021

To our Town and Country Board of Aldermen:

Thank you for allowing me to register my opposition to Resolution R01-2021, and also to the emerging move to substitute a city-managed study to make organization and process improvement suggestions for a single department, to be undertaken by a private contractor accountable to the Board. Both of these initiatives have been stimulated by a petition drive currently nearing completion across our town, that calls for a comprehensive, independent, professional performance audit of Town and Country government operations by the Missouri State Auditor.

The resolution urges citizens not to sign this petition and, if they have already signed it, to have their names removed. Although it is hard to find any actual legislative effect in the resolution, it is easy to understand the claims it makes, that:

- Ordinary voters have no business meddling in city government decisions with petitions like this one;
- A legitimate, comprehensive, professional, independent performance audit by the State Auditor would be too expensive; and
- Disgruntled former aldermen are really to blame for all of this trouble, anyway.

My view is different.

First, while some Board members may not think regular citizens should involve themselves in their own town in this way, other reasonable people disagree:

- The drive is being conducted by volunteers under Revised Statutes of Missouri RSMo 29.200, enacted in 2013 and revised in 2019, so the Missouri legislators and governors who enacted these provisions obviously disagree with the resolution. Thousands of Missouri citizens that have regularly used these provisions in their own towns and counties for many years also clearly disagree with the resolution, as do hundreds of Town and Country voters that have already signed this petition.
- As any middle school civics student knows, the Founders themselves disagree with the resolution. They enacted a constitutional right in the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution – the one our Town and Country aldermen are sworn to uphold:

*"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."*

Second, the resolution's complaints about cost seem odd. The taxpayer bill for just one of the project failures and overruns that triggered the petition drive dwarfs the estimated \$135,000 cost of an independent, comprehensive, professional performance audit by the State Auditor, especially if it prevents us from repeating these problems:

- Town Square was promised to citizens with a \$3.4M price tag, but ultimately cost \$10M and did not deliver the features that were promised.
- Mason Road Trails, a project initially planned to build a few more sidewalks to connect Town and Country walkways to Queeny Park at an estimated cost of \$12,500, swelled to more than \$500,000. It ultimately failed and was cancelled. Town and Country taxpayers spent \$250,000 for the city to create and repair the damage, and there is still no sidewalk to Queeny Park.
- The city attempted to improve the Clayton/Ballas intersection as an entrance to Town and Country for \$1.2M. The project failed after at least \$400,000 had been spent. No improvements were completed.

Third, blaming ex-aldermen in the resolution, for stirring up all this trouble is just beneath us. One former alderman who served during the time when these failures and overruns occurred is serving as a petition drive volunteer. She has stated publicly that fighting for a comprehensive, independent, professional performance audit by the State Auditor is a matter of conscience driven by a personal commitment to help our town avoid repeating these costs and failures, even if she is also found to have played a role. This strikes me as courageous. The fierce resistance by other current and former public officials who were also in office during these difficulties, however, seems less so.

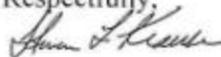
Finally, this new scheme proposing an internally controlled contractor study is a thinly veiled attempt to keep the State Auditor out. Although the Board flatly rejected a proposal like this in 2019, it *would* likely be cheaper than a real comprehensive, independent, professional State Auditor performance audit, because it is:

- Not independent;
- Not comprehensive; and
- Not a performance audit and not implemented by a professional performance audit team. In fact, the term "performance audit" was not in the 2019 proposal or the contractor's statement of qualifications.

Who thinks that Town and Country people cannot tell the difference between a cheap fake and the real thing? Put another way, why would anybody, having discovered broken eggs and chicken feathers scattered all over the yard, ask the fox to manage a hen house improvement study?

I hope that everybody will finally agree to face squarely into this hard problem, get independent, professional help to understand its causes and to devise corrective actions by bringing the State Auditor's team to town, and then to give our long-suffering professional staff the tools they need to support this Board and to deliver the flawless execution they are determined to deliver to all of us and our neighbors from now on.

Respectfully,



Steve Krause  
13564 Roval Glen Drive

Former alderman, County Councilman and mayor **Skip Mange** spoke and said as chairman of the Town Square Committee “the process was fair and appropriate.” He did not go into detail how the cost zoomed to the \$10,000,000 mark from an original \$5.4-million from a client of Mayor Dalton’s lobbying firm/law firm who was the developer.



**KTVI's Elliott Davis** did a Part II on this story and was able to mention that Ald. Jon Benigas who wrote the resolution refused to talk to him. But he did run a clip of Benigas wanting to make a switch to a different audit where the city would hire the audit firm (not exactly independent).



<https://fox2now.com/news/you-paid-for-it/town-and-country-alderman-tries-to-derail-effort-to-bring-in-missouri-state-auditor/>

**Back to the meeting:**

After promising to vote on his resolution at this meeting Benigas wanted another continuance so he could submit a replacement resolution. Also Ward-3 Alderman Ryan Mortland was missing from the meeting and would be a likely vote on Benigas' side.

Ald. Tiffany Frautschi spoke prior to a vote. "The best thing to happen is to have this (the resolution) withdrawn and a replacement introduced at the next meeting or to vote on this tonight.

First was the vote to continue the matter to the next meeting. Frautschi did not win over any people to her side.

Aye to Continue	Nay Not to Continue and vote on current resolution
Benigas	Frautschi
Allen	Wiesehan
Wittmaier	Hughes
Holman	

After the meeting former alderwoman Lindsey Butler, one of the petitioners for the State Audit sent me an email that she sent to the Board of Aldermen before the meeting. I have edited this for space concerns:

**Subject: Upcoming Resolution and clarification on the petition audit.**

Dear Board,

As you have made the decision to continue the Resolution against the resident petition for 2 weeks from its original posting, due to Ald. Benigas' suggestion of letting the citizens have 2 weeks to review all resolutions, I want to update you on a few items that have surfaced during these past 2 weeks. We had a surge in signatures due to the resolution asking for citizens to not sign a citizen's petition and will be certifying them soon.

Additionally, a few residents have reached out to volunteers and asked:

- 1) why their Aldermen are telling them to wait for the \$25,000 audit that the city is hiring a private firm to conduct
- 2) that the state audit only reviews one year and so won't find any issues
- 3) that the state audit will not uncover anything
- 4) that the performance audit is focused on Mayor Dalton or someone's personal agenda to become Mayor.

I have the emails from several of these residents and the points being made by current and former board members.

Here is what the group of petition volunteers are sharing to correct these statements:

1) there is no other audit and the board nor staff have entered into a contract with a firm to do the audit. Additionally, a private firm opens the city up to recusals due to conflicts. We then share the white paper(attached below) showing that the costs of a private audit and public (state) audit are the same or very close. The State has already determined the scope in order to give a cost estimate of \$100,00-\$135,000 and this covers the entire city. Therefore, when a seated official or current commissioner claim that one can be done for \$25,000 and doesn't disclose that this was an old figure that was limited in scope, it is intentionally misleading to the public.

Apples to apples. (This same issue has arisen since a seated Alderman is claiming that the petitioners are misquoting Town Square costs-\$3.4 million is the survey for full cost of building with amenities and \$5.2 million is full cost with no amenities in contract) Make sure the comparisons are the same.

2) The term listed on the petition doesn't limit the state auditor, the recent StL County audit showed issues well passed the 1 and 2 year mark. The auditor doesn't stop looking at documents because of the date at the top-they keep digging.

3) Confused on this one since the State has full range of review and isn't being hired by the city to only look at certain things

4) This has been the easiest statement to explain. The State Auditor doesn't care about opinions or feelings of officials or citizens. This tactic of misdirection is very commonly used by the governments that are getting audited according to the State Auditor's office. Unfortunately, most cities fight their own citizens when they are faced with an audit. The Auditor's office even mentioned a city that went door to door threatening its residents with higher utilities if they signed. This abuse of power is unfortunately the route some officials chose to take instead of allowing the citizens to make a choice on how to spend their tax dollars. So far, hundreds of Town and Country residents have chosen to use their public money on a state conducted performance audit.

Hope this helps clear up a few things.

Lindsey

**MAYOR NEWS:** We hear that T&C mayor Jon Dalton has moved out of his condo at 13486 Mason Village Court, which of course begs the question where is he living now and is it in Town and Country? Some realty websites show the condo is "sold" others list it as "Under Contract."



**CHARMING NEW PHOTO OF THE MAYOR:** A new photo posting on the facebook page of the lady making the rounds in Town & Country.



# UNAPPROVED CHESTERFIELD NEWSLETTER 411



## CHESTERFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT Crime Report

**WEDNESDAY February 3, 2021**

No Report- Officers stood by and **kept the peace** at a residence on White Plains Dr. while a Restraining Order was served. The situation was complicated and officers waited until all the involved family members were present and papers served.

**21-426 and 21-467-** Chesterfield Airport Rd. and Spirit 40- **Auto accident** where the driver of the striking vehicle was impaired and was arrested for **DWI**.

**THURSDAY FEBRUARY 4, 2021**

**21-430-**Officers responded to a call for an **abandoned vehicle in the middle of the road** with no lights on. Attempts to locate the owner of the vehicle were made with no success and the vehicle was ticketed and towed by Big Boys towing.

21 434	01/27/2021, 1348 01/27/2021, 1348	14XXX CLAYTON RD	Walgreens	WALGREENS BAXTER AND CLAYTON	3	3	Fraud Credit Card
<b>Arrested:</b>							
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> Known subject used victim's credit card after it was stolen in other jurisdiction.							

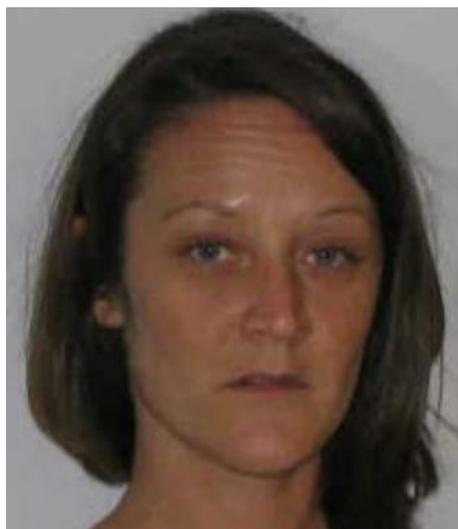
**21-434 Fraud** - A Ballwin officer contacted this department to advise us he took a stolen credit card report from a Ballwin resident, age 90, with dementia. The card had been used at Walgreens on Clayton Rd. to purchase a \$500 VISA gift card and withdraw \$200 from an ATM. The suspect is a caregiver for the Ballwin resident. Investigation is on-going.

**16-1062 Supplement** – A prisoner was picked-up at St. Peter’s PD on a FTA warrant on a stealing case from 2/28/16. Bond is \$350.

21 436	02/04/2021, 2004 02/04/2021, 2004	1XX THF BLVD	Walmart	CHESTERFIELD COMMONS	6	4	Larceny under \$750 Shoplifting
<b>Arrested:</b> Kelly,Megan K   W   35   F Rawls,Trapper J   W   30   M							
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> 30 yo male and 36 yo female switched price tags on merchandise and failed to pay for other items in self check out lane. Also charged with Trespassing due to previous theft incidents.							

**21-436 - Larceny report THF Blvd.-** Two suspects were observed changing price tags and under ringing items at the self check out.- Both suspects were taken into custody and transported to the station where they were properly booked.

**Megan Kathleen Kelly** Ex-Con drug dealer born on Christmas Day Warrenton, MO



Prison Mugshot

02/04/21	Stealing, Trespassing	Chesterfield PD
12/22/20	Stealing pending	Bridgeton PD
05/11/19	No Auto Ins Guilty \$51 fine	Warren Co SO
05/10/19	Failure to Keep Right, No Auto Ins pending	Wright City PD
04/04/19	Felony Drug Possession pending	St. Charles City PD
03/07/19	Felony Drug Possession FTA Warrant	Warren Co SO
04/10/11	Felony Drug Possession Guilty 5-years prison	St. Charles City PD
09/11/10	Stealing Guilty 6-months jail	St. Peters PD
11/27/09	Driving While Revoked Guilty 10-days jail	St. Charles Co SO
03/18/09	Driving While Revoked Guilty \$150 fine	St. Charles Co SO
	Fel Drug Poss Probation revoked 7-yrs prison	
11/25/08	2-counts Distribute/Deliver Cont Sub 8-yrs prison	St. Charles Co SO
09/29/08	Distribute or Deliver Cont Sub, Fel Drug Possession	St. Charles Co SO

Probation revoked 7-years prison  
 08/19/08 Improper Lane Use Guilty fine MO Hwy Patrol  
 04/18/08 Moving Vio reduced to Illegal Parking \$200 St. Charles Co SO  
 04/14/08 Moving Vio reduced to Illegal Parking \$210 St. Charles Co SO  
 04/01/08 Moving Vio reduced to Illegal Parking \$210 fine St. Charles Co SO  
 03/23/04 Moving Vio reduced to Loud Muffler \$200 fine St. Charles Co SO

**Trapper John Rawls** 30 Coupeville, WA



02/04/21 Stealing Chesterfield  
 10/25/20 Stealing, Assault Warrenton PD  
 09/11/20 No Op Lic, Disobeyed Stop Sign MO Hwy Patrol  
 12/02/19 Burglary and Stealing Island Co WA SO

21 438	02/04/2021, 1653 02/04/2021, 2100	18XX WESTMEADE DR		WESTBURY PARK	4	2	Larceny Over \$750 Front/Rear Residence
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**Arrested:**

**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject took delivery package from front of apartment door.

**21-438 - Larceny report West Meade Dr.-** Victim had package delivered to their residence buy UPS and an unknown suspect stole the package from in front of the victims residence

**FRIDAY FEBRAURY 5, 2021**

21 439	02/04/2021, 1830 02/05/2021, 0600	14XXX NORTH OUTER 40 RD		ONE CHESTERFIELD PLACE	2	2	Larceny Over \$750 From Auto
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**Arrested:**

**Brief Narrative Description:** Unknown subject took all four tires from vehicle and also broke out back and side windows.

**21-439 Stealing Over:** All four tires and wheels were stolen from a 2020 Suburban that was parked in a business parking garage on North Outer 40. The back window to the vehicle was also broken out.

21 441	02/05/2021, 1000 02/05/2021, 1000	XX FOUR SEASONS SHPG CTR	Dierberg's	FOUR SEASONS PLAZA	1	1	Larceny under \$750 Shoplifting
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**Arrested:** Hughes, Christian T | W | 28 | M

**Brief Narrative Description:** 28 yo male took laundry detergent and ran out of store without paying. Also in possession of narcotic paraphernalia.

**21-441 Larceny:** A subject stole several containers of laundry detergent from Dierbergs at Four Seasons. Investigation identified the suspect who was located at his nearby resident. He was arrested and booked for 4<sup>th</sup> Offense Stealing

**Christian T. Hughes 28** House Springs, MO



02/05/21	Felony Stealing	Chesterfield PD
01/22/21	Stealing pending	Brentwood PD
06/23/20	Stealing pending	Clayton PD
06/05/20	Destruction of Prop, Trespassing pending	Jefferson Co SO
05/28/20	Possession of Drug Para pending	Jefferson Co SO
05/09/20	Trespassing pending	St. Louis City PD
02/07/20	Felony Tampering with Mtr Veh 2/1/21 FTA Warrant	Jefferson Co SO
08/06/19	No Op Lic, No Auto Ins Guilty 21-days jail in lieu fine	MO Hwy Patrol
04/27/19	Resisting Arrest 01/21/21 FTA Warrant	Jefferson Co SO
12/20/18	Felony Drug Possession pending	Jefferson Co SO
10/21/18	Trespassing Guilty 2-days in jail in lieu of fines	Jefferson Co SO
03/24/18	Misd Stealing, Trespassing Guilty 10-days jail	Jefferson Co SO
02/25/18	Felony Drug Possession pending	St. Louis Co PD
11/30/17	Misd Stealing Probation revoked 15-days jail	Jefferson Co SO
10/30/10	Misd Stealing Guilty SES Probation	Jefferson Co SO

**21-443: A handbag was found** at a medical office building on Clayton by an employee. The handbag contained a small caliber handgun. The owner was contacted and subsequently responded to the station where she provided proof of ownership and retrieved the items.

21 444	07/02/2020, 1600	14XXX CORALLIN DR		WINDEMERE PLACE	1	1	Fraud Identity Theft
	07/02/2020, 1600						
<b>Arrested:</b>							
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> Unknown subject used victim's information to open up business loan.							

**21-444 Identity Theft:** A resident on Corallin reported persons unknown used his personal information to secure a small business loan.

**A fire started in the paint booth** at Marc Andy. Building evacuated and FD responded. No injuries. Fire contained to the noted section of the building.

Spirit Airport put out an alert on an incoming aircraft. The plane landed safely.

**21-447: Traffic Accident with serious injuries** on Chesterfield Airport Rd at Spirit. Traffic Unit on scene for reconstruction. Chesterfield Airport was closed in both directions at 1700

21 449	02/05/2021, 1924 02/05/2021, 1924	15XXX KERSTEN RIDGE DR		VILLAGES AT BAXTER RIDGE	3	3	Fraud Scam
<b>Arrested:</b>							
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> Unknown subject convinced victim to give out bank account information and to send gift cards for fraudulent bank account scam.							

**21-449 - Fraud Report**

A 75 year old female victim was scammed out of \$12,000.00 dollars by unknown suspects who called her and told her that her bank accounts had been compromised. The suspects convinced her to buy gift cards and then send the numbers to them at several different phone numbers in order to reestablish her accounts.

21 450	02/05/2021, 2158 02/05/2021, 2158	XX FOUR SEASONS SHPG CTR	Dierberg's	FOUR SEASONS PLAZA	1	1	Larceny under \$750 Shoplifting
<b>Arrested:</b>							
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> Unknown subject took cigarettes and left store without paying.							

**21-450 - Larceny Report**

Dierbergs in Four Seasons shopping center reported a black male subject stole \$425.00 dollars' worth of Salem cigarettes from behind the courtesy counter. The subject then fled in a white Ford Focus but no license plate was obtained.

**21-451 - Warrant Arrest**

Traffic stop resulted in the driver of the vehicle to be arrested for outstanding felony and misdemeanor warrants for Stealing. The subject was booked and then conveyed to St. Louis County intake to be held for St. Francois County.

**21-452 - Warrant Arrest**

Traffic stop resulted in the driver being arrested for outstanding felony probation violations. The subject was booked and placed in a cell awaiting pick-up by St. Louis County PD.

**SATURDAY FEBRUARY 6, 2021**

21 453	02/06/2021, 1120 02/06/2021, 1120	2XX CHESTERFIELD MALL	Chesterfield Mall	CHESTERFIELD VILLAGE MALL	4	2	Larceny under \$750 Person
<b>Arrested:</b>							
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> Unknown subject took victim's coat after it was left unattended on bench.							

21 456	02/06/2021, 1246 02/06/2021, 1246	OLD CHESTERFIELD RD & WILD HORSE CREEK RD			4		Drugs Paraphernalia
<b>Arrested:</b> Smith,Patricia M   W   37   F							
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> 37 yo female in possession of narcotic paraphernalia after being stopped for a traffic violation.							

**Patricia M. Smith 37 St. Charles**

02/06/21	Possession of Drug Para	pending	Chesterfield PD
08/29/20	Possession of Drug Para	pending	St. Charles City PD

**21-461 - Overdose/Death Report**

28 year old male subject with a history of opioid addiction died of an apparent overdose. The subject was found to have been consuming alcohol, Xanax, and a form of methadone. The medical examiner responded to the scene and took custody of the deceased.

21 464	02/06/2021, 1830 02/06/2021, 1900	I64 HWY E & MM14			5		Drugs Possession - Felony
<b>Arrested:</b> Juvenile							
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> 17 yo male in possession of Xanax, marijuana, and marijuana paraphernalia after leaving the scene of collision investigation.							

**21- 462, 463, 464 - Auto accident/leaving the scene/drug arrest**

A 17 year old male juvenile subject was involved in an accident on Highway 64 and then ran from the scene towards the Maryville Ice Complex. Officers responded and located the subject hiding in the bathroom of the Ice Rink Complex. The subject was taken into custody and found to have Xanax, marijuana, and unknown white pills in his possession. The subject was charged with leaving the scene of an accident and possession of controlled substance, however since he was a juvenile he was transported to the station where he was then picked up by his mother.

**21-465 - Warrant Arrest**

Traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver for outstanding felony warrants by St. Louis City for Domestic Assault and stealing. The subject was conveyed to the station and booked, he was later released to St. Louis City PD.

**SUNDAY FEBRUARY 7, 2021**

21 466	02/07/2021, 0250 02/07/2021, 0250	BAXTER RD & CHESTERFIELD AIRPORT RD			4		DWI Alcohol
<b>Arrested:</b> Lopez Miranda,Panfilo Ernesto   H   33   M							
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> 33 yo male charged with DWI after being stopped for a traffic violation.							

**21-466 - DWI**

Traffic stop resulted in the driver being arrested for DWI, the subject was conveyed to the station and agreed to supply a breath sample, which resulted in a BAC of .123. It was a first DWI and the case will be forwarded to Muni court.

**Extremely cold temperatures resulted in a major water main break** in the valley between Edison and the rear of Home Depot. Water department was finally able to shut off the water around 5:00 AM.

**MONDAY FEBRUARY 8, 2021**

**21-472- Larceny report** Wild Horse Creek Rd.- Drive off without paying for gas which was resolved by suspect returning and paying for gas.

<u>Report Number</u>	<u>Time of Occurrence</u>	<u>Generic Address</u>	<u>Business/Location Name</u>	<u>Subdivision</u>	<u>Sector</u>	<u>Ward</u>	<u>Incident Type</u>
21 475	02/08/2021, 1524 02/08/2021, 1527	4X THF BLVD	Ulta	CHESTERFIELD COMMONS EAST	6	4	Larceny under \$750 Shoplifting
<b>Arrested:</b>							
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> Unknown subjects concealed fragrances and left store without paying.							

**21-475- Larceny report** THF Blvd.- delayed larceny report-no other information available.

21 480	02/08/2021, 1755 02/08/2021, 1800	1XX HILLTOWN VILLAGE CTR	Schnucks	HILLTOWN VILLAGE CENTER	2	1	Property Damage to Vehicle
<b>Arrested:</b>							
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> Unknown subject broke out window on victim's vehicle.							

**21 - 480 Destruction of Property (141 Hilltown Village Center)** – Rear driver's side window of a vehicle was shattered but nothing was taken from the vehicle. No suspect information at this time.

21 481	02/08/2021, 1730 02/08/2021, 1856	1XX HILLTOWN VILLAGE CTR	Harpo's	HILLTOWN VILLAGE CENTER	2	1	Larceny under \$750 from Auto
<b>Arrested:</b>							
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> Unknown subject broke out window on victim's vehicle and took a purse.							

**21 – 481 Stealing under/Destruction of Property (136 Hilltown Village Center)** – Rear passenger window of a vehicle was shattered and wallet with miscellaneous credit cards were taken. No suspects at this time.

21 482	02/08/2021, 1720 02/08/2021, 1917	20XX CHESTERFIELD MALL	Cheesecake Factory	CHESTERFIELD VILLAGE MALL	4	2	Property Damage to Vehicle
<b>Arrested:</b>							
<b>Brief Narrative Description:</b> Unknown subject broke out window on victim's vehicle.							

**21 – 482 Destruction of Property (2028 Chesterfield Mall Cheese Cake Factory)** – Rear passenger window of a vehicle was shattered but nothing was taken from the vehicle. No suspects at this time

**21 – 483 CIT** – 15 year old son at the residence suffers from ADHD and defiance disorder and when he was denied cash for an item he wanted, he began punching holes in the walls of a bedroom. Subject was transported to Mercy Hospital for injuries to his hands and for a mental evaluation.

**TUESDAY February 9, 2021**

Officers were extremely busy with traffic accidents and hazards on interstate 64 Between 0600 and 1300 hours. officers responded to over twenty traffic hazard calls on I-64 related to weather issues.

**21-489- Larceny Chesterfield Airport Rd.-** victim reported catalytic converter stolen off of a vehicle which had been parked on their parking lot.

### **WEDNESDAY February 10, 2021**

No Report – Officers from neighboring jurisdictions **pursued a suspect from an armed car-jacking in Brentwood**. The car hit two sets of stop-sticks and eventually stopped on Prichard Farms Rd. near Mo. 141. The suspect ran and after an hour-long manhunt, was taken into custody. Two Chesterfield officers assisted in the search.

#### **Officer injured: ·**

This morning while working an accident on Westbound I-64 near Chesterfield Parkway, one of our Officers was struck while sitting in his vehicle by another vehicle that had lost control. The officer suffered minor injuries and was transported to the hospital as was the other driver.



## PLANNING AND PUBLIC WORKS MEETING



**WILSON AVE (aka Wilson Road) SIDEWALK** The Public Works Committee voted 4-0 to put in a missing section of sidewalk on Wilson Avenue before Clarkson.





Concrete Approach and Existing Sidewalk Looking North From Buchholz Mortuary.

Public Works Director Jim Eckrich estimated the cost for 200 feet of a 5-foot wide sidewalk at \$48,000.



Jim Eckrich

**Avenue or Road?** Here is an email exchange I had with Jim Eckrich on this important question:

Jim,

Your power point photo of the sidewalk had "Wilson Ave" on the photo...but my map book shows it as Wilson Road.

Can you help me on this serious issue (if you can't tell I have nothing going on today)

John Hoffmann

It is Wilson Avenue. This actually was researched extensively a few years ago and went to the Planning and Public Works Committee for a decision. It is Wilson Avenue. Let me know if you need anything else.

James A. Eckrich, P.E.  
Director of Public Works / City Engineer

**TOTAL ACCESS URGENT CARE AT OLD STEAK N' SHAKE SITE ON OLIVE**

There will be no more Steakburgers at 13426 Olive Blvd. (between S. Woods Mill Rd and Hwy 141). Several websites and a facebook page claim the Steak n' Shake is "Temporarily Close." Actually the last Steakburger was served sometime ago.



A building design was not on file for the proposed Total Access building. The property is next to the Incarnate Ward Church Rectory. Of course, the applicant wanted easy access for people injured or already handicapped. The committee seemed to be against too much close in parking, wanting the building to stand alone more, plus Total Access had a history at other locations of having signs in the windows and the committee wanted to limit that.

The applicant, Dr. Matt Bruckel, said if the city eliminated signs from windows and kept patient parking and handicap parking away from the building, he would simply withdraw their plans and application and walk away (allowing the city to continue to enjoy an empty Steak n' Shake building).



Planning Direct Justin Wyse     Dr. Matt Bruckel



Signs in Windows, they have a few Town and Country Total Access



These signs at the Town and Country Total Access appear to be illegal. We confirmed they are considered temporary banner signs and need a permit, which they don't have.

### CONCERNED TOWN & COUNTRY RESIDENT WHOSE BACKYARD ABUTS

**CONWAY ROAD:** This has to be real...It was posted by a successful international businessman and son for the former County Executive and regional Federal Reserve Chief.

41 new comments added by your neighbors



Chip Roos

Conway • 18 hr ago



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Posted in **General** to **Anyone**



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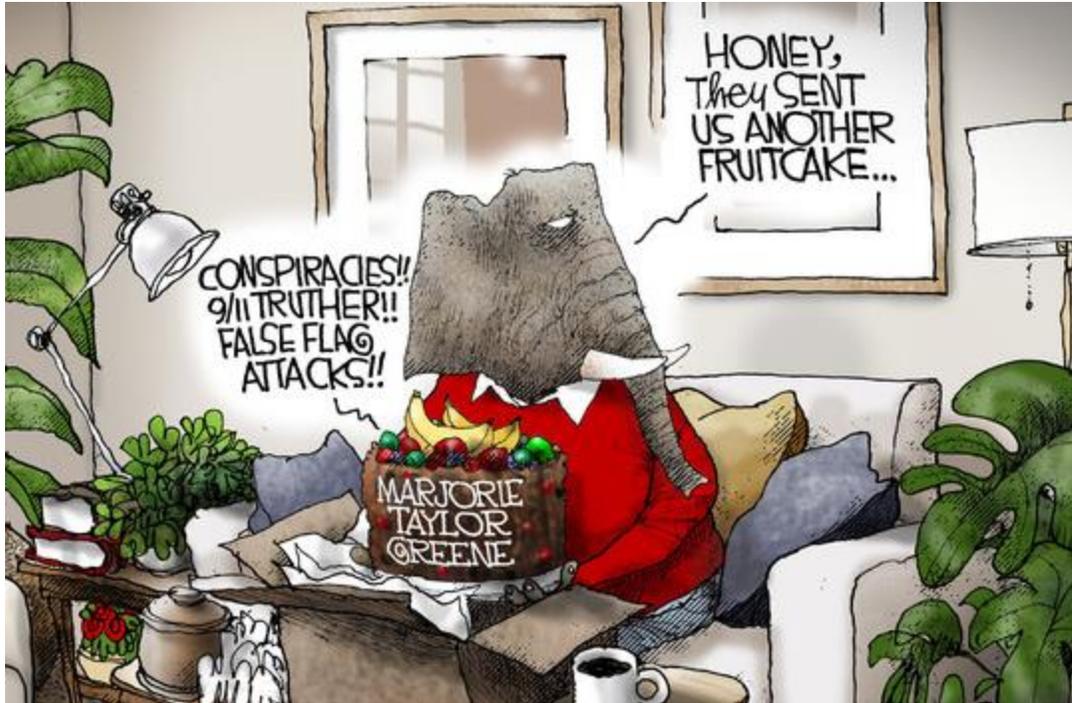
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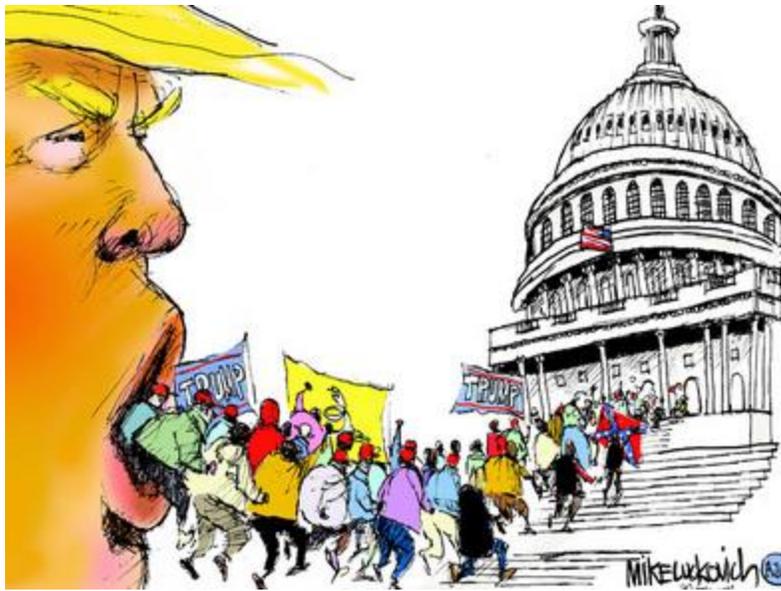


Michael J. Lindell  
Inventor & CEO









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