

## **DRUNKS AND THIEVES New Years 2017 Edition**



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**CHESTERFIELD POLICE SAVE THE DAY AND GET BACK WEDDING RINGS FROM ST. LOUIS PAWN SHOP:** On Monday April 27, 2015 Jennifer Tusing of 1374 Regency Estates Ct. called the Chesterfield Police about two diamond rings that had been stolen. Officer Wiegman responded.

Missing from an upstairs bathroom were two diamond rings valued at \$14,000 plus a cue stick from a basement rec room valued at \$40.

Mrs. Tusing reported that she would take off the rings from time to time when doing work or washing her hands. She said her son's girlfriend remembered seeing them in the bathroom.

Mrs. Tusing said that the only person in the that area was a handy man, Gary Pointer of St. Louis who was installing new door handles where the rings were and were the cue stick had been.

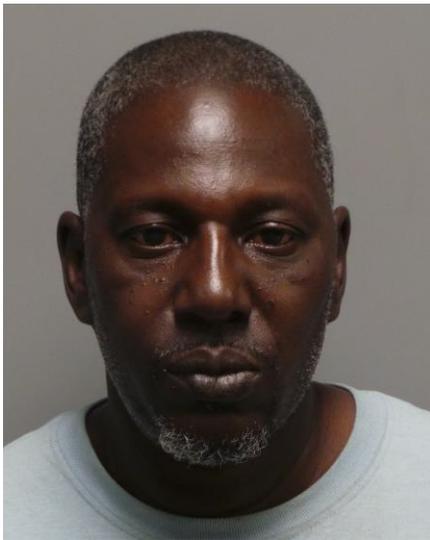
The case was turned to the detective unit. A week after the items were reported stolen Det, Broeker checked a data base of pawn shop loans and purchases. There were two rings that matched the description of Mrs. Tusing's rings pawned at the Sam Light Pawn Shop by one Gary Pointer.

Later that day Broeker and Det. Eric Wittman went and recovered the \$14,000 worth of rings that were pawned for \$1,100. Next they went to Pointer's house at 8310 Fay Drive in St. Louis. There they contacted Pointer who denied stealing anything and was not going to let the detectives in his house. Then the detectives showed him something that changed his mind.

This is from the police report:

On 5-5-2015 at 1800 hours Detective Wittman and I responded to Pointer's residence at 8310 Fay Dr. Saint Louis, MO 63134. When I knocked on the door Pointer opened the door. I informed Pointer we needed to speak with him at our police station about some missing items from a home he worked at. Pointer was being defensive and said he did not take anything. I showed Pointer the receipt with his photo on it. Pointer hung his head down and said "I knew I shouldn't have done that" "you got me" then we went in his home so he could put his shoes on.

. While transporting Pointer he made some spontaneous utterances "I only did it to pay the bills".



Gary Pointer

We were unable to find any extensive criminal record on Pointer, with one major exception. He is a convicted sex offender. We did find a \$2,748 judgment him in 2011 from a loan company that was not satisfied until 2014.

01/01/89	First Degree Sexual Assault of a Child (6-yr-old girl)	Milwaukee WI
07/01/06	Fail to Registered as a Sex Offender	St. Louis County PD
	02/23/09 Pled Guilty sentenced to six months in jail	
08/18/09	Felony First Degree Assault	Berkley PD
	12/05/11 Pled Guilty sentenced to 11 months jail	

**OUTCOME:** On 05/10/16 Pointer pled guilty and was sentenced to one-year in jail and was given credit for time served for any time awaiting sentencing in jail.

**"I GOT F\*\*\*ING DRUNK AND CHEATED ON BOBBY" SAID FEMALE DRUNK DRIVER DURING PHONE CALL AT THE POLICE STATION. SHE WOULD LEAVE THE COURTHOUSE WITH NO POINTS AND NO FINE FOR DRUNK DRIVING:**

Officer Hamel had made the loop while on a patrol swing of I-270. He was now headed north bound on a Saturday night-Sunday morning October 11, 2015. That is when he saw the silver 2006 Chevrolet Impala start weaving across three lanes of traffic.

Eva Marie Kinnaman, 36, of St. Charles was driving the Chevy. While she was not paying enough attention to keep her car in one lane, she was aware enough to pull over right away when Officer Hamel lighted up her car with flashing lights and a spotlight. She pulled over at Clayton Road.

Officer Hamel found that Kinnaman was drunk. Her breath had the strong smell of alcoholic beverages, she speech was slurred, her balance was unsure and she failed field sobriety tests.



To make her condition worse she told Officer Hamel she had not eaten in four days. She said she did not know how much she had to drink or when she started or stopped drinking.

She was taken to the police station where after calling someone she said was her lawyer, she refused to take a breath test.

This is from Officer Hamel's police report on what he heard during a phone call by Kinnaman on her cell phone:

**While she was on the phone, she said "I got fuckin' drunk and cheated on Bobby."**

**OUTCOME:** The case was moved by Kinnaman's lawyer Chris Dulle to the Associate Circuit Court in Clayton. On June 9, 2016 Kinnaman pled guilty before Judge Joseph Dueker to DWI. She was given a No-Points, No-Fine 2 year SIS Probation term. Town and Country prosecutor Ed Sluys is gradually getting worse and worse. He reduced to the Improper Lane Use citation to "Illegal Parking" and Kinnaman paid a \$250 left the courthouse with NO POINTS on her driver's license.

**CLARKSON VALLEY DRUG ADDICT AND SERIAL THIEF, FORGER, DWI DRIVER AND SHOPLIFTER GETS FINES AND PROBATION IN TOWN AND COUNTRY AND CHESTERFIELD** We normally put the past police and court records toward the end of each story about a thief or a drunk. But in the case of **Anthony Squitieri**, 25, who was born in the Bronx, NY but grew up in Clarkson Valley and had addresses in Chesterfield, we are going to give his background first before we begin his story.



Anthony Squitieri

08/13/12 Assault Ballwin PD  
 12/19/13 Pled Guilty Probation 2-years, give gun to Ballwin PD  
 No Contact with the victim

08/27/12 Stealing Misdemeanor Chesterfield PD  
 03/11/13 Pled Guilty  
 03/03/16 Probation revoked 6-months jail

02/21/15 2 counts Drug Possession, DWI, Drive Revoked Chesterfield PD  
 9/8/16 Pled Guilty to amended charges fined \$1,327.50

06/14/15 Driving While Revoked Ballwin PD

06/20/15 Stealing Manchester PD  
 07/14/16 Pled Guilty fined \$175

07/13/15 Stealing Town and Country PD  
 06/16/16 Pled Guilty fined \$350

07/14/15 Child Support Squitieri ordered to pay Samantha Stolica \$277 a month in  
 child support

07/31/15 Shoplifting

08/17/15 Felony Possession of Controlled Sub St. Louis PD  
 06/28/16 Pled Guilty Placed on 4-year probation term

09/12/15 Probation violation

10/13/15 Stealing (warrant for FTA) Arnold PD

10/24/15 Resisting Arrest for a Felony St. Louis PD  
 06/28/16 Pled Guilty Placed on 4-year probation term

12/20/15 Probation Violation

01/12/16 Assault (at his parent's house) St. Louis CO PD (ClarksonValley)

01/18/16 Possession of Drug (Muni charge) St. Louis CO PD (Clarkson Valley)

01/28/16 Two Protection Orders issued against Squitieri by Circuit Court

02/26/16 Probation Violation



On the day before Samantha Stolica, 24, of Ballwin, was to be in court suing Anthony Squitiera for child support she was with Squitieri at the Town and Country Target Store

on Monday July 13, 2015 around 5 o'clock. They also had their child with them who was a toddler, but a talking toddler.

The pair immediately caught the attention of two store theft prevention agents. One followed them on foot while the other followed them on a video camera. Stolica carried a large purse that appear to be empty when she entered the store. Once inside the store they split up several times. The pair went to a cash register where Squitieri attempt to pay for just one item, as Stolica walked out.

The child was trying to get Squitieri to be honest. This from the police report.

**the male subject pushed the cart to check lane six and purchased one item. He paid for the transaction using a debit card.**

**During the transaction the toddler was heard stating multiple times, "Dad, you forgot that down there". The child was pointing to a breast pump on the bottom rack of the cart. Hanephin advised the male subject loudly told the child to "shut up". The female then arrived with an item and placed it on the check lane. Hanephin said the male started a second transaction, at which time the female took possession of the shopping cart and pushed it toward the exit doors passing all points of sale. At no point did either subject attempt to pay for the breast pump or several items of clothing concealed behind the female's purse inside the cart.**

Here is what happened when the store detective tried to stop Stolica as she left the store according to the police report:

**once past all points of sale with the merchandise, he contacted the female with the toddler in the vestibule and identified himself as store security. Hanephin advised the female she was being detained. The female refused to comply and yelled for the male. the male became belligerent and abandoned his second transaction. The male went into the family restroom for a short time, and then walked into the vestibule. The male, female and toddler then left the store and entered their vehicle. The vehicle left the area traveling eastbound on Clayton Road at a high rate of speed.**

The car they fled in was a 2003 Cadillac registered to Stolica at 911 Sherwick Terrace in Ballwin.

They stole or attempted to steal \$246 worth of merchandise, including a \$140 breast pump on the high end and a 92-cent bottle of Vaseline on the low end. Clothing items

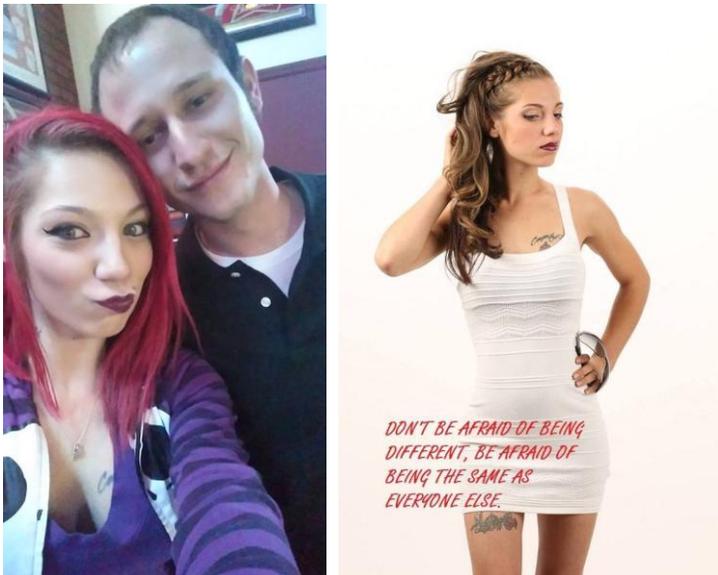
for adults and children were also taken. \$195 worth of the loot was recovered where Squitieri dumped them in the restroom.

On Tuesday July 14 after a Circuit Court Judge ordered Squitieri to pay child support to Samantha, the couple turned themselves in at the Town and Country Police Station. They had the child with them. Squitieri was made to post bond. Stolica was issued a citation and released

Stolica is a convicted felon. On 12/17/07 she committed a Felony Theft while using a weapon in St. Charles, MO. She pled guilty on 05/12/08 and was placed on probation. The crime occurred while she was a juvenile just days before she became an adult on her 17th birthday. She had been certified as an adult.

On June 25, 2014 there was a \$590 judgment against her after being sued for non-payment of a bill by Dr. Eric Colton in Creve Coeur. That judgment has not been paid.

Here are a couple pics of Samantha we found on the web.



**OUTCOME:**

**Stolica** pled guilty in Town and Country Municipal Court on 12/17/15 and was fined \$126.50 by Judge Dean Waldemer.

Since her guilty plea Stolica has been arrested for Felony Possession of Controlled Substance by the Sheriff Deputies in St. Clair County, Illinois. Two things we all know about St. Clair County, Illinois 1) There are a lot of drugs in the County 2) There are a lot of places where young women with tattoos on their breasts work.

**Squitieri** had the case transferred to the Associate Circuit Court in Clayton. On 06/16/16 He pled guilty to the theft charges and was fined \$350.

**THE SQUITIERI CHESTERFIELD CASES:** On Saturday night February 21, 2015 at about 7:00 Officer McBride was on patrol at the Chesterfield Mall. He noticed a car parked in the "Expectant Mothers" parking area near the entrance of the mall. He also noticed that the license plate renewal stickers on the plates attached to the 2002 black Ford Escort did not look right. A checked of the license plates showed they actually expired in October of 2014 and there were active arrests warrants for Squitieri as he was associated with the car.

Closer inspection showed that the license plate renewal tabs were still attached to metal that had been cut off another license plate and then glued to the plate on the Ford.

This is from Officer McBride's report:

should be noted that shoplifters commonly park their vehicles in the expectant mother spot due to its close access to the mall entrance and they also use fake stickers or plates to hide their identity.

Officer McBride called for assistance as he staked out the car. It was not long before Squitieri came running out of the Mall, jumped into the car and began driving away. McBride then pulled him over and was assisted by two officer officers.

This is also from Officer McBride's report:

While speaking to Anthony I could detect an odor of alcohol on his breath, his eyes were blood shot, and his speech was extremely fast and would stop and start sentences frequently. Officer Lantz charged Anthony with a DWI and see his report of 15-0994 for further in reference to that charge.

While searching him I found a bag containing a green leafy substance and a plastic candy wrapper with an oily dab on it. Anthony stated that the green leafy stuff was marijuana and the oily dab was actually hash oil. I asked if I could search the vehicle and he stated yes.

Also found in the car was a backpack that had 50 injection needles and a large amount of the over the counter drug Sominex and is used to cut heroin.

Squitieri claimed that the bag was not his but belonged to Henry Roach who should be standing outside of the Cheese Cake factory on the other side of the Mall. Officers went to the Cheese Cake Factory and found Roach standing outside with none other than Samantha Stolica.

Again this is from the police report:

Henry admitted to using heroin and having the back pack, and he was placed under arrest for the paraphernalia found in the vehicle. A search of Henry revealed empty pills that once contained heroin, a needle, and two cut up cans that he used to heat the heroin in before injection.

Squitieri was charged with 2 Counts of Possession of Drugs (Marijuana and Harsh Oil), Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, DWI, Driving with A Revoked License, Drive with Open Contained of Alcohol, No Insurance and Expired License Plates.

At the police station Squitieri refused to take a Breath Test and refused to be interviewed.



**OUTCOME:** All the charges were filed in Municipal Court and were later sent to the St. Louis County Associate Circuit Court in Clayton on a jury demand. They were still prosecuted by Chesterfield Prosecutor Tim Engelmeyer, who almost never actually prosecutes anyone, but instead deals cases away.

Now if you would look at the Squitieri police record we listed at the top of this article you would see a lot of reasons why a prosecutor on September 8, 2016 would not reduced

any charges. But that was not the case with Engelmeyer. All the serious charges got reduced.

The 12-point DWI was reduced to a 2-point C&I.

The 12-point Driving While Revoked was reduced to a 2-point No Operator's License

Both Drug Charges were reduced to Littering

The No Valid License Plates and Open Container charges were not reduced.

Instead of any jail time, Squitieri was fined \$1,327.50 for all of his guilty pleas.

### **LOGAN STUDENT FROM OHIO ARRESTED FOR SPEEDING AND DWI.**

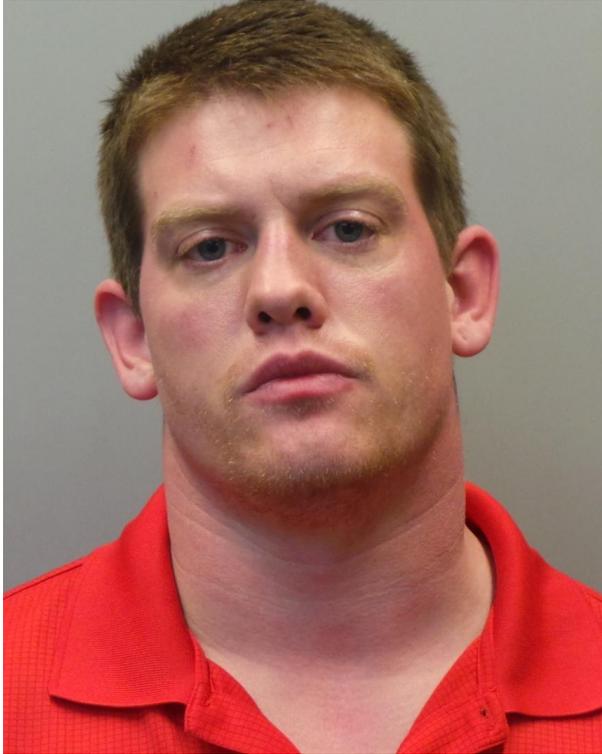
A spilled bucket of beer that saturated the backseat was a clue for the police officer.

Town and Country Police Officer Cpl. Chris Moore (since promoted to sergeant) was running radar of eastbound traffic on Clayton Road before the Maria de Ville retirement center on Sunday night March 22 at 9:00 o'clock when he observed a speeding car approaching that he clocked at 52 mph in a 35 mph zone. He stopped the black 2006 Volvo at Clayton and Jo Carr Lane.

He contacted the driver **Jeffrey McWhorter**, 26, a student at Logan University (School of Chiropractics). Besides noticing McWhorter's breath reeking of booze, and his eyes being bloodshot Cpl. Moore could not miss the fact that that a bucket of beer had spilled in the back seat and was saturating the seat, but also leaking out of the door onto the street.

McWhorter said his bartender had given him the beer as a gift.

McWhorter refused to do the field sobriety tests. He was arrested for speeding and DWI. In an interview at the police McWhorter said he thought it was either Saturday or Sunday. He refused to say if he had anything to drink but admitted being at Hot Shots Bar for several hours. He then refused to take a breath test.



Reading in between the lines in the police report at one point McWhorter was talking down to Cpl. Moore saying how he had a doctorate. Actually he was still several months away from graduating from Logan.

A review of McWhorter's facebook site shows lots of photos of him drinking with buddies where he looks like an intoxicated person.

**OUTCOME:** McWhorter's attorney moved the case to Associated Circuit Court in Clayton. On June 9, McWhorter pled guilty to DWI and Speeding before Judge Joe Dueker. He was sentenced to a No-Points NO-FINE 2-year probation on the DWI. He was fined \$323 for speeding and got 2-points.

He is still appealing the revocation of his driving privileges for failing to take a breath test. His facebook page shows him taking a selfie while driving and smoking a cigar in Colorado where he now lives.



**ANOTHER TOWN AND COUNTRY DRUNK DRIVER LEAVES COURTHOUSE WITH NO-POINTS ON HIS RECORD:** Angel Rodriguez, 30, of Quail Ridge Drive in unincorporated West St. Louis County, was driving his 2007 white Toyota Scion south on I-270 at 3:13 AM on Saturday Night into Sunday morning May 25, 2014. He was noticed by Town and Country Officer Fowle because he was weaving lane to lane from the center lane to the right lane. At one point he cut off another southbound motorist. He then moved into the Number #1 lane (passing lane) without signaling.

Officer Fowle had seen enough and pulled him over south of Clayton Road.

Once stopped Rodriguez showed the usual signs of a drunk driver. Breath had a strong odor of alcoholic beverage, his eyes were bloodshot, his speech was confused and his balance was unsure. He failed several field sobriety tests and a field breath test showed he was over the 0.08% BAC legal limit.

He was arrested for DWI, Improper Lane Use and Failure to Signal a Turn.

At the police station he said he had been at a party where he had two drinks. An official breath test showed his BAC level to be .092%



**OUTCOME:** It was two years and two months before this case was adjudicated. Rodriguez had no priors and on July 21, 2016 he pled guilty to DWI before Judge Joe Dueker of the St. Louis County Associate Circuit Court. Hde was placed on a 2-year No-Points, No-Fine, No-Driving Record probation. Town and Country prosecutor Ed Sluys reduced the two moving violations to Illegal Parking and Rodriguez paid \$200 on each charge. He left the courthouse with no points on his driving record.

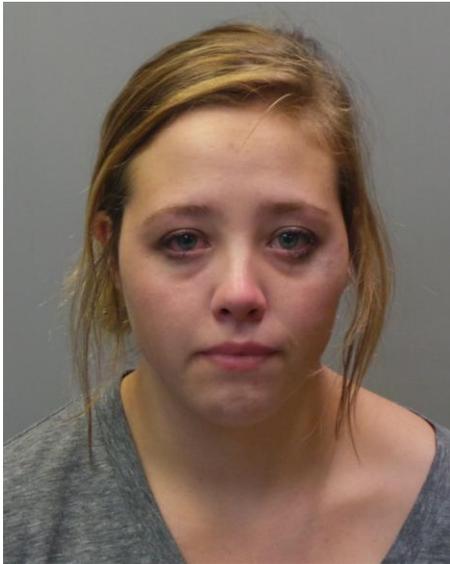
The Department of Revenue Drivers' License Unit action to suspend Rodriguez's license was over sooner that the actual charges. The DOR action only took 1-year and six months and it upheld the License Suspension for testing over the legal limit.

**ONE WEEK BEFORE 19th BIRTHDAY WOMAN ARRESTED FOR DWI. SHE REFUSED TO TAKE A BREATH TEST. LEFT COURT WITH NO POINTS ON HER LICENSE:** It was Friday night into Saturday morning on December 5, 2015 at about 1 o'clock when Officer McNutt observed Amanda Yochum driving west on I-64 after I-270. At the time Officer McNutt was out of his patrol car on foot assisting another Town and Country officer with a traffic stop.

Yochum, 18, whose 19th birthday was a week away, was driving 2006 red Chevrolet Cobalt. She was in the right lane closest to where the police cars were with their flashing lights operating. Officer McNutt reported there was no other traffic present that would have prevented Yochum from moving to her left one-lane as required by Missouri Law. However she did not.

After Yochum passed Officer McNutt got into his police car and pulled her over on the Mason Road off ramp. Yochum, from Columbia, Illinois showed the usual signs of being a drunk driver. Her breath had a strong smell of booze, she mumbled when talking and staggered when walking.

She failed the field sobriety tests and failed a field breath test. She said she had three drinks and was in a hurry to get back to school. (McNutt did not mention what school in his report. However Yochum's facebook page shows she was going to Missouri Baptist University.)



Amanda Yochum

At the police station she said she wanted a lawyer while being interviewed after she had waived her rights. She then said she wanted to call her lawyer and called her sister instead. She then filp-flopped on taking an official breath test. This is from Officer's McNutt's report:

Yochum stated she did not want to answer anymore questions without an attorney. At that time I ended the interview. I asked Yochum if she wished to speak with an attorney before taking the breath test. Yochum stated she did. I gave Yochum 20 minutes to contact an attorney. Yochum called her sister and made no attempt to contact an attorney. At 0157 hours, I read Implied Consent to Yochum again. Yochum stated she wished to take the test. Just prior to taking the test at 0202 hours, Yochum refused to take the test.

**OUTCOME:** Yochum joined many other drunk drivers who were able to leave the Town and Country DWI arrest with no points on her drivers' license.

On April 7, 2016 she pled guilty to DWI and despite refusing to take a breath test, she was given a No-Points, No-Fine probation term for 2-years, The Improper Lane Use and Fail to Signal citations were both reduced to "Illegal Parking. She was fined \$300 on each amended charged.

**VERY DRUNK DRIVER GETS THE NO-POINTS, NO-FINE, NO RECORD IF PROBATION IS COMPLETED AFTER SPEEDING THROUGH WORK ZONE:** If you live in the West St. Louis County area you should remember the I-64 construction, shoulder and exit work along I-64 that had been going on for a year, with much of the work being done during the overnight hours thanks to lower volumes of traffic.

Local police departments have assigned officers to these work zones, some of them are being paid to work overtime with State Highway funding.

That was the case on Tuesday night into Wednesday morning December 2, 2015. Town and Country Officer Daniel Wilkey was sitting on the shoulder in a 50 MPH work zone on WB I-64 west of I-270. It was 1:19 AM when Officer Wilkey observed a very fast moving vehicle, well above the speed limit. He turned on his radar and clocked the 1984 Oldsmobile Omega (subcompact) travelling at 85 MPH. As the little Oldsmobile approached Officer Wilkey's location it veered from the center lane and drove straddling both the center land and the curb lane.



Phillips' 32-year-old speeding car in the construction zone.

Officer Wilkey attempted to stop the Oldsmobile before Mason Road but was unsuccessful. While behind the car with his lights and siren on the driver again was straddling the lane dividing markers. The driver finally stopped the Oldsmobile west of Mason Road on I-64.

Officer Wilkey contacted the driver, Dylan Charles Phillips, 26, of Labadie, MO. Phillips had the strong odor of intoxicants on his breath, the bloodshot and glassy eyes, the confused speech and staggering when walking. On the front seat of the car were two unopened bottles of Busch Beer.

Phillips failed rather easy field tests involving counting and reciting the alphabet. He refused to take a field breath test. He was arrested for Speeding, Improper Lane Use and DWI.



Dylan Phillips

Phillips at first claimed have had one "Busch" beer at work around 3 pm. That later changed to a "couple" and then to "three or four."

Officer Wilkey: Tell me again how much you had to drink?

Phillips: Not much.

Wilkey: You told me you had some Busch beers. How many?

Phillips: Three or four.

We watched the dash-cam video and Phillips seemed to be very drunk. Officer Wilkey wrote in his report that Phillips was defiant and uncooperative. That did not occur until the handcuffs were applied. Here is some of Phillip's rants on the way to the station.

Phillips: "You guys don't do shit. You can just shoot fucking people, right? Not going to say anything huh!"

Officer Wilkey: Anything I say you are just going to be argumentative.

Phillips: I guess you are right.

Phillips agreed to take an official breath test at the police station. That BA showed his **BAC to be .198%.**

If you take a good look at Phillips' mug shot I don't think there is much question if he was impaired.

**OUTCOME:** A month after he was stopped Phillips appeared in Town and Country Municipal Court before Judge Dean Waldemer. He was being prosecuted by Ed Sluys of the Law Firm of Curtis, Heinz, Garrett and O'Keefe. (The same outfit that has supplied Ferguson's city attorney and prosecutor for years until two of them were forced to resign after Department of Justice reports in 2016.)

Here is a guy that is 2 1/2 time above the legal limit, speeding 35 mph over the limit in a work zone while drunk. He pled guilty to DWI on January 7, 2016 and was place on a two-year No-Fine, No-Points probation term. He did plead guilty to speeding and was fined \$300 plus court costs. He also pled guilty to Improper Lane Use and was fined \$97. So Phillips was a little different than the people had those other charges reduced to Parking Violations. He did not have a lawyer. He left the court room with 4-points going on his driving record.

**GOOD RULE TO LIVE BY; IF YOU ARE DRUNK AND HIGH DON'T PASS ANY VEHICLES ON THE INTERSTATE SINCE ONE OF THEM COULD BE MARKED POLICE CAR:** Dennis James Hamer, 46, of Florissant was both high and drunk on November 29 (Saturday night into Sunday morning) during Thanksgiving weekend, 2015. He was driving his Kia Sportage northbound on I-270. He was driving 20 mph above the posted 60 MPH speed limit when he passed Town and Country Police Sergeant Wolfe in his fully marked SUV police car. Sgt. Wolfe first clocked Hamer and then stopped him.

Once stopped Sgt. Wolfe found Hamer to appear to be intoxicated plus there was the smell of burnt marijuana inside the car. Hamer's breath had the strong odor of booze, his eyes were watery, he swayed while trying to stand still, and his speech was slurred. Hamer, a musician, was apparently coming from a gig in Fenton. He is in an alternative rock band called Fight for Midnight.

Like almost all Town and Country police sergeants who should arrest someone, Sgt. Wolfe called Officer Curtis McPherson to the scene and had him to it. They both watched as Hamer failed field sobriety tests and fail a field breath test. McPherson arrested him and Sgt. Wolfe searched the car before it was towed. The search revealed marijuana and a marijuana smoking device in the front console.

At the station is a standard interview Hamer kept increasing the amount he had to drink. Here is a portion of the police report with some of Hamer's statements which included how he had been smoking marijuana in the car:

WHAT WERE YOU DOING DURING THE LAST THREE HOURS PRIOR TO CONTACT WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT?				
CONCERT IN FENTON				
WERE YOU OPERATING THE VEHICLE AT THE TIME OF THE CRASH OR STOP?				
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO				
HAVE YOU BEEN DRINKING?		IF YES, WHAT WERE YOU DRINKING?		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		4 BEERS AND 2 APPLE CIDER		
TIME STARTED		TIME STOPPED		
6:30		01:45-0200		
HOW MUCH?		WHERE?		ARE YOU UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF AN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE?
5 BEERS 2 APPLE CIDER		FENTON MO		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
HAVE YOU USED MARIJUANA OR ANY OTHER DRUG, LEGAL OR ILLEGAL, IN THE LAST 72 HOURS?		IF YES, WHEN?	WHERE?	HOW MUCH?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		TODAY	IN CAR	ONE HITTER
				IF YES, WHAT?
				MARIJUANA



Mug Shot



band Photo



Fight for Midnight including marijuana smoking drunk driving keyboard man in the middle.

Hamer with no prior record agreed to take a breath test that showed his BAC level to be .106%

He was charged with DWI, Speeding, Possession of Marijuana and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

**OUTCOME:** On February 4, 2016 Hamer appeared in Town and Country Municipal Court and pled guilty to DWI and was given a No-Points, No-Fine two year probation term. He pled guilty to Speeding and was fined \$300. City prosecutor Ed Sluys reduced the two drug charges to "Littering" and Hamer pled guilty and was fined \$300 and \$250.

**BANK QUICK CHANGE ARTIST ASKS FOR CHANGE FOR A \$100 BILL AND LEAVES WITH \$750.** John H. Brown, 55, of 4208 Cote Brilliante St. Louis, MO visited the Academy Bank located just inside the Wal Mart Store at 100 THF Blvd. in Chesterfield Valley. His intend was to pull a "quick change" theft on the teller.

Tellers are usually a little slow during a successful quick change scam. In this case even the bank was a little slow. They waited over a month to report the incident to the Chesterfield Police.

On May 9, 2015 Chesterfield Police Officer Paubel was dispatched to the Academy Bank. There he was told that on Monday April 6, 2015 at about 6:48 PM walked up to a teller window and asked for change for a \$100 bill. He then kept asking for more change from what he was given. He had said he and his wife had an account at the bank and

he needed change and then changed his mind from \$20 bills to two \$50 bills and then later \$20 bills. When he left he gave the teller a \$5 bill for a tip.

After he left she did a balance check on her drawer and found it was \$750 short.

There was a video of the suspect. A still from the video was entered into a facial recognition system and came up with mug shots of John Henry Brown, 55, of North St. Louis.



John H. Brown

On April 13, 2016 Brown pulled a quick change at the Phillips 66 station at Clayton Road and Woods Mill Road. On May 15 Town and Country Police arrested him. They could have charged Brown with felony theft since he had a number of prior convictions. However, it appeared as if Brown made a deal to give Town and Country detectives information about his other crimes if they would just issue a theft summons in municipal court. T&C Police are not saying this is what happened, but they are not denying it either. Brown was issued the summons after giving up the information and the other police departments were notified of his statements. There is currently an arrest warrant outstanding from the Town and Country Municipal Court for Brown.

On May 19 Officer Paubel showed a photo array lineup to the teller that included suspect Brown's mug shot from Town and Country. She was unable to pick out Brown.

However, there was still a wanted out for Brown and he was arrested in St. Charles for a similar offense. He was released to Officer Paubel and transported to the Chesterfield Police Department. There Brown confessed.

However he said he always keeps the "Quick Change" thefts he does under \$500 so he isn't charged with a felony and normally is just given a "citation." He was told this one was for \$750. He stated that couldn't have been. Here is a section from the police report:

Brown admitted to being in Walmart on 4/6/15 and performing a "quick change" theft. Brown stated he approached the bank teller and told her he was either going to buy a pack of cigarettes or a birthday card and needed change. Brown stated he thought he handed the teller a \$50 bill and asked for four (4) \$10 bills in return. Brown stated he has performed these types of transactions before and would usually ask for the \$50 bill back at this point along with four (4) \$10 bills a \$5 bill and five (5) \$1 bills. Brown stated during this transaction he believed he performed this particular sequence three (3) times and got a total of \$200-\$300 dollars. Brown stated he usually tries to stay under a felony amount when performing these transactions because he can "pay for a ticket" and does not want to get any more felony cases. I informed Brown that the drawer at the bank was short \$750 after this transaction was performed and Brown stated there was no way he got that much money from them. Brown then demonstrated how he would perform these transactions and stated he did not think he was really committing a crime because the tellers and cashiers are supposed to be competent enough to know when they are giving too much change. Brown agreed to complete a written statement regarding this incident. Brown's written statement read as follows:

"I was out this way on April 6th and stop at Walmart to get some cigg. And birthday cards. And I give the young lady at the register a 50.00 dollar for my stuff and then ask for the 50.00 back for 4 tens and 5 and 5 ones and put her change with mine and ask her to count it and for 100.00 and I did it 3 times."

Brown was charged with felony theft despite his earlier protests.

Brown was also charged with another felony Quick Change theft in Des Peres that occurred on December 18, 2014, plus another felony one in St. Louis County that occurred March 28, 2015 . On the strength of his confession he was charged in the Chesterfield offense.

Meanwhile in St. Charles County Brown was charged with a felony theft that occurred April 8, 2015 and a misdemeanor theft from April 2, 2015, both in St. Peters.

Making matters worse for Brown he was arrested and charged with Robbery 1st Degree and Armed Criminal Action from an incident on March 25, 2015 in St. Louis. That case is still pending.

Here is Brown's record:

03/25/15	Armed Robbery, Armed Criminal Action			St. Louis PD
04/13/15	2 cts Stealing U/\$500	City Court summons issued 05/15/15		Town & Country
	Failed to Appear in Court	Warrant issued		
04/08/15	Felony Stealing Over \$500	Charged	05/06/15	St. Peters PD
	12/02/16 reduced to a misdemeanor	brown sentenced to 130 days jail		
04/06/15	Felony Stealing Over \$500	Charged	07/20/15	Chesterfield PD
	7/22/16 Pled guilty	sentenced to 1-year jail		
04/02/15	Misdemeanor Stealing	Charged	07/24/15	St. Peters PD
03/28/15	Felony Stealing 3rd or more Offense	Charged	06/30/15	St. Louis County
	7/22/16 Pled Guilty	1-year jail		
12/18/14	Felony Stealing 3rd or more Offense	Charged	07/06/15	Des Peres
	7/22/16 Pled Guilty	1-year jail		
01/05/08	Felony Drug Possession	Sentenced 5 yrs MDC	4/6/09	St. Ann
01/11/90	Felony Armed Robbery	Sentenced 20 yrs MDC	2/6/90	St. Louis County
	Armed Criminal Action	Sentenced 10 yrs MDC	2/6/90	St. Louis County
09/12/89	Misdemeanor Stealing	Sentenced 1 yr MDC	2/6/90	St. Louis County
09/07/89	Armed Robbery	Sentenced 20 yrs MDC	2/6/90	St. Louis County
09/07/89	Armed Criminal Action	Sentenced 10 yrs MDC	2/6/90	St. Louis County

**OUTCOMES:** Brown pled guilty to Des Peres, St. Louis County and Chesterfield cases on July 22, 2016. Instead of sentencing Brown to prison, Judge Gloria Reno sentenced Brown to One-Year in the Country Jail.

What is amazing with this sentence is that Brown pled guilty to two felonies and had served two 20-years sentences for armed robbery and had one pending at the time of sentencing by Judge Reno.

**CHESTERFIELD POLICE SAVE THE DAY AND GET TWO WATCHES WORTH \$25,000, THE WEDDING RING PLUS THE LAWN CARE EQUIPMENT BACK.**

Normally we mentioned the location of a theft, but since the victims had stolen some pretty impressive stuff and then got it back, we will not use their name and just same what subdivision the thefts happened in.

First of all don't look for lawn care/handyman on Craig's List. Call me and I'll give you the name and number of my guys. However the victims in Village of Green Trails

Subdivision didn't do that. They placed a Craig's List Ad and were called by Ray Farmer, 43, who was advertising on Craig's List. It turns out Farmer is a heroin addict.

On Sunday morning November 29, 2015 the husband of the house went to his jewelry case wanting to wear his \$10,000 Rolex watch to church. (I'm sorry but if you are going to be wearing a \$10,000 watch church, shouldn't you be putting at least \$100 in the collection basket every week?) He could not find it. He also could not find his \$15,000 Girard Perregaux. His wife also discovered she had jewelry missing including her diamond wedding ring and another diamond ring.

Then later came the shocking discovering! Their leaf blower and chain saw and a range finder were missing from the garage. The total haul was \$27,850.

The couple said they had hired "Tony" Farmer as a handyman after they placed a Craig's List ad. (Actually Ray Anthony Farmer) Farmer worked in the garage and laid some tile in the master bathroom.

On December 2, 2015 the wife received a telephone call from Farmer asking if they had any other work to do. The wife said she had just woken up and would call him back. She called Chesterfield Police Detectives. She then called Farmer back and said she had some more work to do.

Meanwhile Det. Turntine and unit supervisor Det. Lt. Greg Lehman staked out the house. Farmer showed up and was given a yard job to do by the wife. The detectives then went to the backyard and arrested him.

**THE STORY UNRAVELS:** At the police station Farmer denied stealing anything. He said he was given the lawn equipment because he was being paid so little.



This was from the police report:

Upon arrival I led Farmer to an interview room, where he completed and signed a Miranda Waiver Form. P.O. Brian Branson DSN 290 was present with me for the interview. Farmer said he was "under the impression" that he could have the chain saw, leaf blower, and range finder. He said he had already sold the range finder to someone, and "assumed it was part of the payment... because he's paying me \$8 an hour, which isn't enough for

what I'm doing." Farmer admitted to giving the chain saw and blower to a man named Robby to pawn, and said he told Robby that J [REDACTED] gave him the items. I provided Farmer with a pawn receipt from First Cash Pawn #74, which I had located in his wallet in the booking room. The receipt was for the blower and chainsaw, which were pawned on 11/22/2015 by R [REDACTED] W [REDACTED]. I asked if that was Robby, and he said yes.

I asked Farmer about the missing watches and jewelry. He initially denied taking any jewelry. As the conversation progressed he admitted to taking rings and other jewelry items without permission. However, he maintained he did not take any watches. He said he also had W [REDACTED] pawn the stolen jewelry.

Farmer completed a written statement in which he said he thought he could have the blower, chainsaw and rangefinder, but did steal the jewelry. He wrote that he was addicted to heroin and needed treatment.

The detectives did not give up at this point. They got Farmer's buddy, "Robbie" who had pawned the lawn equipment and they went to pawn shops and recovered it with Robbie paying the pawn shops back.

A search of a pawn shop/gold buying data base found the jewelry that Farmer claimed he did not steal. The jewelry and lawn equipment had all been recovered at North County Pawn shops.

But the watches were still missing.

The husband made it known among Farmer's friends he would offer a \$2,000 reward for the return of the watches. He got a call from a person who claimed to have seen Farmer, the Rolex watch and that Farmer had sold the watches to an Asian male outside of a pawn shop after he felt the pawn shop did not offer him enough.

This was supposed to have happened outside of the First Cash Pawn Shop #74 on N. Lindbergh Blvd. in Hazelwood. Managers that detectives talked to did not remember Farmer or the Asian. However detectives were later called after an assistant manager

who was not at the shop when the detectives visited, remembered both Farmer and the Asian, who often hung close to customers. The next time the Asian male was in the shop, they offered him a low price on an item to get his name and address. That was forwarded to the detectives.

This is from the police report with names and address redacted with black ink.

I responded to [REDACTED] in Florissant, which H [REDACTED] listed as is address. There I contacted an Asian woman who did not speak English. Through her 7 year-old son, who spoke English, she conveyed that H [REDACTED] was her husband and was at work. She provided me with an address to [REDACTED].

I responded to [REDACTED] where I contacted H [REDACTED] Q [REDACTED] said there had been a misunderstanding, and he was H [REDACTED] son-in-law. He called H [REDACTED], and told me H [REDACTED] admitted to having the Rolex, and purchasing it from a man outside the pawn shop. H [REDACTED] agreed to meet me back at [REDACTED] to return the watch.

I responded to [REDACTED] where I contacted H [REDACTED]. He provided me with the Rolex. I asked about the Girard Perrigaux watch, and he handed that to me also. This watch was inside a Michael Genovese box. I showed H [REDACTED] a picture of Ray Farmer, and asked if he was the one who sold the watches to H [REDACTED]. H [REDACTED] nodded and said it was. He said he paid Farmer \$1,400 for both watches at the First Cash Pawn. I advised H [REDACTED] he would be listed as a victim in this report. He asked that I list [REDACTED] as a contact person, as H [REDACTED]'s English speaking ability was poor.

The victims were whole again.

**OUTCOME:** Below is Farmer's record that we could find. What is troubling is that Farmer was sentenced to 3-year and a 4-year prison term in November of 2014. If he had served at least half of the sentenced term he would have still been in prison when he was committing crimes in West County. On the Chesterfield case he was sentenced to 10-years in prison. It will be interesting if he is out in two years committing more crimes.

12/20/10	Felony Stealing	Hazelwood PD
	07/25/11 Pled guilty and placed on 5 years probation	
	4/29/14 Probation revoked and sentenced to 4 years prison	
01/28/11	Misdemeanor Stealing	St. Peters PD

	09/30/14 Pled Guilty placed on probation	
	03/17/14 Probation Revoked sentenced to 120 days in jail	
11/12/13	Felony Stealing	Warren Co Sheriff's Office
	03/04/14 Pled Guilty and placed on 5-years probation	
	11/06/14 Probation revoked Farmer sentenced to 5 years prison	
06/30/14	Felony Stealing	St. John PD
	Pled Guilty 11/14/14 sentenced to 3-years prison	
06/23/14	Felony Stealing	Rock Hill PD
	11/14/14 Pled Guilty sentenced to 3 years in prison	
11/19/15	Felony Stealing	Chesterfield PD
	06/30/16 Pled Guilty sentenced to 10 years prison	
11/23/15	Felony Stealing	Ladue PD
	06/30/16 Pled guilty sentenced to 7 years prison	

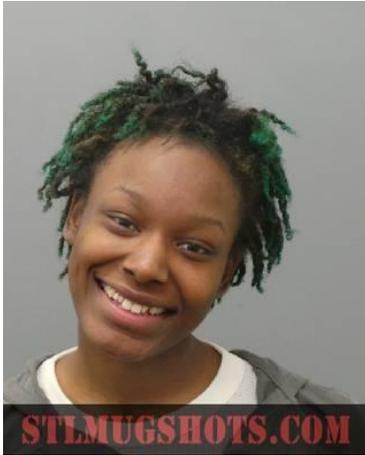
**CHESTERFIELD POLICE RECOVER 98 STOLEN ITEMS FROM GANG OF SHOPLIFTERS STOLEN FROM THREE DIFFERENT SHOPPING CENTERS. PLUS ONE WOMAN USES NAME OF FRIEND FROM CHILDHOOD WHEN ARRESTED:**

The Lost Prevention officer at The Gap at the Taubman Outlet Mall called the special cell number of Chesterfield Officer Meyer, assigned to the retail store detail that includes Chesterfield Mall, both outlet malls and the 2-mile long Chesterfield Valley Commons shopping center concerning a group of shoplifters who just left the store. It was September 13, 2014 at 6:15.

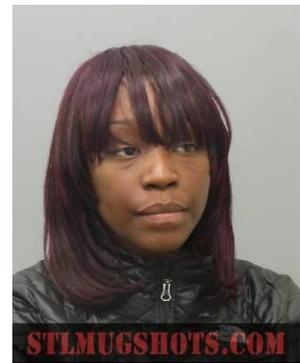
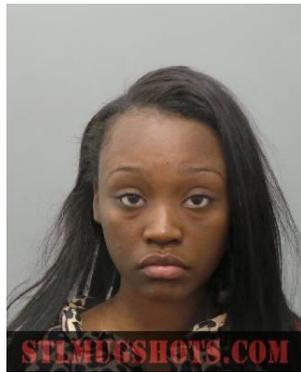
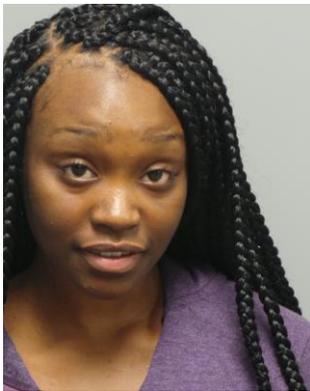
As luck would have it Officer Meyer had just completed taking a theft report at the Gap and was still on the parking lot at the Taubman Mall. He eventually found three of the suspects inside a black 2010 Chevrolet Malibu sedan with heavily tinted side windows.

A fourth suspect, Lamar Conners, was arrested as he walked from the Outlet Mall toward the Hardees Ice Arena.

One suspect, a 18-year-old female kept giving a name of a girl she grew up with. She was charged with Felony Theft under that name. Later at a court hearing the real person whose name was used by the suspect showed up and it was determined the suspect was actually Precious McClinton AKA McClintin.



Jackia Combs 2015



Precious McClinton Sept. 2014 November 2014 January 2015 November 2015

In the car officers found \$867 worth of merchandise stolen from the Taubman Outlet Mall. However they recovered a total of \$3,129 of stolen property. The day apparently started at the Victoria Secret Store in Richmond Heights followed by the Nordstrom Rack Store also in Richmond Heights.

Then it was off to Chesterfield Mall. Rather than quitting while they were ahead they continued west to the Taubman Outlet Mall.

Here is a list of stores that fell victim to this group on September 13, 2014:

- 1) The Gap
- 2) American Eagle
- 3) Famous Footwear
- 4) Forever 21
- 5) H&M

- 6) Charlotte Russe
- 7) Claire's
- 8) Nordstrom Rack
- 9) Express
- 10) Kid's Gap
- 11) Francesca's
- 12) Gymboree
- 13) Justice
- 14) Aerie
- 15) Crazy 8
- 16) Victoria's Secret
- 17) Dillard's

The driver of the getaway car was not charged, when all the other three suspects gave statements claiming he was unaware of the thefts. This is impossible to believe, however the police did not have independent evidence to charge him.

**Backgrounds and Outcomes: (Outcomes in Bold Print)**

**Lamar Antonia Conners:** Here is Conner's background that we could find:

- 02/21/06 Statutory Sodomy Rape of a Person under 14 St. Louis City PD  
Arrest warrant issued 10/21/15 still active
- 12/08/08 Felony Tampering with Auto (Driving a Stolen Car) St. Louis City PD  
Felony Resisting arrest  
05/20/09 Pled Guilty Sentenced to 7-years prison, but immediately placed on probation. Probation Revoked 10/30/09 sentenced to 120 Day Shock prison
- 06/20/09 Attempted Armed Robbery St. Louis County PD  
02/11/10 Pled Guilty sentenced to 7 years prison, but immediately placed on probation. 01/28/11 probation was revoked sentenced to 7-years
- 07/24/09 Felony Theft Kirkwood PD  
02/11/10 Pled Guilty and placed on probation.  
01/28/11 Probation revoked sentenced to 7-years prison
- 05/03/10 Felony Theft Richmond Heights PD  
01/28/11 Pled Guilty Sentenced to 7-years prison
- 09/13/14 Felony Theft Chesterfield PD**  
**05/27/15 Pled Guilty and was sentenced to 2-years in prison**

On January 28, 2011 Conners was sentenced to 7-years in prison for several felonies. If he had done only 60% of his prior sentence he would have been in prison instead of committing this string of shopliftings.

**Precious McClinton AKA Precious McClintin:**

04/16/14	Receiving Stolen Property	Des Peres DPS
	09/05/14 Pled Guilty 2-years probation	
	06/08/16 Probation Violation Hearing scheduled 7/7/16 Warrant issued	
	07/10/14	
05/22/14	Trespassing	Richmond Heights PD
	Giving False Name	
	06/09/14 Pled Guilty placed on 2-year Probation Term	
07/10/14	Receiving Stolen Property	St. Peters PD
	02/11/15 Pled Guilty placed on 5-year probation term	
	02/03/16 Probation revoked sentenced to 7-years prison, but then placed on 5-year probation term	
<b>09/13/14</b>	<b>Felony Theft</b>	<b>Chesterfield PD</b>
	<b>Making False Declaration (giving false name)</b>	
	<b>01/22/16 Pled guilty placed on 5 years probation</b>	
05/01/15	Giving False Information	Ballwin PD
05/16/15	Felony Theft	Des Peres DPS
	01/22/16 Pled Guilty placed on 5-year probation term	
11/21/15	Trespassing at Galleria	Richmond Heights PD
	Possession of Burglar Tools (shoplifting theft bag)	
	Giving False Name	
03/08/16	Fail to Appear to Court Warrant issued	Ballwin Muni Court

At what point is probation no longer an option for McClinton?

**Jackia Combs:**

<b>09/13/14</b>	<b>Felony Stealing</b>	<b>Chesterfield PD</b>
	<b>07/10/15 Pled Guilty placed on 5-year probation term</b>	
09/22/14	Felony Stealing	Hazelwood PD
	07/10/15 Pled Guilty placed on 5-year probation term	
09/26/14	Stealing 27 West County Center	Des Peres DPS
	04/04/16 Pled Guilty Des Peres Muni Court	
07/04/15	Possession of Stolen Property 34 West County Center	Des Peres DPS
	Possession of Theft Device	

04/04/16 Pled Guilty Des Peres Muni Court

**Conflict of interest?** At the time of these thefts Bruce DeGroot was the City Councilman for Ward-4. The Chesterfield Valley stores hit by this gang are all located in DeGroot's ward. One might think DeGroot has a duty to look after the safety and welfare of people and businesses in his ward. However, DeGroot, a lawyer, represented Jackia Combs, the person charged with felonies against the businesses he represented as a councilman.



Bruce DeGroot

We asked DeGroot about this and he took over a minute to come up with an answer, which was how all Americans have the right to be represented by lawyers of their choice. When we called "Bullshit" on his answer, DeGroot told us he was asked to represent Combs. Lawyers should not disclose what they charge clients, but it began to sound like the person who called DeGroot is someone he had known for a while and is a relative to Combs. While he would not say, it sounded like he might have represented Combs for free as a favor.

**THE STORY IS CONSTANTLY CHANGING FOR CHESTERFIELD WOMAN WHO WAS DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF DRUGS:**

On Monday July 21, 2014 at about 11pm Chesterfield Officer Howe was dispatched to the Kim Cheese to check on the welfare of a person connected to a white Acura SUV.

**1) First indication that suspect was badly impaired:** On his arrival Officer Howe found the Acura with the 4-way flashers on, a flat right front tire that had been blown out and a badly damaged wheel rim. His attention was then drawn next door to the Kim Cheese where a woman was staggering as she walked around a Lexus parked at the 7-11.

Officer Howe inquired of the woman and she said the car was hers, however the 7-11 clerk who was with her said the Lexus belonged to the owner of the 7-11. The woman was identified as Betty Mercer of 14784 Thornhill Terrance Chesterfield, MO 63017.



Betty Mercer

**2) Second indication that Mercer was badly impaired.** When taken back to her car, Mercer admitted that she was driving. First she said the tire blew out when she struck a fire hydrant. She then said it blew out when she hit a storm water drain. Then she said she did not know where it happened.

**3) Third indication that Mercer was badly impaired.** First she told Officer Howe that she was coming home from a band concert in St. Louis. She then changed that and said she was coming home from an AA meeting. Her speech was confused and slurred.

**4) The fourth indication that Mercer was badly impaired.** She failed all the field sobriety tests and staggered when walking. While doing the "One-Leg Stand" she stopped and started to do the "Heel-to-Toe" walk that she had already done. When doing the one leg stand a second time, she asked Officer Howe "where the ball was" possibly meaning the beam of his flashlight.

**5) The fifth indication she was badly impaired and** impair by drugs was when Officer Howe found an empty bottle and a full bottle of Zolpid Tartrate (better known as Ambien, a strong sleeping pill.) At the police station Mercer took an alcohol breath test. The results were .00% BAC which is used to show an impairment is drug related.

6) The sixth indication Mercer was badly impaired was despite being a Chesterfield resident, being contacted on a parking lot in Chesterfield on a main Chesterfield Road, by an officer in a chesterfield Police uniform, having been placed in a Chesterfield Police Police car and then taken to the Chesterfield City Hall/Police Headquarters, when interviewed she stated she thought she was in Town and Country.

7) **The seventh indication that Mercer was badly impaired by drugs** was after she agreed to go to St. Luke's Hospital for a blood draw, she told Officer Howe that she had eight passengers in her car and then changed that to four passengers.

8) **The eighth indication that Mercer was badly impaired by drugs** was the lab results on her urine and blood showed she was under the influence of Zolpied and Trazone (an antidepressant and also a sleeping aid.)

**OUTCOME:** Here is a perfect example of Chesterfield Justice at work. Despite being in a crash and doing damage to her car, but being so stoned that she did not know where she had been, where she was, if there had been passengers in her car and how many passengers and having lab tests showing she was under the influence of two strong narcotics, Mercer had her Driving While Under the Influence of Drugs charge dropped to a none DUID offense. This is the normal work of Chesterfield prosecutor Tim Engelmeyer and Judge Rick Brunk.

On January 15, 2016 the charges against Mercer were reduced to C&I Driving and she paid a \$273 fine.

### **DAUGHTER FEEDS DOUBLE WHAMMY, NARCOTIC AND GAMBLING ADDICTIONS BY STEALING TENS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS FROM**

**PARENTS IN IDENTITY THEFT FRAUD:** Mary Ashley Payton was 32 years old. She had a drug problem and also loved spending time at the Casinos. But both of those past times require large amounts of money.

Mary had lived at one time with her parents John and Mary B. Payton at 1 Monarch Trace Court Apt 304 in Chesterfield. However at the beginning of 2015 she was living at 1049 Almont Lane in Webster Groves, a dead end street off of Big Bend just east of Rock Hill Road behind Freddie's Market and next to a Water Tank.

Mr. and Mrs. Payton had called the Chesterfield Police when they discovered they had credit cards in their name with large balances, bank accounts they knew nothing about, plus dunning letters and bill collection companies calling them.

They suspected it was their daughter Mary Ashley who was the cause for the sudden attack on their credit rating.



This is from the original Chesterfield Police Report:

**The Payton's went on to explain that in November 2014 they started to notice unusual charges to their current bank accounts. After that, J [redacted] Payton received a bill for a credit card he never applied for. Suddenly many more bills, ie credit card, utilities, bank card bills, started coming in, in Mary B [redacted] and J [redacted] s names. Neither one of them had opened the new accounts nor made the fraudulent charges.**

The case was turned over to the Chesterfield Police Detective Unit.

Not all of the money obtained by Payton was for drugs or gambling. She owed \$886 from bounced checks to Freddie's Market, located just around the corner from her house on Big Bend at S. Rock Hill Road. There was also \$358 owed Imo's in Webster Groves for pizzas. To help her get away with the scheme she opened a Post Office Box at the Kirkwood Post Office in her name and her parents' names.

Of course the big ticket stuff included short term loans where her identity included her mother's social security number. Multiple major credit cards including one with a balance of \$13,800, and another bank issued credit card in her parents' names with a balance over \$14,000 all obtained fraudulently.

Letters from banks and credit card companies were being sent to Payton's parents warning them of possible fraudulent activity. However they were not being sent to the Payton's at their Chesterfield residence but instead being sent to Mary Ashley Payton at 1049 Almont Lane in Webster Groves.

In May of 2015 Payton was serving a 120 day shock prison sentence that was part of a probation agreement after Payton pled guilty to Felony fraud charges in St. Charles County on 08/25/14 from a February 14, 2013 offense in St. Peters.

Payton entered the woman's prison in Vandalia on 03/09/15 for four months.

Chesterfield Officer Turntine and Det. James Dammrich drove to the prison on May 13, 2015 to interview Payton. This is from their report:

**Mary Ashley completed a written statement, in which she wrote:**

**"I am the sole person responsible for opening the following accounts: AT&T, Speedy Cash, Fifth/Third Bank, Capital One, Discover Card, Citi Bank, Credit One. I fraudulently used my parent's information and they had absolutely no knowledge of these actions."**

**I asked Mary Ashley why she had opened all these accounts. She said she had a gambling addiction, which appears to explain the many casino transactions on the credit card statements.**

**OUTCOME:** Mary Ashley Payton pled guilty to Felony Identity Theft on July 11, 2016 and was sentenced to seven years in jail, but Judge Joseph Walsh immediately put her on a 5-year Suspended Execution of Sentence probation term with requirements that she enter a drug and a gambling addition program and be placed on the Missouri Casino Gambling Addict List (No admittance to a casino).

Payton's probation in St. Charles is currently pending revocation status with hearings later in September. At some point she was back home with her parents.

**FEEDBACK:** This from a long time Newsletter reader from Chesterfield on the Drunks and Thieves newsletters:

the problem is that lawyers and judges do not see them as repeat offenders rather they see them as loyal customers.

**EDITORIAL UPDATE:** This will be the last of a separate Drunks and Thieves Newsletter for a few months. We normally use these when things are slow at Thanksgiving and Christmas time. That did not happen this year. We also post them when we are gone on a prolonged vacation. We don't have one planned for this year.

Instead we continue to randomly chose cases and follow them. They will be incorporate with our regular newsletters, but posted under the "Drunks and Thieves" section on the homepage of our newsletter in groups of about 10 or more after they appear in the regular newsletter.

We hope that residents of Town and Country, Chesterfield and Ellisville will use our research to demand elected officials to find judges and prosecutors who are more concerned about the community's welfare as a whole and not taking care of buddy lawyers who represent drunks, serious traffic violators and thieves.