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FORMER TOWN AND COUNTRY ALDERMAN, STATE REPRESENTATIVE AND SEX TEXTER PLEDS GUILTY IN FEDERAL COURT TO FRAUDULENTLY STEALING \$379,000 FROM PANDEMIC RELIEF FUNDS

This is from the US Attorney's Press Release:

St. Louis Lawyer Admits \$379,900 Pandemic Fraud

Thursday, September 11, 2025

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U.S. Attorney's Office, Eastern District of Missouri

ST. LOUIS – A St. Louis lawyer on Thursday admitted defrauding the U.S. Small Business Administration out of \$379,900 by fraudulently obtaining a COVID-19 pandemic loan.

John J. Diehl Jr., 60, pleaded guilty in U.S. District Court in St. Louis to one count of wire fraud. Diehl admitted that on March 30, 2020, he applied for an Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) on behalf of his law firm, the Diehl Law Group. The EIDL program was designed to help struggling small businesses during the pandemic by providing deferred, low interest loans to be used strictly for working capital, payroll and other fixed debts of the business caused by the pandemic. Diehl signed a loan authorization and agreement form in which he falsely represented and certified that Diehl Law Group "...will use all the proceeds of this Loan solely as working capital to alleviate economic injury caused by disaster occurring in the month of January 31, 2020 and continuing thereafter...."

On June 9, 2020, the remainder of the EIDL loan, \$93,900, was transmitted into his law firm's bank account. Diehl transferred some of the funds to his personal bank accounts and between June 10, 2020, and August 16, 2021, he impermissibly used the EIDL loan proceeds for unauthorized personal use and purposes. Those included payments on personal Tesla, Audi and Jeep automobiles, personal credit cards, a personal home mortgage, a family member's college tuition, pool maintenance, country club dues and fees and cash withdrawals for personal use and expenses. On Sept. 16, 2020, Diehl also transferred \$50,039.55 of the EIDL proceeds to the Diehl Law Group's retirement plan in which Diehl was the only participant.



Diehl who was a good friend of fellow lawyer, Town & Country mayor Jon Dalton, who had his own ethical problems being a lobbyist.

Diehl was a T&C Alderman from 2003-2005 when he resigned after being appointed by to the County Board of Elections. He was elected to the Missouri House of Representatives in 2008. He was later the Speaker of the Missouri House when he was forced to resign.

Diehl was arguably the state's most powerful politician in 2015 when the Kansas City Star revealed he'd been sending sexually inappropriate messages to a 19-year-old House intern. While he initially refused to step down, he eventually resigned when it became clear he'd lost the support of key members of his party.



Then there was the finding of the Ethic Commission and the fine.

From Wikipedia:

Sexting controversy and resignation

On April 24, 2015, [The Kansas City Star](#) contacted Diehl about exchanges of sexually suggestive text messages between himself and a female House intern, who was then a college freshman.^[12] The internship program had been abruptly canceled in April 2015 after [Missouri Southern State University](#) discovered an "unspecified incident" with a student, which analysts say was likely Diehl's affair.^{[13][14][15]} A few hours after the *Star* published a report of the exchanges on May 13, Diehl admitted responsibility, stating, "I will begin immediately working to restore the trust of those closest to me and getting back to the important work that is required in the final days of session."^{[12][16]} However, he resigned May 14.^{[3][17]} He was replaced by [Todd Richardson](#) of [Poplar Bluff](#).^[18]

Diehl controlled over \$2,000,000 in campaign contributions, however he never had an opponent.

John Diehl, Jr. campaign contribution history				
YEAR	OFFICE	STATUS	CONTRIBUTIONS	EXPENDITURES
2014	Missouri House of Representatives, District 89	Won	\$1,061,737	N/A**
2012	Missouri State House, District 89	Won	\$725,085	N/A**
2010	Missouri State House, District 87	Won	\$306,580	N/A**
2008	Missouri State House, District 87	Won	\$46,740	N/A**
Grand total			\$2,140,142	N/A**

AND then in 2023 Diehl was hit with a \$47,000 fine by the Missouri Ethics Commission. This from the Missouri Independent:

A former Missouri House speaker who was forced to resign in disgrace in 2015 [has been fined \\$47,000 by the Missouri Ethics Commission](#) for allegedly misusing campaign funds.

John Diehl, a Republican from Town and Country, signed a consent decree with the ethics commission released Tuesday acknowledging probable cause that he violated state campaign finance laws.

While he was fined \$47,000, Diehl will only have to pay roughly \$10,000 if he doesn't violate campaign finance law again in the next two years.

The four counts in the consent decree include a \$6,730 credit card payment for non-campaign expenses and three counts of failure to properly disclose and report campaign expenses.

As early as 2012 I was writing about questionable contributions to Diehl as the lead in newsletter #68.

https://johnhoffmann.net/ex_newsletter_68.pdf

Here are some items from that newsletter:

FUND RAISING FOR THE FIGHT AGAINST NO ONE: Here are some of the expenses he has listed as fundraising events for his “campaigns against no one” or meals for his staff, which I believe is one person.

2010

\$2,474 On his Am Ex card for catering at Drury Inn
\$1,744 Meals at Jefferson City Country Club
\$1,878 Russo’s catering
\$430 On his Am Ex for food at Schnucks
\$735 Meals at RNC Conference
\$1,175 Café Napoli

2011

\$911 Seven Gables Inn

2012

\$248 Capital Plaza Hotel Food
\$662 J. Bucks
\$289 Madison Café
\$327 Pierpoints, KCMO Staff dinner
\$355 V.R. Yardhouse Summerton, Nevada Staff dinner
\$367 Landry’s Dallas, Texas donor’s meal

Wouldn’t it be nice if he spent a little more money in his district and less in Clayton, Nevada or Kansas City?

Dumb or Dumber: Diehl has claimed in four years he has spent over \$62,000 for political consultants. I REPEAT...HE IS RUNNING AGAINST NO ONE! He can give me one thousand dollars and save the other \$61,000...here is my consulting advice...”Don’t say anything and don’t go on The Charles Jaco Show.”

Still from our 2012 newsletter

CONFLICT OF INTEREST: In the last 12 months Diehl has accepted campaign



contributions totaling \$25,900, from building, realty, civil engineering, architectural, and energy development associations, all having a role in any building, hospital construction or subdivision developments.

Here is the list:

10-23-12	St. Louis Assn of Realtors	\$1,000
10-23-12	Civil Engineering Design Consultants	\$500
10-04-12	Missouri Architects PAC	\$300
10-03-12	Builder Assn PAC	\$500
10-03-12	Realtor PAC	\$1,000
10-02-12	Missouri Hospital Assn	\$2,500
10-02-12	Ameren Missouri PAC	\$2,500
09-11-12	Missouri Land Title PAC	\$500
09-02-12	Home Building Industry PAC	\$2,500
08-29-12	St. Louis Assn of Realtors	\$1,000
08-02-12	Missouri Asphalt Pavement Assn	\$500
07-31-12	Burns and McDonnell Civil Engineers	\$3,000
07-02-12	Missouri Forest Products	\$500
06-18-12	Missouri Realtors PAC	\$2,500
06-15-12	Missouri Land Title PAC	\$400
05-11-12	Crescent Plumbing Supply	\$200
04-24-12	Duffe-Nuernberger Realty	\$250
04-05-12	E.M. Harris Construction Co	\$250
12-30-11	Responsible Builders PAC	\$1,000
12-15-11	Realtors PAC	\$500

At the same time he was not only a State Rep, but sat on the Town & Country Architectural Review Board.

All this is pretty impressive for a De Smet High School grad.

His sentencing in Federal Court is scheduled for December 19. I can only hope near Christmas that Judge thinks of residents of Missouri before Diehl and gives him some well-deserved prison time.

FIVE ROMANIANS SENTENCED IN FEDERAL COURT FOR STEALING FROM BANK ATM'S USING SKIMMING DEVICES. This is from a Press Release from the US Attorney's Office:

Five Romanian nationals have been sentenced for installing skimming devices on St. Louis area ATMs to harvest bank account information from customers.

U.S. District Judge Sarah E. Pitlyk sentenced Mihai Vlaicu, 48, and Mihai Florin Marinescu, 38, on Friday to two years in prison. Laurentiu Miguel Ivan, 34, Nelu Nae, 37, and Venera Isabelle Dumitru, 28, were sentenced to the time that they already spent in federal custody while awaiting trial. All will likely be deported when they complete any prison time they receive in their St. Louis case and any pending cases elsewhere in the country.

All five pleaded guilty in U.S. District Court in St. Louis to one count of conspiracy to commit bank fraud. A sixth person indicted in the case, Ianus Nita, 53, has not yet been arrested.

Around January of 2024, Vlaicu and Marinescu began installing skimming devices in the St. Louis area. They installed them on at least two bank ATMs, one in Clayton and one in Frontenac and began using cloned cards to try and withdraw cash. Marinescu unsuccessfully tried to install a skimming device on an ATM in south St. Louis County, and then successfully installed one on an ATM in Wildwood. On May 28, Marinescu and Nae installed a skimming device on an ATM in St. Louis, but law enforcement found and removed it.

The conspirators were successful in stealing about \$5,200 from 11 victims. Judge Pitlyk ordered them to repay the money.

The FBI, the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department, the Webster Groves Police Department, the Clayton Police Department and the Frontenac Police Department

investigated the case with assistance from the St. Louis County Police Department. Assistant U.S. Attorney Gwen Carroll prosecuted the case.

THE REST OF THE STORY WITH A 7-11 MANAGER BREAKING UP THE GANG

This is from St. Louis Magazine:

A 911 call from an eagle-eyed 7-Eleven owner led to a band of Romanian ATM thieves getting busted in St. Louis, according to a search warrant unsealed June 13.

On May 28, 2024, prosecutors say, Mihai F. Marinescu and Nelu Nae entered the convenience store on Morganford Road in Tower Grove South and, according to surveillance footage, Nae kept lookout while Marinescu installed what's called a skimming device on the cash machine in the back of the store. After the two men then left, the owner, seemingly sensing something sketchy had occurred, called the police.

That 911 call ultimately led to the arrests of five Romanian nationals, who have since pleaded guilty to bank fraud



Three of the St. Louis suspects were arrested outside of Dallas, Texas for the same ATM fraud.

Here are four Romanians I arrested while a Captain on the Chevy Chase Village Maryland Police Department.



This was in 1996. Police referred to them as Gypsies, which some considered racist. In this case the male would send the women into the house, as they would sit back in a getaway car. The criminal Romanians would normally spend the winter in the Carolinas and then take off in the spring on a crime wave to the Northeast and the Midwest.

UNAPPROVED CHESTERFIELD NEWSLETTER



CHESTERFIELD AUGUST MONTHLY POLICE AND CRIME REPORT

DEPARTMENT WIDE STATISTICS

Events	Monthly Totals
Calls For Service	4,989
Incident Reports Written	249
Custodial Arrests	80
Summons Issued in Lieu of Arrest	30
DWI	14
Traffic Citations	620
Warnings	752
Total Crashes	149
Fatality Crashes	0
Injury Crashes	24
Property Damage Crashes	125

BUREAU OF UNIFORMED PATROL

Calls For Service	2,390	Open Garage Door Notifications	127
Self-Initiated	1,472	Crime Scene Supplements Entered	26
Open Door Reports	24	Field Interview Reports Entered	26

**ASSAULT 2ND/
ARMED
CRIMINAL
ACTION**

Rainey Lake—Officers were dispatched to the location for an Assault In Progress. Upon arrival, officers determined a physical altercation occurred between four individuals. The assault stemmed from a dispute over three males dropping off the victim's wife at home after a night of partying. During the incident the victim was attacked by the three males. Two of the males repeatedly struck the victim with their fists. Another male retrieved a metal tire jack and repeatedly struck the victim on his head and body. Additional family members inside the house observed the attack and were able to separate everyone. The suspects got into their car and fled the scene prior to officer arrival. There was a language barrier, which initially presented a challenge, as no one spoke English. While on scene, the suspects were observed entering the subdivision and driving back towards the victim's house. When they observed officers still on scene, they passed the residence. Officers were able to quickly catch up and stop the suspect vehicle. The victim positively identified the males as being his attackers, and all three men involved were taken into custody without incident. None of the suspects spoke English, so officers utilized our language line in order to properly question and obtain a clear and complete account of the incident. The suspects were booked at our station on their charges and then transported to St. Louis County for housing. The case was presented to the St. Louis County Prosecutor for consideration of charges and warrants were issued for Assault 2nd Degree on two of the suspects. All three suspects had detainers issued by Homeland Security Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

TRAFFIC ENFORCEMENT UNIT

TOP CRASH LOCATIONS	
MO 340 (Clarkson/Olive)	14
Clayton Road	6
Chesterfield Airport Road	5
Private Property Accidents (City Wide)	50
Total I-64 (Ramps Included)	16

TOP TICKET LOCATIONS	
Chesterfield Parkway	31
Chesterfield Airport Road	54
Baxter Road	13
Olive Boulevard	80
Clarkson Road	40
Entire Clarkson/Olive Corridor	120
Total I-64	212

SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT UNIT

**STEALING /
ORGANIZED
RETAIL CRIME**

In July 2025, three subjects stole merchandise from Burlington. During the theft, the subjects fled in a vehicle from officers. An Organized Retail Crime (ORC) investigation was initiated to combat the criminal enterprise. Through the use of electronic surveillance, social media search warrants, physical surveillance, the department drone, and partnering with other agencies and loss prevention professionals, SEU was able to execute two residential search warrants in August on members of the operation. The search revealed over \$12,000 worth of recovered stolen merchandise and the arrest of three subjects. In-custody warrants were obtained for the three subjects. A total of 15 felony warrants were issued for the case. Efforts to apprehend the remaining members of the group are ongoing.

**STEALING 4TH
OFFENSE/
POSSESSION OF
PROHIBITED
THEFT DEVICE/
DRIVING WHILE
REVOKED**

Outlet Blvd.- SEU officers were contacted by Des Peres PD and notified that a habitual shoplifter's vehicle was captured on Flock cameras arriving at the Premium Outlets. The owner of the vehicle was identified and discovered to have a revoked driver's license. A traffic stop was conducted and the driver was arrested for Driving While Revoked. A subsequent investigation revealed the subject had stolen from Nike and was in possession of magnets that were utilized to assist in the theft. The subject was booked at the station and released pending application of warrants.

**STEALING
UNDER \$750**

THF Blvd.-An employee at Walmart was arrested after voiding transactions and under-scanning items while working a register. The thefts occurred on multiple dates and totaled \$569.87. The subject was booked at the station and released with a summons.

CLARKSON VALLEY

Police Activity Report			
Radio Calls & Self-Initiated	173		
Reports			
Crime/Incident Reports	3	Alarms	10
Open Door	1	Open Garage Door Notifications	13
Crash Reports			
Injury	1	Non-Injury	2
Traffic Enforcement			
Moving	14	Non-Moving	7
Warnings	69	Parking Violations	0
Total (Tickets & Warnings)		90	
Arrests			
Felony	0	Misdemeanor	0
Fugitive	0	Summons Issued	0
Crimes/Incidents Reported			
Open Door – During the overnight hours, an officer located an unsecured door at LPL Financial. The business was searched and no criminal activity was detected.			
Stealing – A resident on Horseshoe Ridge reports that a necklace was stolen from their residence, sometime between mid-June and early August of this year. There was no sign of forced entry, but contractors had been in the home during the given dates and times. Investigation continues.			

Marquette High School Reports

Motor Vehicle Crash w/ Minor Injury – The School Resource Officer at Marquette investigated an incident wherein a student was struck by a car that was pulling out of a parking spot. The student received minor injuries but did not require emergency medical service.

Crestview Middle School Reports

Abuse Investigation – A student at Crestview Middle School reported having been assaulted at a location away from school. With the help of several investigative agencies, the offender was located and taken into custody.

BUREAU OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS

Active Cases Assigned	42
Verbal Letter Cases Assigned	3
Cases Cleared	11
Arrests	14
Summons Issued	10
Warrants Issued	6
Family Court Referrals	3
Initial Background Interviews	5
Assist Other Unit	22
Department of Family Services Referrals	2
Field Incident Report (FIR)	2

INVASION OF PRIVACY	Chesterfield Officers took a report of an invasion of privacy where the victim was shopping at Dierberg's when an employee followed her and took a picture up her skirt. The male was identified by Dierberg's and ultimately fired. On August 27, 2025, the suspect was contacted and arrested by detectives. During the subsequent interview, the suspect admitted to taking the picture and his phone was seized. Now the suspect is being investigated for other crimes based on images recovered from the phone.
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THEFT OF A CREDIT DEVICE	The victim reported his wallet stolen from ATP Flight School. Detectives promptly identified a suspect, recovered the property, and secured the suspect's voluntary surrender. During the interview, the suspect provided a confession. It was also determined the suspect was not legally present in the United States. Appropriate notifications were made to federal authorities, and the suspect was released into their custody. Warrant application is in progress.
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RECORDS AND PROPERTY

The Bureau of Records and Property is responsible for record storage and release, the proper storage of evidence and property, fleet maintenance and administration of the department's in-car and body worn camera program.

New Cases Entered Into Computer Based Evidence Tracking System	39	
Items of Evidence Logged	94	
Total Bonds Processed	27	Totaling \$6,787
Bonds Processed for Other Agencies	14	Totaling \$3,905
Police Reports Released	109	
Telephone Calls Received	4,279	

OVERFLOW CROWD ON AUGUST 23 FOR THE POLICE BACKSTOPPALOOZA



PERSONNEL

- Officer Natalie Marino was sworn in on 8/11/2025.
- We celebrated the retirement of Sgt. Gary Gunn.
- Nine Police Officer applicants completed initial background investigations. Seven passed and will be interviewed by the Police Personnel Board.
- Chief Funkhouser made job offers to Police Officer candidates, Leslie Michael and Abby Alvord, who will start as Police Recruits in September.

CRIME REPORT

CHESTERFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT

	OFFENSES REPORTED CURRENT MONTH			TOTALS YEAR TO DATE		
REPORTS	2024	2025	CHANGE	2024	2025	CHANGE
MURDER	0	0	N/A	0	0	N/A
MANSLAUGHTER	0	0	N/A	0	0	N/A
NON-FORCIBLE RAPE	1	0	N/A	1	0	N/A
FORCIBLE RAPE	0	0	+	3	3	N/A
SEXUAL OFFENSE	1	1	N/A	9	8	-
ROBBERY	1	0	-	3	2	-
ASSAULT	23	17	-	144	150	+
BURGLARY						
RESIDENTIAL	0	0	N/A	6	13	+
COMMERCIAL	4	1	-	16	11	-
LARCENY						
FELONY	14	8	-	96	73	-
MISDEMEANOR	16	19	+	168	190	+
AUTO. THEFT	2	3	+	24	22	-
RECOVERED STOLEN VEHICLES IN CHF	1	0	-	10	8	-
RECOVERED CHF VEHICLES OTHER JURIS	0	1	-	10	11	+
ARSON	0	0	N/A	0	0	N/A
CHECKS/FRAUD	24	18	-	132	129	-
VANDALISM	5	8	+	67	51	-
DRUG VIOLATIONS	0	5	+	55	48	-
D.W.I	25	15	-	96	116	+
TOTAL	117	96	-	840	835	-

ARREST							
ADULT	93	110	+		1,007	896	-
JUVENILE	10	3	-		43	24	-
TRAFFIC							
VEH. ACCIDENTS	98	149	+		733	849	UNK
MVA FATALITIES	1	0	-		2	0	UNK
MVA INJURIES	23	24	+		155	151	UNK
TRAFFIC CITATIONS	651	620	-		4,469	5,231	+
WARNINGS ISSUED	606	752	+		4,701	5,972	+
PARKING SUMMONS	22	9	-		89	71	-
RADIO ASSIGNMENTS	4,757	4,989	+		33,888	40,180	+
ALARMS	60	82	+		698	851	+



POLICE BLOTTER

WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 10, 2025

MIDNIGHT SHIFT

25-4043-Misc-Arrowhead Estates

Officers responded to an address on Arrowhead Estates Drive for a report of a suicidal subject. A ping was entered for the location of the subject's phone which put her in Hawaii. The local police department in Hawaii was contacted. The same suicidal subject is currently being investigated for fraud by our department.

Officers handled calls for service to include traffic complaints, alarms and sick cases.

DAY WATCH SEPT 10, 2025

25-4047 – Prisoner pickup – St. Charles City: An officer responded to St. Charles City to pick up a female subject with traffic warrants out of this department. The subject was arrested, transported back to the station, booked and placed in holdover awaiting bond.

25-4050 – Larceny (F) – Outlet Blvd: Subjects stole \$2500.00 worth of merchandise from Polo. One of the subjects has been identified. SEU officers are still investigating.

Officers responded to calls for service to include alarms, traffic hazards, an intoxicated subject, citizen contacts, a vehicle lockout, sick cases, EDP's, motor vehicle crashes, check the welfares and a bank escort.

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

AFTERNOON WATCH SEPT 10. 2025

Two delayed sexual assault incidents were reported and are currently being investigated by detectives. Suspects in these cases have been identified.

25-4054	Beginning: 09/10/2025, 16:17 Ending: 09/10/2025, 16:30	1XX N EATHERTON RD		WINDSOR CROSSING COMMUNITY CHURCH	5	4	Burglary Commercial - Business
Arrested	Stubbs, Benjamin W 37 M Gutman, Heather W 31 F						
Narrative Description	Two subjects accessed building without permission and stole a 3D printer.						

MAN DOING ROOF REPAIR AT CROSSING CHURCH BREAKS INTO CHURCH AND STEALS A COLOR PRINTER. POLICE ARREST HIM PUTTING PRINTER INTO A CAR

25-4054 - Burglary & Stealing: Officers investigated a stealing of a color printer from the church, located at 114 Eatherton Road. While taking the initial report, Officers discovered that the perpetrator had returned to the scene to pick up the printer that had been staged outside of the church. The suspect placed the printer in a vehicle and attempted to resist arrest by fleeing. The suspect was prevented from entering the car and was taken into custody. The driver of the vehicle fled from the scene but did return sometime later with the printer still in the car. The driver of the car was also arrested. Both suspects remain in custody at the St. Louis County jail pending warrant application.

UPDATE: In regard to the burglary and stealing offense at The Crossing Church that was reflected in the end of shift report for yesterday's afternoon watch, the St. Louis County Prosecuting Attorney's Office issued warrants charging the suspect with Burglary in the 1st degree and felony stealing. Bond was set at \$50,000.00. The suspect remains in custody at the St. Louis County jail.



Benjamin Stubbs Church burglar

BENJAMIN PATRICK STUBBS		RACE: White
404 WACHTEL AVE		SEX: Male
ST LOUIS, MO 63125		DOB: [REDACTED]
Aliases:		HGT: 6'00
Benjamin Stubbs		WGT: 190
Defendant		P.D.: Chesterfield
33m		ORI Number: MO0959A00
B		
CHARGES		
Count: 01 BURGLARY 1ST DEGREE - CLASS B FELONY		
Count: 02 STEALING - \$750 OR MORE - CLASS D FELONY		

I, Zakary Kennemer, DSN 0349, Chesterfield Police Department, knowing that false statements on this form are punishable by law, state that the facts contained herein are true and documented in report number 25-4054. I have probable cause to believe that on September 10, 2025, within St. Louis County, Benjamin Stubbs, White, Male, 6'00", 190lbs, committed one or more criminal offense(s).

Count: 01 BURGLARY 1ST DEGREE - CLASS B FELONY

Count: 02 STEALING - \$750 OR MORE - CLASS D FELONY

The facts supporting this belief are as follows: Employees of a church noticed that a 3-D printer had been taken from the building. Police arrived to take a report when the defendant, an employee of a company that had been hired to handle roof work for the church, began to load the printer into a vehicle being driven by another subject. Police approached the defendant and apprehended him before he could successfully enter the passenger seat of the vehicle. While in custody, the defendant admitted to removing the printer from inside the church earlier in the day while he had been working. He stashed it outside of the church and came back later in the day to retrieve it. During the time that the defendant removed the printer, multiple people were inside of the church building.

Benjamin Stubbs 37

09/10/25	Burglary and Stealing	Chesterfield PD
03/09/25	Unregistered Veh \$39 fine	St. Louis Co PD
09/15/24	Stealing PG 7/24/25 2-yrS SIS Probation	Arnold PD
04/07/24	Stealing reduced to Littering \$39 fine	St. Louis Co PD
03/20/23	Armed Criminal Action, 1 st Degree Assault	St. Louis Co
09/03/06	Attempt to Purchase Alcohol as Minor \$300 fine	MO Water Patrol

HEATHER GUTMANN: 31

09/10/25	Burglary & Stealing	Chesterfield PD
08/30/24	Stealing reduced to Littering \$241 fine	St. Louis Co PD
11/09/23	Unregistered Vehicle \$39 fine	St. Louis Co PD
08/11/23	Felony Drug Possession	Richmond Heights PD

25-4057	Beginning: 09/10/2025, 11:11 Ending: 09/10/2025, 11:17	1XX THF BLVD	Market by Macy's	CHESTERFIELD COMMONS	5	4	Larceny Over \$750 Shoplifting
Arrested	N/A						
Narrative Description	Subject stole more than \$1800 worth of merchandise.						

25-4057 - Stealing - A Special Enforcement Officer is investigating a stealing of several coats from the Macy's store at THF. The loss is in excess of \$1800.00. The suspect in this case has been identified, and The Special Enforcement Unit continues to investigate this offense.

In addition to the above, officers also responded to Alarms, harassment, accidental injuries, minor motor vehicle crashes, a solicitor, an animal complaint, check the welfare, a 911 hang up, a noise complaint and a suspicious subject.

Officers also conducted traffic enforcement and patrolled sports and entertainment venues.

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 11, 2025 MIDNIGHT SHIFT

25-4058	Beginning: 09/10/2025, 21:24 Ending: 09/10/2025, 23:40	I64 & Boone Bridge			5	4	DWI Alcohol
Arrested	Fernandez, Sergio W 52 M						
Narrative Description	During a traffic stop for speeding, driver was found to be intoxicated.						

25-4058-DWI-Daniel Boone Bridge

An Officer made a traffic stop and determined the driver was intoxicated. The driver was arrested.

Sergio Carlos Fernandez 52

09/10/25	DWI, Speeding 97 mph-55 zone, Improper Lane Use Careless & Impudent Driving	Chesterfield PD
05/27/25	Disobeyed Stop Sign reduced to Parking \$193 fine Speeding 42-in-25 zone reduced to Parking \$193 fine	Cottleville PD
06/07/22	Moving Vio reduced to Parking Vio \$166 fine	St. Louis Co PD
12/08/17	Moving Vio reduced to Loud Muffler \$150	MO Hwy Patrol
05/23/15	Moving Vio reduced to Loud Muffler	MO Hwy Patrol
05/23/08	Speeding \$150 fine	Fulton PD

25-4061-Open Door-1627 Clarkson Rd

During business checks on Officer located an unsecured door. Entry was made the building was secured.

25-4063-Suicide-Hwy 40/Timberlake Manor

Officers responded to a subject on the highway. Upon arrival they located a deceased body lying in lanes 2 and 3 of westbound traffic under Timberlake Manor. The remains had been struck by multiple vehicles making identification difficult. Officers on scene, located a parked running vehicle on Timberlake Manor at a dead end possibly belonging to the individual. State will be handling the traffic crash as they were on scene, while Chesterfield will be conducting an investigation into the suicide.

Officers handled calls for service to include alarms, animal running loose, disturbance, check the welfare, harassment, noise complaint, accidental injury and suspicious vehicle.

DAY WATCH THURSDAY SEPT. 11, 2025

25-4066 – Fugitive Arrest – Elbridge Payne: During a traffic stop, the officer's investigation revealed the driver had traffic warrants out of St. Louis County. The driver was arrested, transported to the station, booked and placed in holdover awaiting pickup.

25-4067	Beginning: 09/03/2025, 13:45 Ending: 09/03/2025, 16:00	14XXX NORTH OUTER 40 RD		DELMAR GARDENS	2	2	Larceny under \$750 License Plate/Tabs
Arrested	N/A						
Narrative Description	Temporary license plate stolen from vehicle.						

25-4067 – Lost/Stolen item – North outer 40: The victim reported the temporary tag which was located on the rear of his vehicle is missing.

25-4068	Beginning: 09/07/2025, 18:00 Ending: 09/07/2025, 20:00	17XXX CHESTERFIELD AIRPORT RD		CHESTERFIELD COMMONS FOUR	5	4	Larceny Over \$750 Person
Arrested	N/A						
Narrative Description	Victim lost a ring at a restaurant.						

25-4068 – Lost item – Chesterfield Airport Rd: The victim reported she lost a ring while eating dinner at a local restaurant.

25-4070 – Open door – Timber Hill Ln: While conducting a vacation check the officer found the front door of the residence unlocked. An interior check of the residence by officers showed no signs of foul play. The out-of-town resident was notified by phone. The residence was secured by officers upon exit.

Officers responded to calls for service to include sick cases, parking violations, motor vehicle crashes, motorist assists, disturbance, suspicious subjects, trespassing, check the welfares, alarms and a bank escort.

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

AFTERNOON WATCH THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 11, 2025

25-4072 - Warrant Cancellation: St. Louis County Police arrested a subject that was wanted on an active Chesterfield traffic warrant. the subject was issued a new court date, and the warrant was cancelled by Chesterfield Records Personnel.

25-4073 - Warrant Arrest: Resulting from a traffic stop at Olive and Swingley Ridge, the driver was taken into custody on an active Chesterfield traffic warrant. He was conveyed to the station where he was booked and placed in a cell awaiting bond. The warrant was cancelled by Records Personnel.

25-4074 - Warrant Arrest: St. Louis County Police arrested a subject that was wanted on an active Chesterfield traffic warrant. **Upon receipt of bond**, the subject was issued a new court date, and the warrant was cancelled by Chesterfield Records Personnel.

Officers also responded to calls for motorist assist, alarms, a suspicious vehicle, accidental injury, sick case, disturbance, animal complaint, 911 hang up, assist fire dept (lift assist) and a pedestrian check.

Officers also conducted proactive patrol of parks, (CVAC) retail and entertainment districts/venues as well as traffic enforcement.

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 12, 2025 MIDNIGHT SHIFT

No significant events occurred during this shift.

Officers responded to calls for service to include several alarms, suspicious vehicles, accidental injuries and a motorist assist.

DAY WATCH FRIDAY SEPT 12, 2025

25-4084	Beginning: 09/11/2025, 16:00 Ending: 09/12/2025, 09:30	2XX RENALDO DR		MONTERRA	1	1	Burglary Residential - Home
Arrested	N/A						
Narrative Description	Unknown subject forced entry into victim's house and left behind drywall with writing on it.						

25-4084 – Burglary – Renaldo Dr: An unidentified subject entered a residence under renovation and left a suspicious note the workers found threatening.

25-4085 – Towed Auto – Greentrails South: A vehicle was towed due to being left abandoned on the roadway. The vehicle was entered as towed.

25-4086 – Firearm disposal – Stonegate Manor Ct: The resident had a rifle they wished to have destroyed. The responding officer seized the rifle and entered it into evidence for destruction.

Officers responded to calls for service to include alarms, citizen contacts, a motorist assist, motor vehicle crashes, sick cases, traffic hazards, EDPs, check the welfares, a stalking (unfounded), a gas drive off, a noise complaint, missing persons (both located immediately upon officers' arrival), a bank escort, 911 hang-ups and a disturbance.

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

AFTERNOON WATCH FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 12,2025

25-4089	Beginning: 09/12/2025, 15:41 Ending: 09/12/2025, 16:33	3XX WILLOW WEALD PATH		RESERVE AT CHESTERFIELD VILLAGE	4	4	Child Abuse Leaving Child in Vehicle
Arrested	N/A						
Narrative Description	Subject left his son inside a vehicle while giving a piano lesson.						

25-4089 - Child Neglect: A 4-year-old child was found to have been left in the car asleep with the air conditioner running while his father entered a home to instruct a piano lesson. The child was observed by a passerby who notified police. The child was found in good condition. The father was located and interviewed by officers. The department Juvenile Detective was notified as was the Department of Family Services. (DFS) This case will be forwarded to the City Prosecutor for consideration of charges.

25-4090 - Flock Hit: (Miscellaneous Report) An officer located a vehicle and a driver that was wanted on an active warrant for "no deer tag" from Franklin County. Prior to the driver arriving at the station, Franklin County advised no bond and asked that he be released on his own recognizance. The man was returned to his car and released from custody with instructions to contact the issuing authority.

25-4091 - Accidental Injury: A patron of the Big Love Concert being held at the Chesterfield Amphitheater became disoriented and fell from a picnic table while seated and struck his head in on the ground. The man was evaluated by EMS and conveyed to the hospital for additional evaluation. Parks personnel were also on scene.

Officers also responded to calls for motorist assist, alarms, a suspicious vehicle, accidental injury, sick case, disturbance, animal complaint, 911 hang up, assist fire dept (dry cooking smoke), suspicious subject, keep the peace, traffic complaint, emotionally disturbed person and several (non-injury) motor vehicle crashes.

Officers also conducted proactive patrol of parks, (CVAC) retail and entertainment districts/venues as well as traffic enforcement.

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 13, 2025 MIDNIGHT SHIFT

25-4095-Open Door-82 Clarkson Rd

While conducting business checks an Officer located an unsecured door. The business was searched, and the door was secured.

25-4096-Open Door-17041 North Outer 40 Rd

While conducting business checks an Officer located an unsecured door. The business was searched, and the door was secured.

25-4094	Beginning: 09/13/2025, 01:10 Ending: 09/13/2025, 03:00	I64 Hwy E & Timberlake Manor Pkwy			3	3	DWI Alcohol
Arrested	Owens, Daavon B 37 M						
Narrative Description	During a traffic stop for speeding, driver was found to be intoxicated.						

25-4094-DWI-Olive/141

During a traffic stop the Officer determined the driver was intoxicated. the driver was arrested.

Daavon Owens 37

09/13/25	DWI, Speeding 80-in-60, Imp Lane Use, Driving While Revoked	Chesterfield PD
07/27/25	No Operator's License	Wentzville PD
07/18/25	Driving While Revoked, Speeding 91-in-60, No Ins	Moscow Mills PD
06/01/25	Speeding 94-in-70 \$155 fine, No Op's Lic \$50 fine	Foristell PD

Officers handled calls for service to include disturbances, suspicious vehicles, alarms and motorist assist.

DAY WATCH SATURDAY SEPT 13, 2025

25-4097	Beginning: 09/13/2025, 09:11 Ending: 09/13/2025, 09:16	6X THF BLVD	Dicks Sporting Goods	CHESTERFIELD COMMONS EAST	5	4	Larceny Over \$750 Shoplifting
Arrested	N/A						
Narrative Description	Subject walked out of store carrying several clothing items that they did not purchase.						

25-4097 – Larceny (F) – THF Blvd: An SEU officer took a delayed report of a theft from Dicks.

At approximately 2:10 pm a call came out for possible active shooter at West County Mall. Several Chesterfield officers responded to assist. Upon their arrival it was determined that there was a large fight in the food court. Some of the subjects involved

left in a large truck. It is believed that when the truck was leaving it backfired and was mistaken for gunfire. Those officers returned to venue a short time later.

Officers responded to calls for service to include sick cases, citizen contacts, an animal running loose, alarms, a harassment, a trespassing, a missing person (unfounded), motor vehicle crashes and motorist assists.

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

AFTERNOON WATCH SATURDAY SEPT 13, 2025

25-4099 Bicyclist Struck: A bicyclist was struck by a car at low speed as the car was exiting a parking lot in the 14000 block of Olive. The bicyclist experienced road rash injuries and was conveyed to the hospital by EMS for evaluation. The investigation is being conducted by a Traffic Safety Unit Officer.

25-4101	Beginning: 09/13/2025, 14:57 Ending: 09/13/2025, 14:59	4X THF BLVD	Target	CHESTERFIELD COMMONS EAST	5	4	Larceny under \$750 Shoplifting
Arrested	Peet, Brenneka B 34 F Clark, Jada B 20 F						
Narrative Description	Subjects stole \$350 worth of merchandise.						

25-4101 - Stealing Offense: The Special Enforcement Unit is conducting an investigation wherein two persons were taken into custody for stealing merchandise from the target store on THF. They were conveyed to the station where they were booked.

Brenneka Peet 34 Cape Girardeau

09/13/25 Stealing
05/15/22 Stealing \$250 fine
07/04/14 Fail to Secure Child in Veh \$25 fine
11/27/10 Stealing \$100 fine

Chesterfield PD
Cape Girardeau PD
Scott Co SO
Perryville PD

Jada Clark 20 Kennett MO

09/13/25 Stealing

Chesterfield PD

25-4105	Beginning: 09/13/2025, 18:00 Ending: 09/13/2025, 19:00	12XX E CHESTERFIELD PKY		ELBRIDGE PAYNE OFFICE PARK	4	2	Assault Common - Actual Assault
Arrested	N/A						
Narrative Description	After they were terminated, subject assaulted former co-worker.						

25-4105 - Assault Report: An officer is investigating an assault that occurred at P.F. Changs. A recently terminated employee assaulted another employee as she was leaving the restaurant. The investigating officer is attempting to make contact with the suspect for interview.

25-4106 - Warrant Cancellation: St. Louis County Police arrested a person who was wanted on an active Chesterfield traffic warrant. The person was given a new court date, and the warrant was cancelled by Records Personnel.

25-4107 - Warrant Cancellation: Florissant Police arrested a person who was wanted on an active Chesterfield traffic warrant. The person was given a new court date, and the warrant was cancelled by Records Personnel.

Officers also responded to calls for motorist assist, alarms, a suspicious person, accidental injury, sick case, disturbance, 911 hang up, keep the peace, traffic complaint, check the welfare and several (non-injury) motor vehicle crashes.

Officers also conducted proactive patrol of parks, (CVAC) retail and entertainment districts/venues as well as traffic enforcement.

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 14, 2025 MIDNIGHT SHIFT

No significant reports were taken.

Officers stayed active during the shift, addressing open doors, prisoner pickups, and neighborhood garage door checks. They also responded to a call at the Holiday Inn for an unresponsive 12-year-old, who was determined to be sleeping. Additional activity included suspicious vehicle investigations, burglar alarms, and sick cases.

DAY WATCH SUNDAY SEPT 14, 2025

25-4110- Traffic/ Fugitive Arrest- Olive/ Hilltown Vlg: An officer conducted a traffic stop and determined the female was driving with a revoked operator's license, and had

outstanding warrants through St. Louis County for traffic as well. She was arrested, processed, and held pending pick up.

25-4111- EDP- Chesterfield Airport Rd: An off duty officer working secondary at a local church requested officers to respond with regard to an elderly female in mental health crisis. The female had jumped from a raised rear porch of the building (5 ft high) and injured her ankle. She was experiencing suicidal ideations, and was planning suicide via carbon monoxide poisoning. The female was transported to Mercy for medical and mental health evaluations, and her vehicle was towed from the church property.

25-4114	Beginning: 09/12/2025, 15:08 Ending: 09/12/2025, 15:09	Schoettler Valley Dr & Chesterfield Pkwy E			4	3	Assault Road Rage
Arrested	N/A						
Narrative Description	During a road rage incident, subject reached into victim's car, took her purse, then threw it into the street.						

25-4114- Delayed Road Rage/ Felony Stealing- Schoettler Valley Dr.: A SEU Officer is investigating a road rage incident which occurred Friday. The victim reported the road rage culminated in the suspect stealing her purse from her vehicle during a verbal confrontation. The victim followed the female to an apartment complex and recovered the purse as the suspect dropped it from her vehicle before fleeing. Efforts to locate the suspect at her residence and place of employment have not been successful, and the officer's investigation continues.

No Report- Shooting- Wildwood: A Chesterfield Drone Operator was dispatched to Wildwood to assist in locating a male subject wanted for a domestic assault which was called in by the adult son. Remarks had advised his father shot his mother who appeared deceased and exited the residence. The call was found to be a Swatting call, and the Chesterfield Officer returned to venue.

No Report- Missing Person- Ardmore Creek Dr: Officers were dispatched to a missing person wherein the husband was reporting that his 85 year old wife who suffers from dementia had walked out of the residence heading south. An area canvas met with negative results. An officer was able to contact the female via telephone and she provided a general location on Schoettler Road. The officers located her and returned her to her residence.

Officers responded to suspicious persons, sick cases, crashes, disturbances, citizen inquiries, and alarms.

Officers also patrolled neighborhoods, parks, and the business districts while also conducting traffic enforcement.

AFTERNOON WATCH SUNDAY SEPT 14, 2025

25-4117	Beginning: 09/14/2025, 19:22 Ending: 09/14/2025, 23:00	Ladue Rd & Greentrails Dr.			1	1	DWI Alcohol
Arrested	Augustin, Jessica W 26 F						
Narrative Description	While investigating a single car crash, officers discovered driver was intoxicated.						

25-4117 - DWI: Original call for vehicle stopped in the middle of Ladue at N. Greentrails. Investigation revealed that this was a motor vehicle crash with an impaired driver. The driver was taken into custody for DWI and conveyed to Mercy for a fit for confinement and a blood draw. The driver was later booked and remains in custody pending a sobering period.

Jessica M Augustin 26 Weldon Spring

09/14/25 DWI

Chesterfield PD

09/01/24 Speeding 91-in-60 reduced to Parking \$193 fine Maryland Heights PD

03/11/24 Speeding 89-in-60 reduced to Parking \$290 fine MO Hwy Patrol

25-4119 - Emotionally Disturbed Person: The original call included a potential flourishing of a gun at the hotel on Chesterfield Grove. Arriving officers encountered a person experiencing a mental health crisis and other physical symptoms. The person felt that someone may have pointed a gun at her in the hotel. This could not be substantiated. EMS responded and the person and her service dog were conveyed to Mercy for additional evaluation.

25-4120	Beginning: 09/14/2025, 19:55 Ending: 09/14/2025, 20:05	Olive Blvd & Woodchase Ln			1	1	Larceny under \$750 from Auto
Arrested	N/A						
Narrative Description	Following a verbal argument, subject stole victim's purse, credit cards, identity documents, and keys.						

25-4120 - Domestic & Stealing: Boyfriend & Girlfriend became involved in a verbal argument while driving on Olive at Woodchase. The girlfriend pulled the car off of the road and fled from the car. A short time later, upon her return to the car, the boyfriend was gone, and her purse was also missing. A search of the area failed to locate the boyfriend, however the investigating officer spoke with the boyfriend and determined that he had taken the purse. This investigation is continuing.

Officers also responded to calls for motorist assist, alarms, a suspicious vehicle, accidental injury, sick case, assist fire dept (lift assist), trespassing, harassment and several (non-injury) motor vehicle crashes.

Officers also conducted proactive patrol of parks, (CVAC) retail and entertainment districts/venues as well as traffic enforcement.

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 15, 2025

MIDNIGHT SHIFT

25-4121	Beginning: 09/14/2025, 23:32 Ending: 09/14/2025, 23:32	I64 Hwy W & Spirit of St. Louis Blvd			5	4	DWI Alcohol
Arrested	Fuller, Steven W 38 M						
Narrative Description	During a traffic stop for speeding, driver was found to be intoxicated.						

25-4121 – Felony DWI Arrest – W I64 / Spirit of St. Louis Blvd

A 38-year-old male from Moscow Mills was stopped for impaired driving. He showed obvious signs of intoxication, failed field sobriety testing, and refused a Preliminary Breath Test (PBT). He was arrested for DWI, booked at the Chesterfield Jail, and later provided a breath sample under Missouri Implied Consent, registering a BAC of .124%. This marked his fourth DWI arrest, qualifying him as an aggravated offender. He remained in custody until it was determined he could safely care for himself.

Steven Fuller 38



09/14/25	DWI, C&I Driving	Chesterfield PD
10/03/09	Prior DWI 5 days jail in lieu of 45-days	MO Hwy Patrol
06/22/07	Moving Vio reduced to Loud Muffler \$175 fine	Lincoln Co SO
11/14/05	Moving Vio reduced to Loud Muffler \$250 fine	MO Hwy Patrol
01/28/05	Speeding \$100 fine	Lincoln Co SO
11/17/04	Wildlife Hunting Vio \$149 fine	MO Dept of Conserv
08/23/04	Defective Equipment \$50 fine	Lincoln Co SO

25-4122 – Open Door – 1644 Clarkson Road

During a routine business check, an officer discovered an unsecured door at a local business. There were no signs of forced entry, and the interior appeared undisturbed. The officer secured the door.

25-4123 – Information Report – Amolac Drive

At approximately 3:00 AM, officers took a report from a 41-year-old male who claimed his ex-girlfriend, a resident on Amolac, was harassing him. Officers reviewed text messages and found no alarming or threatening content. At the male's request, an officer will follow up with the female tomorrow night. About 30 minutes later, Crestwood Police notified us that the same male had come to their lobby, identifying himself as a DEA agent and alleging his ex-girlfriend was using illicit drugs. A report was taken for documentation purposes only.

Officers also handled citizen contacts, sick cases, and traffic complaints. They focused on community safety through traffic enforcement, neighborhood patrols, and checks of closed businesses.

DAY WATCH MONDAY SEPT. 15, 2025

25-4126	Beginning: 09/13/2025, 18:30 Ending: 09/13/2025, 22:30	7X RIVER BEND DR		RIVER BEND ESTATES	1	1	Fraud Identity Theft
Arrested	N/A						
Narrative Description	Unknown subject used victim's identity information to fraudulently open a \$10,000 line of credit.						

25-4126- Fraud- Station: An officer responded to the station to contact the victim of identity theft. The victim advised AT&T told him his phone was hacked in Mexico, and there have been fraudulent accounts opened using his information. The officer will forward the report to the detective bureau for follow up.

Officers responded to suspicious persons, sick cases, crashes, disturbances, citizen inquiries, EDPs, and alarms.

Officers also patrolled neighborhoods, parks, and the business districts while also conducting traffic enforcement.

AFTERNOON WATCH MONDAY SEPT 15, 2025

25-4132	Beginning: 09/15/2025, 14:30 Ending: 09/15/2025, 15:30	1XX HILLTOWN VILLAGE CTR		HILLTOWN VILLAGE CENTER	2	1	Assault Domestic
Arrested	N/A						
Narrative Description	During an argument, victim's husband smacked her in the face.						

25-4132 – Domestic Assault – E Conway Meadows Ct

Officers responded to investigate a prior domestic incident. A married couple, for over 50 years, was at lunch together. When they left they started arguing in the car. The husband attempted to exit the car and the wife reached over and grabbed him in an attempt to not let him leave. The husband then slapped her across the face, causing a cut on her lip. The husband dropped her off at home and then drove away. This officer is continuing to investigating the case.

25-4131	Beginning: 09/10/2025, 12:00 Ending: 09/15/2025, 12:00	X MONARCH TRACE CT		MONARCH TRACE	4	2	Fraud Wire
Arrested	N/A						
Narrative Description	Subject tried to convince victim to send a \$5000 money order to a second subject.						

25-4131 – Fraud – Monarch Trace Ct

An Officer responded to investigate a reported fraud. The victim met a male on a dating app. She has never met him in person, yet he sent her a \$7,000 check, without her asking, for her “bills”. After she deposited it, he asked for \$5,000 back. She was going to send him the money; however, her daughter stopped her before she sent it. It was at this time they noticed her bank froze the check and flagged it as fraudulent. This case is forwarded to the detective bureau for further investigation.

In addition to the above incidents, Chesterfield Officers also responded to a variety of other radio assignments, which included Motor Vehicle Crashes, Motorist Assist, Accidental Injuries, Parking Violation, Citizen Contact, Keep the Peace, Suspicious Subject, Suspicious Vehicle, Check the Welfare, Sick Cases, and Alarms.

Officers also patrolled neighborhoods, parks, and the business districts while also conducting traffic enforcement.

TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 16, 2025 MIDNIGHT SHIFT

25-4134 – Vehicle Repossession – Peach Hill Lane

A 2025 Nissan Sentra was repossessed from the parking lot of the Peachtree apartments.

Suspicious Person – Chesterfield Airport Road / Long Road

At about 2:00 AM, officers were conducting business checks when they observed a male on a mountain bike crossing Chesterfield Airport Road near Lou Fusz Ford. By the time officers turned around, he was gone. A canvass of the area showed no forced entry or signs of theft. Roughly 30 minutes later, officers encountered the same subject—a 33-year-old displaced male from Warren County—on the shoulder of eastbound I-64 near Baxter Road. He was living out of a blue pickup truck with a flat tire and explained he couldn't afford a tow after Walmart closed. The male was on probation/parole for felony crimes against persons. A consent search of his property revealed no contraband or stolen items. Officers assisted him in returning to Walmart, and a field interview report was completed.

Throughout the shift, officers stayed proactive with traffic enforcement, neighborhood patrols to check for open garage doors, and inspections of closed businesses

DAY WATCH TUESDAY SEPT 16, 2025

25-4139	Beginning: 09/16/2025, 09:44 Ending: 09/16/2025, 09:44	I64 Hwy W & Long Rd			5	4	Drugs Possession - Misdemeanor
Arrested	Smith, Christopher W 39 M						
Narrative Description	During a traffic stop for improper lane use, officer located psilocybin mushrooms. Subject also admitted that he was in possession of methamphetamines.						

25-4139- Drug distribution/Traffic Arrest WB64/Boones Crossing: An officer conducted a traffic stop for no seatbelt, and failure to signal lane change. As the Officer approached the vehicle, he observed a bag containing a substance he readily identified as psychedelic mushrooms through his past experience. Continuing his investigation, the driver was also found to be in possession of 5.5 ounces of Meth, packaging materials, and a scale. A computer check of the subject found him to have a revoked Driver's license, and criminal history of distribution as well. The subject was arrested, transported to the station, interviewed and processed. He was released pending application of warrants, and the officer's investigation is ongoing.

Christopher Paul Smith 39 Chesterfield

09/16/25	Fel Drug Poss, Driving While Revoked, Fail to signal	Chesterfield PD
09/01/25	Imp Lane Use, Driving Revoked, Poss Drug Para	Chesterfield PD
05/07/25	Imp Lane Use, Driving Revoked	Hazelwood PD
02/14/25	Driving Revoked, Imp Lane Use, Unreg Veh	Chesterfield PD
02/06/25	Unregistered Veh	Chesterfield PD
03/21/24	Expired Lic Plates \$50 fine	Webster Groves PD

03/08/23	Poss of Drug Para, Exp Lic Plates, No Veh Ins, Driving While Revoked	Chesterfield PD
08/17/20	Criminal Ord Vio \$216 fine, No Ops' Lic \$191 fine	Chesterfield PD
01/22/20	Expired License Plates \$50 fine	Rock Hill PD
02/25/14	Unregistered Veh \$30 fine	MO Hwy Patrol
06/23/13	Driving While Revoked	MO Hwy Patrol
09/29/10	Driving While Revoked 10-days jail	St. Charles City PD
04/18/09	Moving Veio reduced to Parking Vio \$400 fine	St. Charles Co SO
06/19/07	BAC above 0.02%	St. Charles Co SO

25-4140- Delayed Assault- Parkway West High: The SRO was notified of an altercation which occurred between a 6th and 9th grader at the football game Friday night. The SRO's investigation revealed it to be mutual combat, and the report will be forwarded to the juvenile detective for follow up.

25-4141: SEU Officers conducted a traffic stop with regard to a FLOCK hit on a vehicle. The subject was found to have active theft warrants from another jurisdiction, was arrested, processed, and held pending pick up..

25-4142- Animal Nuisance- Ashberry Circle: An Officer responded to a complaint reference an ongoing issue of a neighbor allowing her dog out without a leash to defecate in the neighbor's yard. The victim provided both video and photographic evidence, and the female was issued another summons.

Officers responded to suspicious persons, sick cases, crashes, disturbances, citizen inquiries, and alarms.

Officers also patrolled neighborhoods, parks, and the business districts while also conducting traffic enforcement.

AFTERNOON WATCH TUESDAY SEPT 16, 2025

20-3052 – Prisoner Pickup – Richmond Heights PD

An Officer responded to Richmond Heights PD to pickup a prisoner with an active Chesterfield warrant for Receiving Stolen Property. He was transported to the station and booked accordingly.

In addition to the above incidents, Chesterfield Officers also responded to a variety of other radio assignments, which included Motor Vehicle Crashes, Motorist Assist, Accidental Injuries, Citizen Contact, Suspicious Subject, Suspicious Vehicle, Check the Welfare, Sick Cases, and Alarms.

Officers also patrolled neighborhoods, parks, and the business districts while also conducting traffic enforcement.

CHESTERFIELD CITY COUNCIL MEETING



The most interesting part of the meeting was at the beginning with comments from the public. The 2024 Chesterfield Citizen of the Year Kelli Understall spoke first.

Understall tried to praise the Council but then did a 180 and said the current Council Council has hidden meetings from the public, made too many decisions in secret. “No resident should be left in the dark,’ she said.

She talked about a Resident Bill of Rights. That document was introduced by the next speaker, Patty Vietmeier. There was some discussion if copies of the document should be handed out plus the document read. It was eventually read. This is the document:

Chesterfield Resident Bill of Rights

A Resolution to Strengthen Trust, Transparency, and Communication between City Hall and the Residents it Serves

WHEREAS, the City of Chesterfield values open government, transparency, and public trust as the foundation of good governance; and

WHEREAS, residents deserve clear communication, respectful engagement, and fair access to public information and decision-making processes; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of Chesterfield seeks to affirm its commitment to transparency, accountability, and partnership with the people it serves;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the following Chesterfield Resident Bill of Rights be adopted as a guiding framework for all elected officials, city staff, and committees:

1. Right to Truthful Information

Residents have the right to clear, accurate, and timely information about City policies, projects, and decisions — free from misinformation or political spin.

2. Right to Open Government

Residents have the right to attend, observe, and participate in open meetings, with decisions and discussions conducted in public unless legally required to be confidential.

3. Right to Be Heard

Residents have the right to ask questions and offer input at public meetings without censorship, artificial barriers, or unnecessary restrictions.

4. Right to Responsive Communication

Residents have the right to timely responses to public records requests, questions, and letters from elected officials and city staff.

5. Right to Equal Treatment

All residents — regardless of their viewpoint — have the right to be treated with dignity, respect, and fairness when interacting with City Hall.

6. Right to Accountability

Residents have the right to expect ethical behavior, transparency in financial decisions, and public disclosure of conflicts of interest by elected officials and city employees.

7. Right to Collaboration

Residents have the right to a government that views them as partners, engaging openly and respectfully in shaping the city's future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Chesterfield commits to implementing practices, policies, and procedures that reflect this Bill of Rights, ensuring that trust and transparency remain at the heart of all city governance.

The Council did not vote on giving residents the rights in the document. Instead Mayor Hurt sent it to the Finance and Administration Committee.

Next Ken Kott, a commercial land manager, spoke and said since the last time he spoke and was unsure about the \$17.3-m purchase of the office building he was now against it. He gave several reasons why the purchase was not good and possibly in violation of City code.

Attached is a letter from the Holy Joe Society, an organization that challenges improper and unethical activities of local Missouri governments:

HOLY JOE SOCIETY

www.holyjoesociety.com

September 15, 2025

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To the Mayor, the City Administrator, and City Council of Chesterfield:

Re: Purchase of Property at 16150 Main Circle Drive

Litigation Director

Robert H. Dierker

Ladies & Gentlemen:

As a representative of the Holy Joe Society, I am writing to express the Society's concern over the projected acquisition of property known as 16150 Main Circle by the City of Chesterfield for \$17.3 million. The acquisition raises several significant public policy issues and may implicate serious legal issues.

Board of Directors

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First, it appears that Chesterfield will be paying an exorbitant price for the property. There was an initial, flawed appraisal presenting a valuation of more than \$18 million, which the appraiser had to correct, presenting a revised valuation of \$17.6 million, which in our view is still indefensible. A more recent, more accurate and more defensible appraisal estimates value at \$14.5 million. Exhibit 1, first 3 of 129 pages. Further, I understand that the County Assessor recently agreed to reduce the assessed valuation of the property from \$13.1 million to \$12 million. Exhibit 2. Finally, after the abandonment of the Wainwright Building the State of Missouri acquired comparable property recently for considerably less per square foot that Chesterfield will pay for the 16150 property.

Joseph von Kaenel
Member

Second, the Missouri Constitution, art. VI, section 26(a) forbids deficit spending by political subdivisions, but public documents indicate that Chesterfield plans to finance the 16150 acquisition by incurring debt of approximately \$13.7 million, represented by some form of municipal "debt instrument." While the law permits the use of certain mechanisms to evade section 26(a), I understand that Chesterfield's proposed "debt instrument" will depend on the 16150 property continuing to be fully leased for up to 20 years. But I also understand that some analyses have suggested that such a projection is unrealistic and that it is fiscally unsound to assume full leasing for such an extended period of time. The proposed "debt instrument" may then contravene section 26.



Using persuasion, education and litigation to challenge improper activities of Missouri local government

Third, the public purpose of this acquisition is questionable. As I understand the proposal, the acquisition is needed to supply additional parking immediately for Central Park area use, and to supply additional office space for City operations in the future. However, Chesterfield recently acquired more than 8 acres of nearby vacant ground that could and should be utilized for parking, if in fact such parking is needed, at a tiny fraction of the cost of the 16150 acquisition. Even though the courts tend to define "public purpose" broadly, there are limits, and this acquisition seems to test the boundaries, particularly insofar as Chesterfield's financing plan seemingly will require it to function as a landlord for private lessees for up to 20 years.

Fourth, the process by which the acquisition was approved and by which funding is to be accomplished has been opaque, and there seem to have been violations of the Missouri Sunshine Law: (a) at the May 20, 2025 closed session meeting the Council started an effort to authorize a purchase offer for the 16150 property; but after objections that this was not on the agenda of the closed session, the effort was suspended. Unfortunately it appears that a majority of the Council nevertheless conducted an "informal" meeting to discuss the purchase price; (b) on June 4, 2025, a closed meeting took place to approve the purchase price, but the propriety of closure is questionable, as the statutory condition for closure was absent, i.e., because there was no price negotiation going on and therefore, public knowledge would not have affected the transaction to Chesterfield's detriment; (c) numerous Sunshine requests from citizens and even Council members have been met with dilatory and incomplete and evasive responses which suggest potential grounds for litigation under section 610.027, RSMo. See Sunshine Act requests in your possession and with which you are obviously familiar: Dull requests, Hubbard requests, and Tocco requests. I note also that your response that all documents "in custodian's possession" have been provided is insufficient. "In [the] custodian's possession" is not as broad as the law requires—for the custodian is required to find and deliver all documents in the government entity's possession.

In light of the foregoing, the Holy Joe Society submits that Chesterfield should reconsider its course of action in regard to this property acquisition.

Very truly yours,

/s./Robert Dierker

PRESS RELEASE
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
SEPTEMBER 15, 2025

As we state in our mission statement, the Holy Joe Society has three tools: persuasion, education and litigation. The first is *Persuasion*.

Various Chesterfield citizens and officials recently contacted the Society about the partially approved upcoming purchase by the City of an office building for \$17.3 million when the most recent appraisal is only \$14.5 million.

The Society has today sent by courier to the Mayor of Chesterfield, the City Administrator, and each member of the Council the attached letter and a copy of that recent appraisal. As one can see from the letter, Chesterfield appears to be using maneuvers which are at least questionable.

Perhaps the Society will end up with a taxpayer client who wants to bring a lawsuit to stop the purchase, for the purchase may fail the "public purpose test," but the Society is optimistic that the purchase may be stopped by *persuasion*.

Chesterfield's citizens should be asking their elected officials, (and the elected officials should be asking themselves):

Why are we purchasing an office building anyway?

Why are we paying \$2.8 million over the appraised price?

Chesterfield has around 50,000 residents. The \$2.8 million over payment comes to \$56 per resident. Perhaps the residents would prefer to use their \$56 to go out to a nice dinner at one of Chesterfield's fine restaurants...

The Holy Joe Society asks the Council to please be persuaded to vote to cancel this transaction and help restore confidence in the City's administration of the public fisc.

Is something rotten in the City of Chesterfield?

MORE MONEY FOR TREE REMOVAL: The Council voted to take \$85,000 from the Street Maintenance budget to pay for more tree removal costs from a severe Spring Storm and tornado.

UPCOMING...ANOTHER SECRET MEETING Despite residents complaining about closed secret meetings, Mayor Dan Hurt mentioned there would be a “special closed” Council meeting next Monday September 22. The meeting was posted on Wed 9/17 and listed “litigation” as the reason for the secret meeting.

While former mayor Bob Nation often seemed rude in some of his comments, he never tried to keep the public away from meetings.

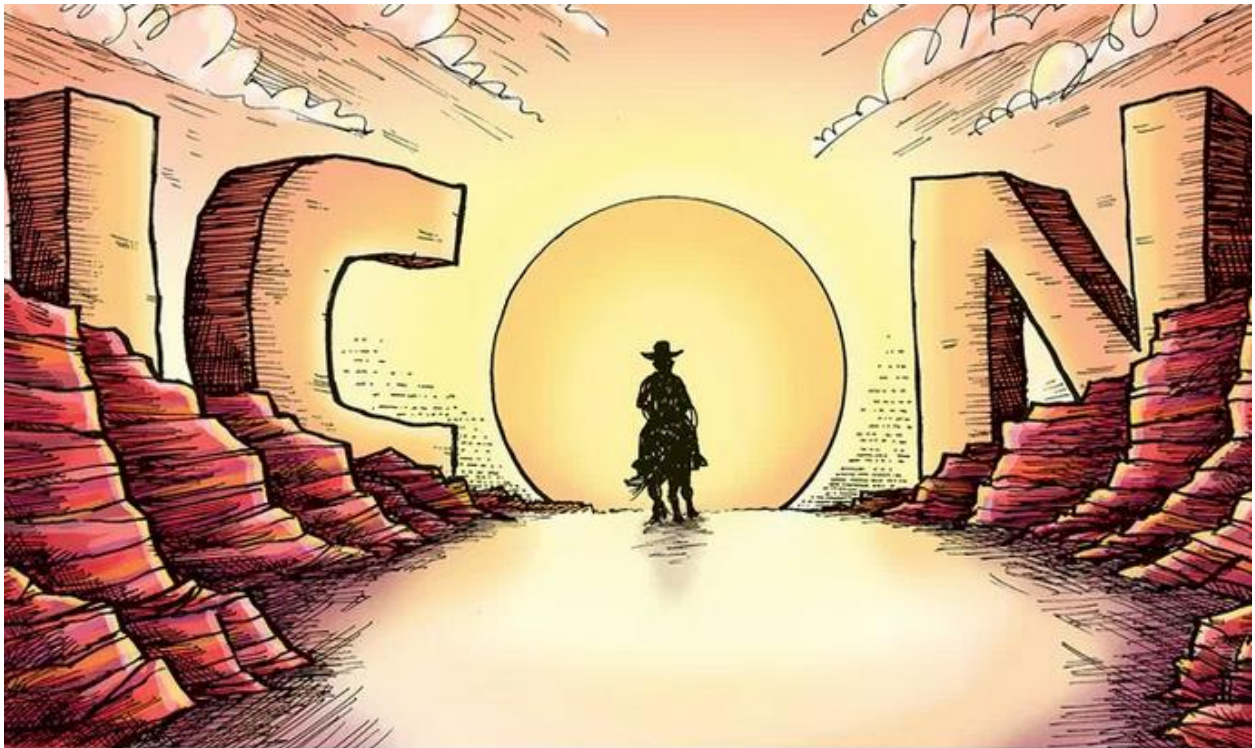
The new mayor Dan Hurt usually has a smile on his face and rarely a raised voice, however, he is doing quite a job of keeping the public in the dark about some Council issues and meetings.

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