

EX ALDERMAN NEWSLETTER 608 AND CHESTERFIELD UNAPPROVED 553

November 25, 2023

NEW POLICE CHIEF NAMED IN TOWN AND COUNTRY There is a name change at the Town and Country Police Department, Danny Wilkey is now Daniel and most people are calling him Chief. On November 7 Wilkey was named Police Chief. He replaces James Cavins, who was suspended in July and fired (forced to resign) the first week in August for various reasons.



Chief Wilkey came to Town and Country after 8 ½ years with the Crystal City Police in Jefferson County where he ran the detective unit. He was hired by Town and Country in May of 2014. He oversaw operations, admin and support for the last 4 ½ years.

He made the jump from Lieutenant over two captains to the chief's job. Actually his handling of departmental support staff made him the perfect candidate for the job, since that is the biggest function of a chief. Also as a current employee he is familiar with operations.

The other advantage Wilkey had was that he was fairly well liked by both City Hall staff and officers.

After the disaster of the Cavins' reign this appears to be a smart move. Cavins came from O'Fallon Illinois and really didn't know much about the department or area policed. Chief Wilkey managed to avoid much of the internal controversy created by Cavins that some supervisors and command officers didn't.

WEDNESDAY BEFORE THANKSGIVING ONE OF THE TOP DWI DAYS OF THE YEAR. Since 2007 it has been called BLACK WEDNESDAY and in many parts of the country it is the #1 day for DWI arrests and DWI fatal crashes, ahead of New Year's Eve and St. Patrick's Day.

While Thanksgiving is listed by the NHTSA as the #10 Holiday for DWIs, the Wednesday before Turkey Day is not technically "a holiday."

Here are the Top 10 DWI/ALCOHOL ABUSE Holidays:

Holidays With The Most Binge Drinking

The list of booziest holidays has Mardi Gras in first place and Thanksgiving in last. That is not to say, however, that Thanksgiving is not a boozy holiday. The average person still has 2.7 drinks on Thanksgiving – more than twice the average number of drinks on a nonholiday. The most commonly consumed alcoholic beverages on Thanksgiving are wine, beer and whiskey. Almost every holiday has higher than average drinking amounts.

1. Mardi Gras (4.5 drinks per person)
2. New Year's Eve (4.4)
3. Patrick's Day (4.2)
4. Fourth of July (3.8)
5. Halloween (3.5)
6. Cinco de Mayo (3.5)
7. Memorial Day (3.3)
8. Labor Day (3.2)
9. Winter holidays (3.1)
10. Thanksgiving (2.7)

With 30-years in Law Enforcement my experience is that Thanksgiving is one of the top days for alcohol related domestic assaults I dealt with suspects starting to drink at 10am and home all day.

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CHESTERFIELD POLICE BLOTTER



WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 15, 2023

MIDNIGHT SHIFT

23 4798	Beginning: 07/01/2023, 0000 Ending: 11/15/2023, 0000	13XX WESTMEADE DR		WESTBURY PARK	6	2	Assault Common - Actual Assault
Arrested: N/A							
Brief Narrative Description: Victim responded to the station to report alleged incidents of assault.							

23-4798 - Assault - Westmeade: A subject came to the station to report being assaulted by multiple individuals at her apartment on a prior date. Her behavior and statements produced some concerns about her credibility. The investigation will be forwarded to the Detective Bureau.

23 4799	Beginning: 11/15/2023, 0107 Ending: 11/15/2023, 0116	6XX BROADMOOR DR		FOUR SEASONS	1	1	Assault Domestic
Arrested: N/A							
Brief Narrative Description: During an argument, both parties struck and grabbed each other.							

23-4799 - Domestic - Broadmoor: Officers responded to a domestic disturbance between two subjects. Due to conflicting statements, Officers were unable to determine a primary aggressor. The Officer will forward this report to the municipal prosecutor for review.

23-4800 - Open Door - Hilltown Village Center: An Officer conducting business checks discovered an unsecured door. A check of the business found no indications of criminal activity.

23-4801 - Open Door - Hilltown Village Center: An Officer conducting business checks discovered another unsecured door. A check of the business found no indications of criminal activity.

23 4802	Beginning: 11/11/2023, 0900 Ending: 11/14/2023, 0000	17XX HEFFINGTON DR		WEST RIDGE ESTATES	4	2	Violation of Ex- Parte/Full Ord Ex- Parte
Arrested: N/A							
Brief Narrative Description: Victim's ex-husband sent numerous and harassing text messages, violating the terms of her order of protection.							

23-4802-Violation of an Order of Protection-Heffington-Victim stated her ex-husband violated the order by texting her harassing statements. Due to the court order stating they are required to communicate through a court approved app, the victim repeatedly communicating with the ex-husband via text message outside the app, the suspect living in Kansas City, and the suspect already having a court date with the City of Chesterfield in January for a different incident, the report was forwarded to the PA for warrant consideration.

20-3284 - Prisoner Pickup: An Officer picked up a subject with an active Chesterfield Warrant from St. Louis County Intake and conveyed them back to the station. The suspect subsequently posted his bond and was released.

A subject in custody with another jurisdiction posted the bond for their Chesterfield Warrant.

DAY WATCH

23 4805	Beginning: 11/15/2023, 1334 Ending: 11/15/2023, 1342	13XXX OLIVE BLVD	Montgomery Bank	MONARCH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT	1	1	Forgery Check
Arrested: Kellum, Bobby W 64 M							
Brief Narrative Description: Subject attempted to cash a fraudulent check. Bank confirmed with account owner that the check was forged.							

23-4805- Forgery-Olive Blvd.-Suspect was arrested after trying to cash a fraudulent/forged check for \$2000 at the bank. Suspect admitted to the crime and admitted to additional check cashing's in Valley Park. Officers confirmed additional check cashing's at another bank branch in Valley Park, contacted the victim, and St. Louis County PD. Suspect was booked and held for the other agency.

Bobby Kellum 64 registered Sex Offender



11/15/23 Forgery
03/29/01 Child Molestation, Sexual Misconduct w/Child,
Statutory Sodomy (6-yr old girl) 13-years prison

Chesterfield PD
Hazelwood PD

23 4806	Beginning: 11/15/2023, 1409 Ending: 11/15/2023, 1411	17XXX NORTH OUTER 40 RD		CHESTERFIELD VALLEY ATHLETIC COMPLEX	5	4	Property Damage to Vehicle
Arrested: Coleman, Michael B 19 M							
Brief Narrative Description: Windows broken and items removed from two vehicles parked at the City of Chesterfield Parks building.							
23 4807	Beginning: 11/15/2023, 1419 Ending: 11/15/2502, 1424	1XX THF BLVD	Walmart	CHESTERFIELD COMMONS	6	4	Fraud Credit Card
Arrested: Coleman, Michael B 19 M							
Brief Narrative Description: Credit cards stolen at a different location in the Valley were used to make fraudulent purchases at Walmart.							

23-4806-Theft/Destruction of Property-North Outer 40-Vehicles were broken into, and items stolen. A credit card taken during the theft was used at Walmart.

Reference to 23-4806, SEU will complete an additional report for the Fraudulent Use of a Credit Device when Walmart Loss Prevention arrives at 5pm.

Michael Coleman 19

11/15/23 Property Damage, Stealing, Fraudulent Use of Credit Card Chesterfield PD

Officers responded to check the welfare calls, motorist assist, sick cases, traffic complaints, motor vehicle crashes, alarms, and conducted traffic stops and patrol of businesses and subdivisions.

AFTERNOON WATCH

23-4807 Fraud: In reference to the previous shift's larceny from vehicles report, another report was generated to document the fraudulent use of the stolen credit cards at Walmart on THF. Further investigation ongoing.

A purse taken from the previous larceny was also recovered in St. Charles County. It was seized, processed, and placed into evidence to return to the owner. Officers also answered other calls for service to include minor vehicle collisions, injured animals, and sick cases.

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 16, 2023

MIDNIGHT SHIFT

Failure to Yield - At 10:28pm an officer observed a white sports car travelling around 75 MPH on Baxter road. The officer attempted to top the vehicle, which failed to yield, turned off its lights, and quickly turned onto Country Ridge. No pursuit was initiated.

Other calls for service included a welfare check, sick case, motorist assist, abandoned vehicle, and traffic stops.

DAY WATCH

23 4810	Beginning: 11/11/2023, 2100 Ending: 11/12/2023, 1000	7 SAYLESVILLE CT		GREEN TRAILS COUNTRY CLUB GROUNDS	1	1	Harassment/Threat Internet
Arrested: Villalobo, Victoria W 28 F							
Brief Narrative Description: Subject harassed victim via social media.							

23-4810-Harassment-Victim reported she was involved in an assault that occurred in another jurisdiction at a previous date. Victim has been harassed via social media and other electronic devices. Suspect has been identified. Suspect stated them will turn themselves in on Saturday. Investigation ongoing.
Victoria Villabo 28
11/12/23 Harassment/Threat Chesterfield PD

UPDATE 23-4755, 23-4806, 23-4807- SEU conducted follow up investigation of the car break in/fraudulent use of a credit device from yesterday and discovered the suspect was the same suspect from a 11/12 car break/fraudulent use. SEU utilized FLOCK and a financial investigation to identify and arrest the suspect.

Officers responded to vehicle lockouts, injuries, parking complaints, sick cases, motor vehicle crashes, and conducted traffic stops and patrol of businesses and subdivisions.

AFTERNOON WATCH

23-4815 Warrant Arrest: A Crime Suppression Unit officer conducted a traffic stop on Highway 40 at Boones Crossing. During the stop, it was discovered a passenger in the vehicle had a warrant for Felony Drugs out of Jefferson County. She was arrested, conveyed to the station, and booked. She was placed in a holdover cell to await pickup.

An officer responded to St. Charles City to pick up a subject who Failed to Appear for a Chesterfield Traffic charge. He was arrested, conveyed to the station, and booked. He will be issued a new court date upon release.

An officer responded to an address in Fenton to arrest a subject who had a POI for harassment. The subject was home and was arrested. He was conveyed to the station where he refused to make a statement. After booking, he was released with a court date.

Officers provided extra patrol to neighborhoods, businesses, and parks in addition to conducting traffic enforcement around the city.

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 17, 2023

MIDNIGHT SHIFT

23-4817 – Protective Custody – A subject was seeking lodging overnight at our YMCA. He was taken into protective custody.

23-4820 – Prisoner Pickup – A Chesterfield officer responded to the Manchester PD to transport a female subject to our station. There she was booked for her Chesterfield warrant related to traffic charges.

Other calls for service included suspicious persons, lift assist, sick case, tampering, burglar alarms, suicidal subject (unfounded), traffic hazard, and traffic stops.

DAY WATCH

23-4823 - Repossessed Vehicle - Crossover Ln -2015 Chevy Malibu repossessed from Crossover Ln

23- 4826 - Warrant Cancellation - A subject with an active Chesterfield warrant paid his bond while in custody at another jurisdiction

23 4827	Beginning: 10/06/2023, 2038 Ending: 10/06/2023, 2038	10XX GREYSTONE MANOR PKY		GREYSTONE	5	4	Larceny under \$750 Front/Rear Residence
Arrested: N/A							
Brief Narrative Description: Three unknown subjects forcibly removed two flags and damaged the flag holder attached to the house.							

23-4827 - Stealing/ Destruction of Property - Greystone Manor Parkway - Juveniles stole a flag hanging outside of a residence and damaged the pole it was attached to. Investigation ongoing. The incident occurred on October 6th.

Officers responded to traffic collisions, suspicious persons/ vehicles, sick cases, accidental injuries, citizen contacts, and lockouts.

AFTERNOON WATCH

23 4828	Beginning: 11/17/2023, 1505 Ending: 11/17/2023, 1517	14XXX CLAYTON RD		WILDWOOD PLAZA	3	3	Larceny under \$750 Shoplifting
Arrested: N/A							
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject stole \$388 worth of vape pens and liquid.							

23-4828 Larceny: An unknown subject concealed vape devices from a business on Clayton and left the store without paying. A description was obtained and the report will be forwarded to the detective bureau.
Blue Vapor 14796 Clayton Rd



23-4829 Motor Vehicle Collision: Two vehicles collided on Chesterfield Parkway at Schoettler Spur after one vehicle turned left in front of the other. Significant damage occurred to both vehicles but both drivers refused medical treatment on the scene. The E/B lanes were closed for about a half hour to clean up the debris and tow the vehicles.

23 4831	Beginning: 11/11/2023, 0400 Ending: 11/17/2023, 1759	10XX E CHESTERFIELD PKY		FAIRFIELD SUITES	4	2	Larceny under \$750 Person
Arrested: N/A							
Brief Narrative Description: Victim left his blender and a knife inside hotel room after checkout. After speaking with several managers, he still has not received his proeprty.							

23-4831 Larceny: A blender and a cutting knife were taken out of a hotel room on Chesterfield Pkwy after the victim checked out. The victim called the hotel but the items were missing when checked by management. The report will be forwarded to the detective bureau.

23-4832 Warrant Arrest: An officer responded to Sunset Hills PD to pick up a subject who Failed to Appear for Traffic charges. She was arrested, conveyed to the station, and booked. She later posted a bond and was released with a new court date.

An officer conveyed a subject in custody at Chesterfield for a warrant out of St. Louis County to St. Louis County Intake. Once there, the officer picked up another subject who had a warrant out of Chesterfield for Failing to Appear for Drug charges. She was arrested, conveyed to the station, and booked. Later on, she was released to Des Peres PD for similar warrants.

Officers conducted traffic enforcement throughout the shift and checked on businesses and retail areas.

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 18, 2023

MIDNIGHT SHIFT

Failure to Yield – At 11:14pm officers responded to the area of The District for a Flock alert for a possible stolen vehicle. The vehicle, a black Ford Taurus, was located by officers, but fled down North Outer 40 at a high rate of speed. No pursuit was initiated. County’s helicopter was in the area and attempted to assist, but was unable to locate the vehicle.

Other calls for service included a vehicle crash, fire alarm, burglar alarms, open door, welfare check, medical alarm, trespassing, sick case, accidental injury, and traffic stops.

DAY WATCH

23 4838	Beginning: 11/18/2023, 0748 Ending: 11/18/2023, 0756	16XX CLARKSON RD		CHESTERFIELD CROSSING	6	2	Assault Domestic
Arrested: Cox, Zachary B 21 M							
Brief Narrative Description: Following a verbal argument, victim's boyfriend bit her on the arm when she attempted to retrieve her car keys.							

23-4838 - Domestic Assault - 1651 Clarkson Rd (Parking lot of Duck Donuts) - A male struck and bit his girlfriend during an argument inside their vehicle, causing minor injuries. Subject was arrested and Municipal Warrant application was made. The Chesterfield Prosecuting Attorney issued charges for Domestic Assault with a bond of \$500.

Zachary Cox 21
11/18/23 Domestic Assault Chesterfield PD

23 4840	Beginning: 11/13/2023, 1121 Ending: 11/17/2023, 1200	1XX THF BLVD	Markey by Macy's	CHESTERFIELD COMMONS	6	4	Larceny Over \$750 Shoplifting
Arrested: N/A							
Brief Narrative Description: Identified subject stole from store on multiple occasions.							

23-4840 - Stealing - 154 THF Blvd (Market by Macy's)- Subject stole a felony amount of items. The suspect has been tentatively identified. Investigation ongoing.

23 4841	Beginning: 11/18/2023, 1215 Ending: 11/18/2023, 1215	1XX HILLTOWN VILLAGE CTR	Schnuck's	HILLTOWN VILLAGE CENTER	2	1	Larceny Over \$750 Shoplifting
Arrested: N/A							
Brief Narrative Description: Identified subject stole 22 bottles of liquor.							

23-4842 - Person Struck - Parking lot of 100 THF Blvd (Walmart) - A subject was struck by a vehicle in the parking lot of Walmart causing minor injuries.

23 4845	Beginning: 11/18/2023, 1348 Ending: 11/18/2023, 1351	4X THF BLVD	Target	CHESTERFIELD COMMONS EAST	6	4	Larceny under \$750 Shoplifting
Arrested: Mack, Lisa B 31 F							
Brief Narrative Description: Subject failed to scan all items at self-checkout.							

23-4845 - Stealing - 40 THF Blvd - Target - A subject was detained by Target Loss Prevention for shoplifting. Officer responded and issued the suspect a SIL and released her at the scene.

Lisa G Mack 31

11/18/23	Stealing (Target)	Chesterfield PD
11/09/22	Felony Stealing	Des Peres DPS
09/21/22	Moving Vio reduced to Parking Vio \$186 fine	Chesterfield PD
	Criminal Ord Vio reduced to Health Code Vio \$316 fine	
12/21/20	Speeding 11-16 over \$70 fine	Florissant PD

19-321 - Prisoner Pick-Up - St Louis County Intake - Officer responded to St Louis County Intake for a subject in custody with active Chesterfield warrants.

Officers responded to several traffic collisions, sick cases, alarms, and citizen contacts.

AFTERNOON WATCH

23 4846	Beginning: 11/16/2023, 1830 Ending: 11/16/2023, 1845	16XXX CLAYTON RD		SPRINGER BOYLAN		0	Assault Common - Actual Assault
Arrested: N/A							
Brief Narrative Description: Victim's ex-daughter-in-law struck her in the hand.							

23-4847- Destruction of property- Clover Ridge: Victim advised juveniles attempted to "Ding Dong Ditch" his residence by knocking on the window, but the window broke. Resident stopped the juveniles and they returned to the residence. Investigating officer contacted parents, and victim refused prosecution.

23 4849	Beginning: 11/18/2023, 1700 Ending: 11/18/2023, 1710	15XXX OLIVE BLVD	Circle K	EQUILON SHELL	2	2	Larceny under \$750 Shoplifting
Arrested: N/A							
Brief Narrative Description: Unknown subject stole four cartons of cigarettes.							

23-4849- Larceny- Olive Blvd: Subject entered a gas station and stole 4 cartons of cigarettes totaling \$313.00. Subject fled in a gray Cavalier with no plates occupied by 2 other subjects. Forwarded to the Detective Bureau for follow up.

23 4851	Beginning: 11/18/2023, 1611 Ending: 11/18/2023, 1617	14XXX CLAYTON RD		WALGREENS BAXTER AND CLAYTON	3	3	Fraud Scam
Arrested: N/A							
Brief Narrative Description: Customer purchased a Western Union money order for \$3000. After payment was made, employee discovered only \$1000 in cash inside register drawer. Video surveillance later revealed that customer retrieved cash and shortchanged the store during payment.							

23-4851- Larceny- Clayton Blvd: Subject entered a business and requested a \$2,900.00 money order. Subject counted out 30 \$100.00 bills. Employees counted and confirmed \$3,000.00. Subject then recounted the currency, and utilizing sleight of hand palmed \$2000.00, leaving the store with \$1,900. The shortchange was not discovered until after the transaction was completed, and the subject had left the store. Investigation to be conducted by the Detective Bureau.

Officers also responded to other calls for service to include motor vehicle crashes, alarms, sick cases. check the welfares, and traffic hazards.

Officers conducted traffic enforcement and provided close patrols of the business and entertainment districts.

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 19, 2023

MIDNIGHT SHIFT

23 4852	Beginning: 11/18/2023, 2254 Ending: 11/18/2023, 2254	Baxter Rd & Claymont Estates Dr			3	3	DWI Alcohol
Arrested: Daftari, Amish W 44 M							
Brief Narrative Description: During a traffic stop for speeding, driver was found to be intoxicated.							

23-4852 - DWI – Baxter / Claymont Estates – During a traffic stop the driver was found to be intoxicated. He was arrested and booked. His BAC was tested at 0.119%
Amish Daftari 44

11/18/23 DWI, Speeding
12/04/04 Speeding \$80 fine

Chesterfield PD
MO Hwy Patrol

23 4853	Beginning: 11/18/2023, 2339 Ending: 11/18/2023, 2355	15XXX ELK RIDGE LN		SCHOETTLER VILLAGE	4	2	Sexual Harassment
Arrested: N/A							
Brief Narrative Description: Victim states she was touched on the inner thigh by her uber driver. Driver denied the claims and provided additional contextual information.							

23-4853 – Sexual Assault – East Valley Meadow – An intoxicated female resident reported that her Uber driver pulled over and made sexual advances toward her. Officers identified the driver, who responded to the station for an interview. He emphatically denied the charges, and provided new details which were later

his father several times in the face before fleeing. The son's last known address is on Clarence in St. Louis City, and his girlfriend lives in Valley Park. Despite our request for authorities to check these addresses, the son was not found. He was entered as a person of interest and the case has been forwarded to the Detective Bureau for further investigation.

Officers carried out several traffic stops and increased patrols in residential and commercial areas. They also responded to calls about medical emergencies, suspicious vehicles, alarms, and noise complaints.

DAY WATCH

23-4862 - Warrant Arrest - I64/ Chesterfield Parkway - A traffic stop resulted in the driver being arrested for 2 felony warrants out of Jefferson County. Due to a medical issue, the arresting officer obtained a "fit for confinement" from St Luke's Hospital, and then conveyed the subject directly to Jefferson County.

23-4864 - Fraud - 196 THF Blvd (Sam's Club) - Victim's stolen credit cards were used at Sam's club to make unauthorized purchases.

23-4866 - Destruction of Property - Beaulac - Unknown persons damaged the passenger side window and steering column of the victim's vehicle.

23-4867 - Towed vehicle - I64/ Timberlake Manor - a vehicle was towed after being abandoned and causing a traffic hazard.

23-4870 - Stealing - Village View Dr (Friendship Village) - A resident reported \$250 in cash missing from her residence.

19-2824 - Warrant Cancellation - A subject in custody at Florissant PD posted his bond for an active Chesterfield warrant.

No report - Willow Lake - A mother reported her 10 yr old special needs daughter was missing. Officers saturated the area and located the girl a short distance away. She was quickly reunited with her mother.

Officers responded to calls for alarms, sick cases, traffic accidents, suspicious persons/ vehicles, and traffic hazards.

AFTERNOON WATCH

23-4871 – Identity theft – Sumter Ridge Ct: An unidentified suspect used the victim's identity to obtain a new debit card and withdraw money from his bank account.

Officers responded to calls for service to include a keep the peace, citizen contacts, abandoned vehicle, sick cases, check the welfare, motorist assists and a motor vehicle crash.

Officers also conducted traffic stops and provided patrols of businesses, neighborhoods, and parks.

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 21, 2023

MIDNIGHT SHIFT

23-4871 – Identity theft – Sumter Ridge Ct: An unidentified suspect used the victims identity to obtain a new debit card and withdraw money from his bank account.

Officers responded to calls for service to include a keep the peace, citizen contacts, abandoned vehicle, sick cases, check the welfare, motorist assists and a motor vehicle crash.

Officers also conducted traffic stops and provided patrols of businesses, neighborhoods, and parks.

DAY WATCH

23-4875 - Making a terroristic threat - 633 Spirit Dr (MOHELA) - Reporting party reported online threats made against the company. Investigation ongoing

23-4876 - Larceny - 100 THF (Walmart) - An unknown subject removed the victim's wallet from her purse while she was shopping.

23-4878 - Warrant Arrest - A subject with an active Chesterfield warrant responded to the station to turn himself in.

Officers responded to calls for alarms, sick cases, traffic accidents, parking issues, and check the welfare.

AFTERNOON WATCH

23-4882 Assault 4th -Broadmoor: A juvenile frequent offender threatened another juvenile via social media and in person. Juvenile victim was placed in fear due to the interactions. Known offender will be referred to this Department's Juvenile Detective for further.

23-4851- Harassment Bedford Forge: Victim reports her employer's wife has been sending harassing messages and interfering with her employment.

A subject in custody at St. Peters on Chesterfield Charges posted bond and was released on a new court date.

Officers also responded to other calls for service to include motor vehicle crashes, alarms, sick cases. check the welfares, and traffic hazards.

Officers conducted traffic enforcement and provided close patrols of the business and entertainment districts.

CHESTERFIELD POLICE GET SUED FOR FALSE ARREST, BUT AFTER READING THE LAWSUIT IT SEEMS THE COUNTY POLICE SHOULD BE SUED. Perhaps you read the story about Tim Reinhardt being arrested on I-64 for a crime he did not commit. Upon getting a copy of the lawsuit filed in Federal Court it almost appears as if the wrong police department was named or at least not included. The following is from the lawsuit.

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI
EASTERN DIVISION**

TIMOTHY REINHARDT,)	
)	
Plaintiff,)	
)	
v.)	Case No.: 4:23-cv-01475
)	
CITY OF CHESTERFIELD, MISSOURI,)	DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL
LT. LANCE ROUSE,)	
AND OFFICER GREGORY RUPP,)	
)	
Defendants.)	

COMPLAINT

Plaintiff Timothy Reinhardt (“Mr. Reinhardt”) brings this cause of action pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983 to assert constitutional rights under the Fourth and Fourteenth Amendments to the Constitution of the United States, which were violated by Defendants City of Chesterfield, Missouri (“Defendant Chesterfield” or “City”), Lt. Lance Rouse, and Officer Gregory Rupp (collectively, the “Defendants”), through their use and abuse of an unlawful “Wanted” procedure.

ALLEGATIONS

6. On November 17, 2022, Mr. Reinhardt drove to a store near Lindbergh Boulevard in South St. Louis County.
7. Mr. Reinhardt purchased a cord for his cellular phone, paid for it, and left soon after.
8. He did not commit theft.
9. When Mr. Reinhardt returned to his vehicle, he unpackaged the cord he had just purchased and plugged it in so that he could charge his phone.
10. After Mr. Reinhardt paid for his item and left the store, a different man walked into the store and stole a personal computer.
11. The store manager saw this man, who was not Mr. Reinhardt, exit the store. The store manager claimed that this man stole a computer from the store.

12. The store manager did not follow the thief immediately out of the building nor did she track his direct whereabouts on the store's surveillance cameras.

13. At some point after the thief left with the computer, the store manager belatedly went into the parking lot, where she saw Mr. Reinhardt — and not the thief — in Mr. Reinhardt's vehicle.

14. The store manager took a photo of Mr. Reinhardt's vehicle and license plate, wrongly believing Mr. Reinhardt was the thief.

15. The store manager then called the St. Louis County Police Department ("SLCPD"), who came and purportedly initiated an investigation.

16. The store manager also provided the photo she took of Mr. Reinhardt's vehicle to the SLCPD.

17. A simple review of the store video would have shown Mr. Reinhardt exiting the store before the thief entered it, completely exonerating Mr. Reinhardt. The store video would have also confirmed that Mr. Reinhardt did not possess a computer when he left the store.

18. Using only the photograph of Mr. Reinhardt's vehicle provided by the store manager and not the store videos, SLCPD ran a search of the vehicle and learned the vehicle was registered to Mr. Reinhardt.

19. After learning the name of Mr. Reinhardt, SLCPD obtained his photograph and brought a photo array to the store manager. The store manager incorrectly identified Reinhardt as the person whom she believed stole the computer.

20. Once again, SLCPD failed to compare the photo of the thief from the store's video system with the photo of Reinhardt. Doing so would have clearly exonerated Reinhardt.

21. Based on the foregoing information, SLCPD put out a warrantless "Wanted" for Mr. Reinhardt's arrest.

22. Less than two weeks later, on November 27, 2022, Mr. Reinhardt was finishing a courier route in Chesterfield and heading back to his home in the City.

23. On Interstate 64/40 headed eastbound, Mr. Reinhardt noticed police lights behind him.

24. He pulled over carefully, at which point Defendant Rouse commanded him on the police vehicle loudspeaker to get out of the vehicle and walk to the police car.

25. As Mr. Reinhardt walked carefully to the police vehicle, cars whizzed past him on the interstate.

26. Neither Defendant Rouse nor Defendant Rupp had probable cause to arrest Mr. Reinhardt and conducted no investigation to determine whether probable cause existed to substantiate an arrest.

27. Solely on the basis of the Wanted, Defendants Rouse and Rupp arrested Mr. Reinhardt and brought him to Chesterfield PD. Neither Defendant Rouse nor Defendant Rupp made any effort to determine the veracity, viability, or legality of the underlying Wanted.

28. There were no exigent circumstances to justify Mr. Reinhardt's arrest, there was no evanescent evidence, and he was not a fleeing felon. In the two weeks since he first was considered a suspect, no law enforcement agency applied for a warrant for Mr. Reinhardt's arrest.

29. Prior to his encounter with Defendants Rouse and Rupp, Mr. Reinhardt had a spotless criminal record and had never been arrested or jailed or even so much as been fingerprinted by police.

30. Nevertheless, Reinhardt was booked, photographed, and had his fingerprints taken at the Chesterfield jail.

31. At the Chesterfield jail, Mr. Reinhardt was provided with no information regarding his detention, nor was he provided any process. He was simply forced to sit at the jail based upon Chesterfield's decision to enforce the extrajudicial warrant issued by St. Louis County.

32. Once at the Chesterfield jail, Mr. Reinhardt waited for several hours until officers from St. Louis County picked him up and brought him to the County Justice Center in Clayton.

33. Mr. Reinhardt has suffered damages of emotional distress, humiliation, loss of liberty, physical discomfort, and loss of sleep.

34. On November 1, 2022—three weeks before Mr. Reinhardt's arrest—the Eighth Circuit declared St. Louis County's system of issuing Wanted's to be largely unconstitutional and limited to exigent circumstances where a warrant cannot be obtained in a timely manner. *Furlow v. Belmar*, 52 F.4th 393 (8th Cir. 2022).

35. The Furlow Court further held:

The old west-style “Wanted” posters and reward notices may have once permitted warrantless arrests of suspects pursuant to notices like Wanted... but that practice lost its vitality in the twentieth century. Since at least the 1970s, case law has established that a warrantless arrest prompted by a notice from one officer to another is unconstitutional unless: (1) the arresting officer is able to make an independent finding of probable cause, *see Whiteley v. Warden, Wyo. State Penitentiary*, 401 U.S. 560, 568–69, 91 S.Ct. 1031, 28 L.Ed.2d 306 (1971) or (2) the arresting officer has been working closely with the officer who made the initial and valid probable cause determination, *see, e.g., United States v. Stratton*, 453 F.2d 36, 37 (8th Cir. 1972); *United States v. Heisman*, 503 F.2d 1284, 1286–87, 1289–90 (8th Cir. 1974).

Furlow v. Belmar, 52 F.4th 393, 406 (8th Cir. 2022) (parenthetical explanations omitted).

36. Despite this long-standing case law, Chesterfield had for years enforced a policy of issuing and detaining individuals upon Wanted.

37. After the *Furlow* ruling further clarified Eighth Circuit case law, Defendant City of Chesterfield still continued to unlawfully arrest and detain individuals on Wanted.

There are seven more pages to this lawsuit, but this is the main section. It is also amazing that the St. Louis County Police are not co-defendants. The facts showed that the County Police were derelict in their duty from the start resulting in the unfair and illegal arrest of Tim Reinhardt.

43-years ago I moved to the west side of Missouri and was a police officer for 10-years at the Liberty Police Department (Liberty was famous for being one of the first cities in Missouri dating back to the 1820s and more famous for being the location of the first daylight bank robbery in the U.S. by the James Gang.).

Arrest wanteds were not used in the Kansas City region by police are in fact nowhere else in Missouri other than the St. Louis region. Officers had no idea what “arrest wanteds” were.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING



NEW PLAYGROUND AND RECONSTRUCTED ATHLETIC FIELD Last week we reported how Town and Country is spending over \$550,000 to replace a popular playground at Longview Park, using a County Parks Grant plus \$100,000 in City funds.

This appeared to be rather excessive and wasteful. Meanwhile out in Chesterfield Valley, the Chesterfield Parks Department has a bill before the Council to renovate the Miracle Baseball Field including a new scoreboard and build a playground for just \$546,250 from a Park Grant and only \$28,750 in City funds. Rental of the sports field will provide some recovered revenue to the City.



CRICKET ANYONE? Ever since he got elected in 2021 beating incumbent Michele Ohley by 5 votes, Ward-4 Councilman Gary Budor has been pushing for a Cricket Field in Chesterfield Valley. The City has not been keen on spending money on a Cricket Field even through the native India population in town increases. The group had a cricket field in St. Charles County but lost the rights to the field.

Apparently a compromise is in sight that will not be a financial burden on the City's Park Department. The City will provide 4 acres of undeveloped park land to a cricket group to build and maintain a field. The renewable agreement is for 2-years. Here is a portion of a memo from City Administrator Mike Geisel followed by a vote from the Parks Committee.

As we have worked with the cricket community over the last few years, we have been unsuccessful in developing a mutually agreeable strategy to provide public cricket facilities. Under any scenario, creation of public cricket facilities will require considerable space and financial resources, including the ongoing operational expenditures. To date, a major obstacle has been the lack of a demonstrated demand commensurate with the commitment of public resources

In an effort to allow the cricket community to develop a program, demonstrate demand, while concurrently avoiding any significant public expense; I propose that the City consider granting a two year, non-exclusive license to a designated Chesterfield Cricket advocacy group, for the use of roughly a designated four (4) acre area on the undeveloped parcel at the east end of the Chesterfield Valley Athletic Complex.

Councilmember Wahl made a motion to accept the City Administrator's and the parks department recommendation as outlined in a October 26, 2023 memo from Mr. Geisel. It recommended designating four acres of currently undeveloped parkland east of CVAC, with the intent of a local athletic group, to fund, operate, and maintain cricket facilities, on a two-year agreement. The project would be completely funded and maintained by the cricket group with no city funding, maintenance or other resources provided by the city. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Monachella, and passed by voice vote of 3-0.



A WOODEN CARVING SCULPTURE FOR CENTRAL PARK: Also before the Council is a proposal for a wooden carved sculpture on a dead tree trunk by Ryan Meyer of Festus. The cost of the sculpture is being donated by Rob Kilo and cost the city nothing.



It was mentioned the tree being considered for the carving might be too diseased and another one might have to be found.

Councilman Aaron Wahl then stated that he thought the submitted carving plan was ugly. "Is this a good piece of art? I don't get it," said Wahl. Other members disagreed with Wahl and he ended up voting for it.

FIREARM RESTRICTION ORDINANCE TO INCLUDE CITY PARKS FIRST READ.

The St. Louis County Council passed a recent ordinance making it illegal to carry guns into schools, courts and other government buildings, even if you have a conceal carry permit. However, the ordinance did not include municipalities, just unincorporated areas. The City of Chesterfield has a similar ordinance with one thing missing...PROHIBITING GUNS IN PARKS AND ON PARK PROPERTY.

Under the ordinance these are the locations where someone cannot carry a firearm:

- 1) Any law enforcement office.
- 2) Any jail, detention facility or juvenile detention facility.
- 3) Within 25 feet of any polling place on election day.
- 4) Any courthouse or court office.
- 5) Any City Council meeting or any city owned building.
- 6) Bars and Taverns
- 7) Certain areas in an airport.
- 8) Any day care facility, elementary, secondary school or institute of higher education.
- 9) Any church without permission.
- 10) Any casino (none in Chesterfield)
- 11) Any gated amusement park.
- 12) Any post "No Firearms Allowed" private property.
- 13) Any sports arena seating 5,000 or more.
- 14) Any hospital

15) City Parks

This addition of PARKS to the existing ordinance was read with a 7-1 vote to only first read the bill. A second reading and vote at a future meeting is required for passage. Councilman Aaron Wahl apparently thinks carrying guns in city parks is just fine. He did vote against having the bill even read for the first time.



Councilman Aaron Wahl, gun nut or someone who feels the need to be armed while taking a walk in the park?

COUNCIL VOTES TO REDUCE AUGUST HOURS AT THE AQUATIC CENTER AND RAISE PRICES FOR NON-RESIDENTS. This should have come as no surprise as there has been a shortage of lifeguards recently for the city pool. Since most of the lifeguards are students returning to class in August the Council voted to reduced pool hours for the last three weeks of its scheduled opening.

Here are the recommended hour changes per memo:

We currently close the facility on weekdays during the last two weeks of the season because most of our part-time staff go back to school. In 2023, many lifeguards went back to school the third week before our facility closes. In 2024, staff recommend reducing hours of operation for the third week before closing by the following. Open the leisure pool only from 12 - 4 p.m. (during school) and open the entire facility from 4 - 7 p.m (after school). All hours and openings depend on staffing levels.

Also the Council agreed with the Parks Department and voted to increase non-resident entry fees to the Aquatic Center from \$9 to \$11.



BIG CROWD: There was exactly one person attending the Council meet. He was Mike (Citizen Kane) Kane. Also in attendance in the crowded chamber was retiring Police Chief Ray Johnson and soon to be chief, Capt. Cheryl Funkhouser.



People viewing online over 24 hours were eight residents and 13 City Hall staffers.

HOW BAD IS LOCAL NEWS?

This is from a KMOV news story I found on their website on Sunday, November 19. Look at the dateline and then the date KMOV claimed when the crime occurred.

Brentwood Police searching for domestic assault suspect considered ‘armed and dangerous’

By [Lucas Sellem](#)

Published: Nov. 17, 2023 at 5:03 PM CST

ST. LOUIS, Mo. (KMOV) - The Brentwood Police Department is looking for a man they say was involved in a violent domestic assault case who fled the scene.

According to the police department, officers responded to a call for domestic assault on Wednesday, Nov. 18. Upon arrival, they discovered the suspect, Gaige Crowell, had fled the scene. The St. Louis County Prosecuting Attorney’s Office issued a warrant for Crowell’s arrest for Domestic Assault 2nd Degree.

The dateline is Nov. 17, 2023, but the story claims the crime happened on November 18. Apparently the KMOV newsroom can see into the future.

There is one other problem with KMOV’s reporting is that the story claimed the crime happened on Wednesday November 18. I’m not sure what year that could have been. November 18, 2023 was a Saturday!

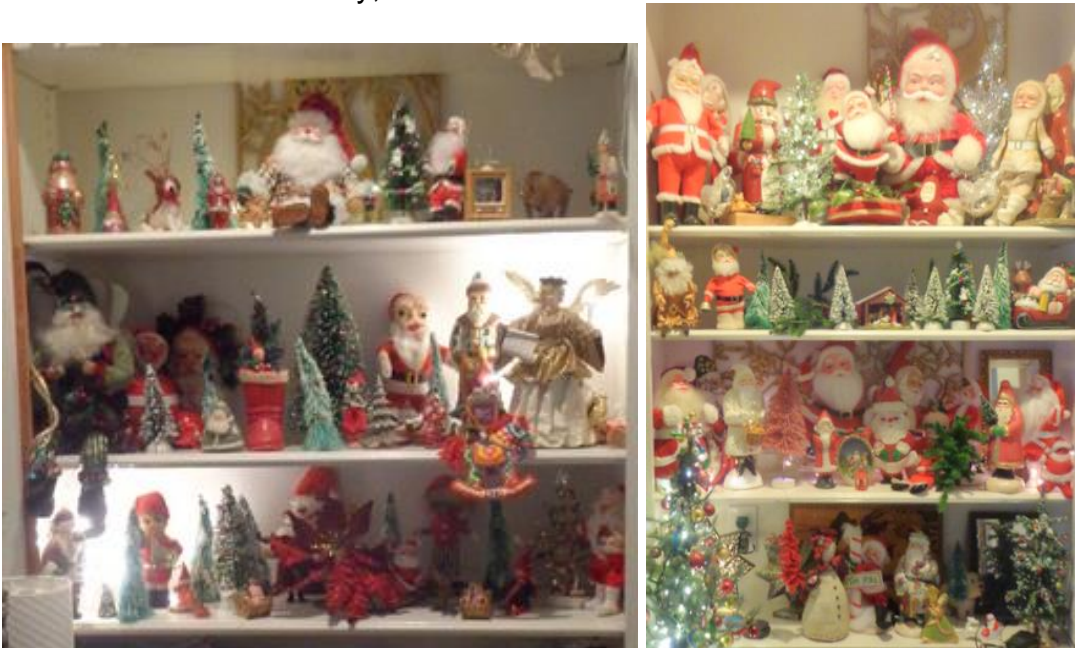
REMEMBER WHEN?



A Globe Democratic news box, back when the Globe and the Post were 25-cents.

The box is in the entryway to the Village Bar (the bar has been around since 1948) in Des Peres on Manchester. When I lived in Kansas City, I think my mail carrier hated me. Both papers were reasonably priced for mail service to residences in Missouri. I got both the P-D and the Globe until the Globe went out of business. My house was old enough that mail service was by foot.

AN INVASION BEFORE THANKSGIVING. On the Sunday before Thanksgiving my house was invaded by six sisters and nieces of my wife. When they left we no longer lived in Town and Country, but Town and Santa.



Even the sculpture of a tortoise that my wife made located in the front yard had antlers and wearing and ornament.



CARTOONS:



