

DRUNKS AND THIEVES 2022 PART 3

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WEAVING DRIVER ON I-64, STOPPED ON HWY 141; SMELLED BOTH OF BOOZE AND BURNT MARIJUANA. 54-year-old Keith Adams of Ballwin was on WB I-64 in his new 2020 Toyota 4Runner on April 15, 2021 putting on a show of lane weaving with Town and Country Policer Officer Josh Hamel watching while he followed the 4Runner.



Josh Hamel

Officer Hamel watched the 4-Runner exit I-64 onto the North Outer 40 Road to go south on Hwy 141. Adams stopped weaving between lanes. Now he was weaving on and off the shoulder. Officer Hamel stopped him on SB Hwy 141 just south of I-64.

Besides Adams behind the wheel, there was a female passenger in the right front seat. Officer Hamel immediately smelled two strong odors. The first was booze on Adams' breath. At the same time he smelled the strong odor of burnt marijuana.

Adams wasn't a kid. He was 54-years-old. He was able to produce his drivers license and proof of insurance with no problem. Then the lying started.

Adams said he was coming from downtown. However he was having problems finishing sentences.

"We were just, uh, down at uh, downtown. Yeah. We came back from the Cardinal game. Yeah."

When asked if he had anything to drink, Adams replied "No."

Once out of the car it was even more obvious that Adams was wasted, but maybe on booze and weed. This is from the police report:

OFFICER'S OBSERVATION MADE PRIOR TO ARREST OR CUSTODY (Check appropriate box(es) and add as appropriate)				
BREATH	ODOR OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE:	<input type="checkbox"/> FAINT	<input type="checkbox"/> MODERATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STRONG
	ODOR OF MARIJUANA OR CHEMICAL:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO	
EYES PUPILS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WATERY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BLOODSHOT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GLASSY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STARING <input type="checkbox"/> ARTIFICIAL EY
	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> SLOW REACTION TO LIGHT	<input type="checkbox"/> DILATED	
BALANCE AND WALKING	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNCERTAIN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SWAYING	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STAGGERING	<input type="checkbox"/> STUMBLING <input type="checkbox"/> FALLING
SPEECH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SLURRED	<input type="checkbox"/> CONFUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> INCOHERENT	<input type="checkbox"/> STUTTERING <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MUMBLING
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	DESCRIBE: BLACK SHIRT, BLUE JEANS, BROWN BOOTS			SOILED BY: N/A

He failed the field sobriety tests including losing his balance several times walking.

Here is how Adams did on reciting the alphabet:

ALPHABET: "J TO X"... "JKLMNOPQRSTMOPQRSTUXYMOZ".
ALPHABET: "A TO Z"... "ABCDEFGHIJKLMOZQRSYMZ".

He did agree to take a field breath test. That showed he was just over line for being intoxicated.

<p>PRELIMINARY BREATH TEST (PBT) POSITIVE FOR ALCOHOL?</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> REFUSED</p> <p>RESULT <u>.084</u> %</p>

Adams was arrested for Improper Lane Use and DWI. Another officer was transporting the passenger to the police station to get transportation home.

An inventory check of the car before it was towed revealed two pill bottles of marijuana in the center console glovebox along with a pipe that had recently been used to smoke marijuana. Also there was an open container of alcoholic beverage in a cup holder.

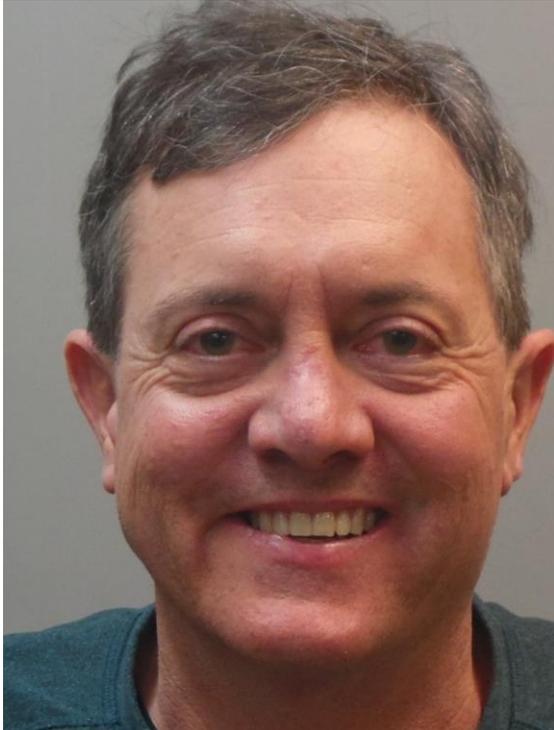
At the police station Adams refused to take the "Official" breath test.

In an interview he stated he had ONE beer at Broadway Oyster Bar at 7pm and one HTC gummy. He claimed he was drinking the "one beer" from 7pm to 9pm.

It was clear he had also been smoking marijuana from the evidence in the car. He showed a medical marijuana certificate copy on his phone that expired on 09/21/21.

He was cited for Improper Lane Usage, DWI and Possession of Marijuana.

04/15/21	Improper Lane Use, DWI, Poss of Marijuana	Town & Country PD
11/03/07	Speeding Guilty fine	MO Hwy Patrol
05/24/07	Speeding 20MPH or more Guilty \$200 fine	Columbia MO PD
10/06/91	Speeding Guilty \$100 fine	MO Hwy Patrol



Keith Adams



ADAMS' eyes

OUTCOME: When Adams exited I-64 at 141 he was just about 1000 feet from the Chesterfield City Limits. Since he was apparently going to Ballwin and when he went south on Hwy 141 he was most likely going to go west on Clayton Road, which puts him back into Chesterfield if Officer Hamel was out of the picture.

So who is suppose to look out for the safety of people in Chesterfield and Creve Coeur. It is none other than Tim Engelmeyer, the prosecuting attorney in Chesterfield and the city judge in Creve Coeur. He had no problem representing Adams a drunk/drugged driver who was about to enter Chesterfield in this case.

On 08/20/21 Engelmeyer struck a deal with Town & Country prosecutor (and Frontenac prosecutor and Ladue Judge) Keith Cheung to reduce the Improper Lane Use charge to a parking violation with a \$191 fine. Judge Andrea Niehoff joined the fun and on his

guilty plea to DWI gave Adams a SIS "No fine, No points, No permanent record" 2-year probation. Adams despite lane weaving, driving on the shoulder, having an open drink in the car, having just smoked marijuana and was driving drunk/drugged left the courtroom with No-Points on his record. A perfect example of West County Justice.

WIFE CAME HOME FROM WORK AND FOUND HUSBAND DRUNK. HE TRIED TO LEAVE THE HOUSE, BUT WIFE HID HIS CAR KEYS. THINGS WENT DOWN HILL FROM THERE. Chesterfield Officer Stephen Burgess responded to a call of a suicidal subject on October 21, 2020 at 5:26PM.

On arrival Ross Uetz, 47, was no longer at his home. His wife told officers that she came home from work to find Uetz highly intoxicated. Also at home were the couple's two children. She told him to go to the basement or to their master bedroom so the children did not see him.

He refused and said he was going to leave. His wife hid his car keys. He became upset and demanded the keys or he might kill himself. He then began throwing and breaking items in the living room. His wife was frightened for the children's safety and sent them to their rooms.

Uetz then threatened to puncture her car's tires and waived a pair of scissors. She then gave him his keys and he drove off.

An officer at the house called Uetz's cellphone and Uetz told him he was fine and was at the CVS Drug Store on Clayton Road and Henry Road. Officers responded to the CVS. Where they found a drunk Uetz and his car.

Surveillance video at CVS showed Uetz driving onto the lot. He was arrested for DWI. A pat down after handcuffs were placed on him found a baggie of marijuana. He asked that officers retrieve his backpack from his 2004 Pontiac. Inside the backpack they found the marijuana pipe.

He was transported to the police station where he refused to be interviewed or take a breath test.

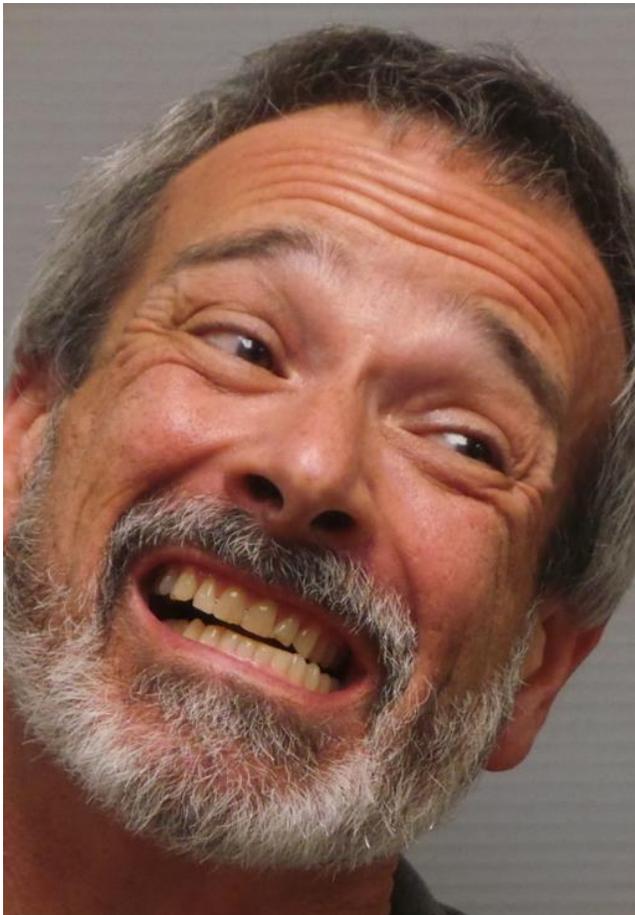
He was charged with DWI, Possession of Marijuana and Poss of Drug Paraphernalia.



Officer Stephen Burgess



Ross Uetz St.L PD mugshot for assault



Ross Uetz Chesterfield mugshot



Uetz's eyes

10/21/20	DWI, Poss of Marijuana, Poss Drug Para	Chesterfield PD
03/17/20	Common Assault	St. Louis City PD
06/19/19	Moving Violation reduced to Parking Violation fine	Ballwin PD

OUTCOME: On 04/14/21 Uetz with a lawyer pled guilty to DWI and was given a 2-year SIS "No Fine, No-Points, No Permanent Record" probation term. He did have to attend an Alcohol Abuse seminar and Victim's Impact program.

The Possession of Marijuana charge was reduced to a Health Code Violation with a \$300 fine. Possession of the marijuana pipe was reduced to another Health Code Violation with a \$200 fine.

Look at his mugshot and do you think he should have left court with No Points on his driving record. Prosecutor Tim Engelmeyer and Judge Rick "Let em loose if they have a lawyer" Brunk thought so.

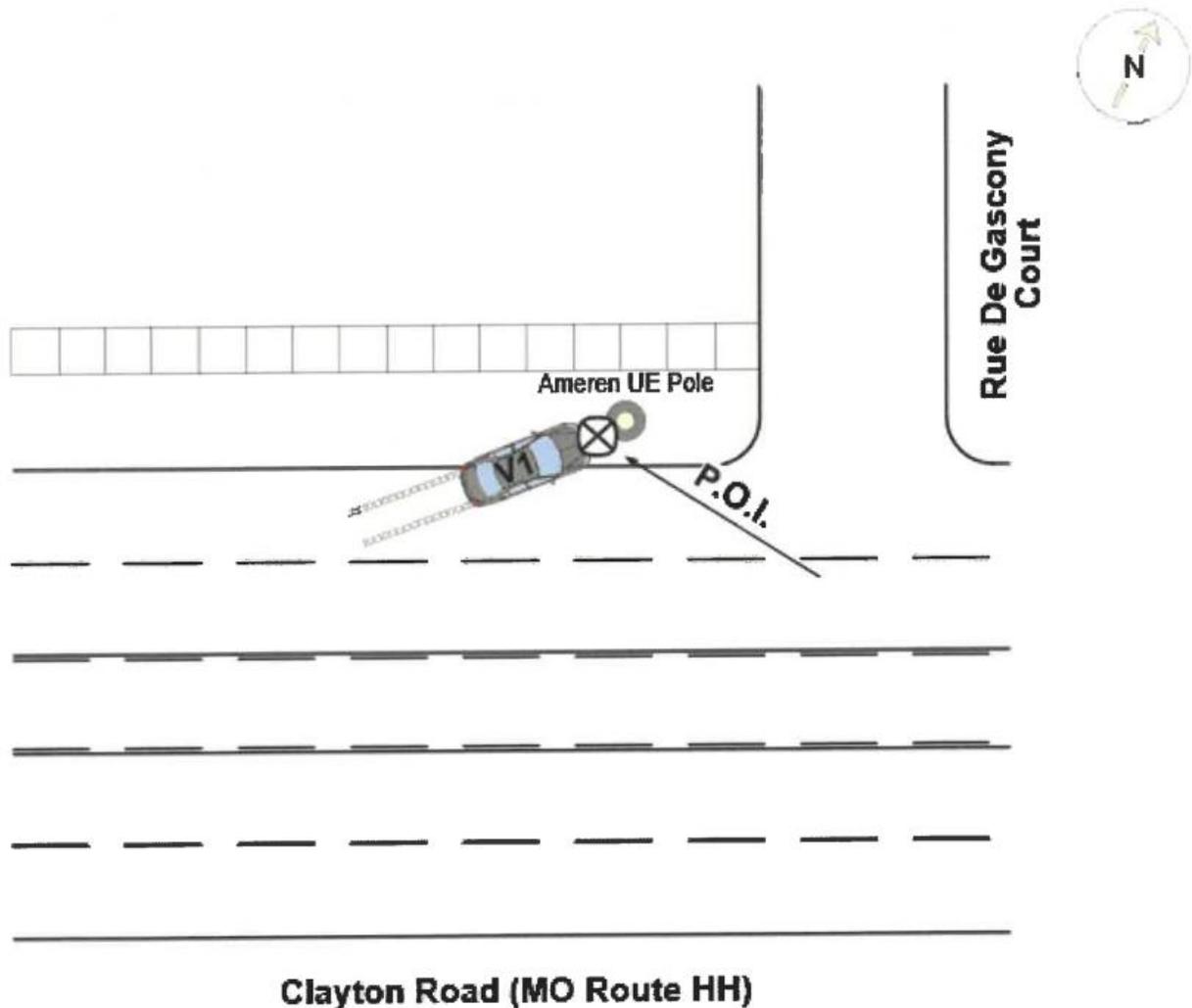
3 O'CLOCK ON A MONDAY AFTERNOON EX-CON DRUGGED DRIVER CROSSES ONCOMING TRAFFIC AND HITS A UTILITY POLCE ON CLAYTON ROAD.

Chesterfield Police Officer Matt Adams was dispatched to a one car crash into a utility pole on Clayton Road at Henry Avenue. It was 3:01PM on Monday November 12, 2018. It was 40-degrees and began spitting snow with no accumulation later in the day. On arrival a Ballwin Police Officer was already on the scene at advised Officer Adams that the driver kept falling asleep while he tried to talk to him.

The car was a 1998 Toyota Camry that was badly damaged. It was on the north side of the road (westbound side) facing east against a utility pole.

The driver Adam Lee Thiel, 30, of Washington MO appeared to be under the influence of narcotics. This was his condition from Officer Adams report:

OFFICER'S OBSERVATION MADE PRIOR TO ARREST OR CUSTODY (Check appropriate boxes and add any pertinent remarks.)	
BREATH	ODOR OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE: <input type="checkbox"/> FAINT <input type="checkbox"/> MODERATE <input type="checkbox"/> STRONG <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NONE ODOR OF MARIJUANA OR CHEMICAL: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
EYES PUPILS	<input type="checkbox"/> WATERY <input type="checkbox"/> BLOODSHOT <input type="checkbox"/> GLASSY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STARING <input type="checkbox"/> ARTIFICIAL EYE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CONSTRICTED <input type="checkbox"/> SLOW REACTION TO LIGHT <input type="checkbox"/> DILATED
BALANCE AND WALKING	<input type="checkbox"/> UNCERTAIN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SWAYING <input type="checkbox"/> STAGGERING <input type="checkbox"/> STUMBLING <input type="checkbox"/> FALLING <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:
SPEECH	<input type="checkbox"/> SLURRED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CONFUSED <input type="checkbox"/> INCOHERENT <input type="checkbox"/> STUTTERING <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MUMBLING <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: FAST
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	DESCRIBE: BLACK HAT, BLUE JACKET, BLUE JEAN, TENNIS SHOES SOILED BY:
UNUSUAL ACTIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> PROFANITY <input type="checkbox"/> HICCUPS <input type="checkbox"/> BELCHING <input type="checkbox"/> VOMITING <input type="checkbox"/> FIGHTING <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: SLEEPING



While speaking with Thiel he was speaking very fast and at times he was not understandable. I asked Thiel if he was tired and he replied "yea I am tired. I just hit a pole. I am concussed." I asked Thiel again if he wanted EMS to come check him out. I asked Thiel if he had taken any prescription medication or illegal substance at which time he started telling a story about helping someone out of the ditch on the way to work this morning. Thiel stated "today was the day we were going to do the brake pads on the car. We were going to work on it." Thiel made several statements that did not pertain to the vehicle crash. I requested Thiel's insurance card at which time he handed me a work order for a repair on a vehicle. I asked Thiel again if he had insurance and he replied "yea right here" while he was holding the same work order for vehicle repair

Thiel refused medical attention several times, but Officer Adams eventually called for a Monarch Fire Protection Ambulance crew to respond. They checked Thiel and felt he

was under the influence of narcotics, adding he could not answer question like “what year is it.”

Thiel attempted sobriety tests which he failed and in fact fell asleep while standing in the middle of a test.

He was arrested for DWID and instead of being driven to the police station he was taken to St. Luke’s Hospital ER where there was a blood draw. A pat down search at the time of his arrest located a pill bottle that had been turned into a marijuana smoking device.



Officer Matt Adams

Thiel was issued citations for five charges, but two were dropped by the most dangerous man in Chesterfield, Prosecutor Tim Engelmeyer, who will drop charges if a local defense lawyer is hired.

Thiel was charged with DWID, Failure to Exercise Highest Degree of Care While Driving, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia and Fail to Wear a Seat Belt.

The blood tests revealed that Thiel was under the influence of several dangerous drugs at the time of the crash. This is from the police report:

Results showed suspect, Adam Thiel had Fentanyl, Norfentanyl, Diphenhydramine, and THC- COOH in his blood.



Adam Thiel

MO Dept of Corrections Mugshot

07/16/21	Unregistered Vehicle	Guilty fine	Wentzville PD
11/12/18	DWID, Fail to Exercise Care, Possession of Drug Para		Chesterfield PD
12/01/13	Receiving Stolen Property	Guilty 120-days jail	St. Louis Co PD
04/24/13	Speeding	Guilty Fine	MO Hwy Patrol
01/03/09	Felony Stealing	Guilty 7-years prison	St. Louis Co PD
12/29/08	Burglary, 2-cts Felony Stealing (firearm)	7-yrs prison	St. Louis Co PD
12/04/08	Felony Stealing	Guilty 7-years prison	St. Louis Co PD
12/03/08	Stealing	Guilty 3-years prison	St. Louis Co PD
11/14/08	Burglary, 4-counts Fel Stealing	Guilty 7-years prison	Des Peres DPS
11/11/08	Burglary, Fel Receiving Stolen Property, Resisting		St. Clair PD
	Arrest	Guilty 5-years prison	
11/10/08	2-counts Burglary, 4-counts Fel Stealing, 2-cts Property		St. Louis Co PD
	Damage	Guilty 7-years prison	
11/05/08	2-counts Felony Stealing	Guilty 7-years prison	Ballwin PD
05/19/08	Speeding 20MPH or More	Guilty 10-days jail	Franklin Co SO
04/22/07	Minor Purchase Alcohol or Attempt to Purchase	Guilty 30-days jail	MO Hwy Patrol
09/10/06	Felony Assault	Guilty Probation Revoked 6-yrs prison	St. Charles Co SO
02/24/06	Felony Drug Possession, Guilty, Probation Revoked		Franklin Co SO
		3-years prison	

OUTCOME: On 04/21/21 Thiel pled Guilty to DWID. Judge Rick “Let them loose if they hired a lawyer” Brunk placed him on a 2-year SIS (No-Fine, No-Points, No-Permanent Record) Probation term. He pled Guilty to Inattentive Driving (a reduced charge but with points) and was fined \$223. He also pled guilty to the Drug Paraphernalia charge and was fined another \$223. Brunk totally disregarded Thiel was a 26-time convicted felon and EX-Con with a past felony drug conviction. That is the stuff that was no big deal to Brunk as long as a defense lawyer was hired.

Brunk was forced to retire at 75 in May of 2021. Mayor Bob Nation could have cleaned up the city court by naming a new prosecutor when Tim Engelmeyer's term expired, but Nation refused to. The new judge appears to be a breath of fresh air, but the prosecutor continues to act without any regard to the safety of Chesterfield residents.

THE HELL YOU SAY I CAN'T BUY LIQUOR AT 4 IN THE MORNING! Chesterfield officers were dispatched to the Petro Mart on Olive Blvd on a report of a shoplifting. It was Friday March 12, 2021 at 4 o'clock in the morning.

Officer Lucchesi contacted the clerk who stated a tall white man had come in and purchased a bottle of vitamin water. After the sale the person walked over to the liquor display and took a \$29 bottle of Jameson Irish Whiskey and walked toward the checkout. The clerk said he told the man he could not purchase any alcohol product until 6AM.

He then told Officer Lucchesi the suspect said, "Not my problem. You figure it out." He then walked out of the store.

Officer Schumacher then radio'ed that he had found the suspect next door in the parking garage of a Thai restaurant with the bottle vitamin water and whiskey at his feet. This is from the police report:

Schumacher stated he discovered Gilson standing inside the parking garage, staggering about, with the bottle of Jameson Whiskey and Vitamin Water resting at his feet. During his approach Gilson immediately admitted taking the bottle and began apologizing. A search of Gilson's person revealed no weapons or contraband. PO Restivo then guided Gilson to the backseat of his patrol car where he was fastened in with both shoulder and lap belt. Gilson was then transported back to my station for booking.

The suspect, Terence James Gilson, 39, is well know to Chesterfield police officers. He has a lengthy arrest record dating back 20-years with felony convictions and arrests for assaulting officers.



Terence James Gilson

09/30/21	Common Assault on a Police Officer	Chesterfield PD
09/10/21	Trespassing, Property Damage	Chesterfield PD
08/16/21	Trespassing	Kirkwood PD
03/12/21	Stealing Guilty 06/15/21 \$275 fine	Chesterfield PD
04/14/15	2-counts Assault on LE Officer Guilty SES Probation	St. Louis City PD
12/02/11	Assault, Resisting Arrest, Assault on LE Officer 2-cts Guilty Probation Revoked	St. Louis Co PD
08/03/02	Speeding Guilty \$100 fine	MO Hwy Patrol
12/05/00	2-counts Felony Unlawful Use of Weapon, Resisting Felony Arrest, Assault on LE Officer Guilty SES probation	Chesterfield PD
01/07/00	DWI, Driving While Suspended Guilty SES Probation	Chesterfield PD

OUTCOME: On June 15, 2021 Gilson pled guilty in Chesterfield Municipal Court. Gilson was not represented by a local lawyer. Judge Mark Gaertner fined him \$275 for stealing the \$29 bottle of whiskey.

YOU NEVER KNOW WHEN A POLICE OFFICER IS WATCHING:

On Saturday night into Sunday morning at about 1:56AM on September 15, 2019, St. Louis County Police Officer Bryant had observed James Ryan Wade, 26, of Wildwood, MO speeding 60 MPH and changing lanes without signaling on Clarkson Road in the

heart of Chesterfield. Officer Bryant stopped the 2015 Chevrolet Malibu on Clarkson and Baxter and requested a Chesterfield officer respond.

Officer Devin Holroyd responded. On arrival Officer Holroyd found Wade was not only a traffic violator, but a drunk traffic violator.

This was the general condition Officer Holroyd found Wade to be in once out of the car.

OFFICER'S OBSERVATION MADE PRIOR TO ARREST OR CUSTODY (Check appropriate box(es) and add a	
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BALANCE AND WALKING	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNCERTAIN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SWAYING <input type="checkbox"/> STAGGERING <input type="checkbox"/> STUMBLING <input type="checkbox"/> FALLING
SPEECH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SLURRED <input type="checkbox"/> CONFUSED <input type="checkbox"/> INCOHERENT <input type="checkbox"/> STUTTERING <input type="checkbox"/> MUMBLING
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	DESCRIBE: <i>grey Denim pants, black T-Shirts</i> SOILED BY: <i>N/A</i>
UNUSUAL ACTIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> PROFANITY <input type="checkbox"/> HICCUPS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BELCHING <input type="checkbox"/> VOMITING <input type="checkbox"/> FIGHTING

A field breath test was attempted but Wade could or would no follow instructions for providing a breath sample. He failed the normal field sobriety tests. He stated he had two 16-oz beers at a club in St. Charles. He was arrested for DWI, fail to Signal and Improper Lane Use.

At the police station Wade agreed to take a breath test. This time he was able to provide a sample. The test showed his BAC level to be .161% or double the legal limit.

<p>BLOOD ALCOHOL CONCENTRATION BY WEIGHT</p> <p><i>0.161%</i></p>
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James Ryan Wade



Wade's Eyes

OUTCOME: On 09/01/20 Wade pled guilty to DWI. He was placed on a 2-year SIS (No-fine, No-points, No-Permanent Record) probation term plus ordered to attend a substance abuse class and a victim's impact program. He also pled guilty to Fail to Signal and was fined \$191. The Improper Lane Use citation was reduced by City Prosecutor Tim Engelmeyer to a Parking Violation with a \$191 fine.

OFFICER STOPS TO CHECK VEHICLE ON SHOULDER AND THEN SEES CAR ON ITS ROOF AFTER DRIVING OFF OF NORTH OUTER FORTY ROAD WITH A DRUNK DRIVER TRAPPED:

On Friday night August 2, 2019 Officer Brendan Steber was on WB I-64 and just past the Boone's Crossing observed a black Chevrolet Tahoe on the shoulder of the road. He pulled behind the Tahoe to check on the female driver, but then looked to his right and saw something that grabbed his attention.

He saw a Hyundai Sonta on its roof with smoke coming from the engine. The car was in the ditch between I-64 and the North Hwy Forty Outer Road.

Officer Steber ran to the car and found the driver, the lone occupant, trapped in the overturned car.



Officer Steber

Steber then crawled into the car and contacted the driver Henk Van de Hoef, 56, of St. Louis. Even upside down in an overturned car it was clear to Officer Steber that Van de Hoef was drunk.

This is from the police report:

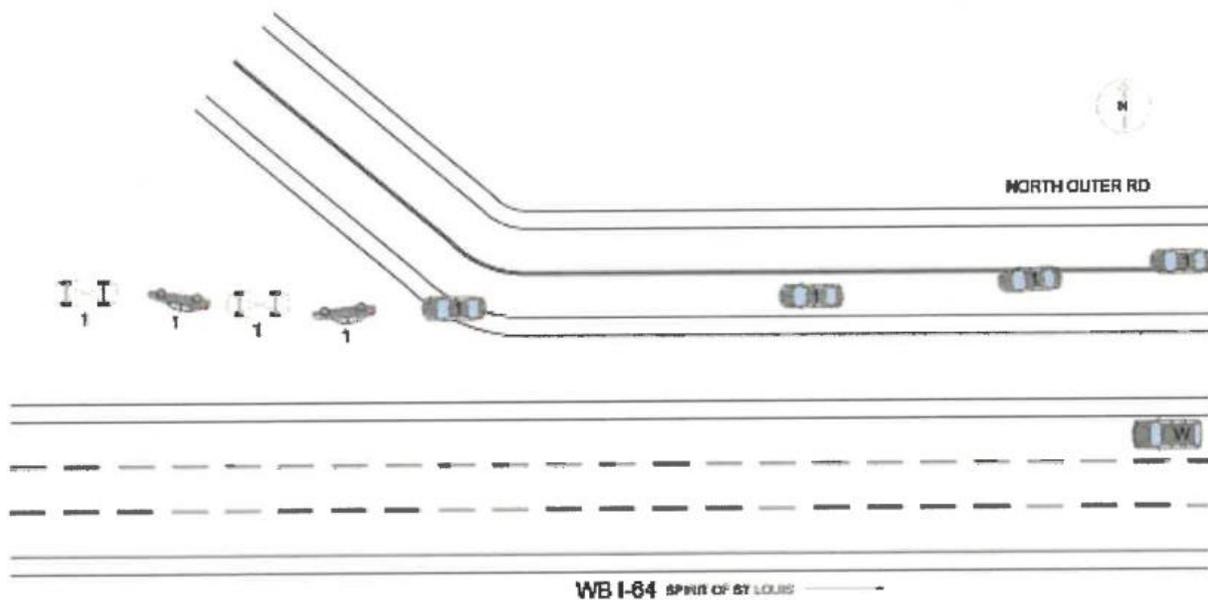
I further observed both of Van De Hoef's legs to be wrapped underneath and around the steering wheel. Van De Hoef was visibly disoriented, unable to move, and began vomiting. With the vehicle lightly smoking and Van De Hoef unable to exit the vehicle on his own, I began preparing to remove Van De Hoef from the vehicle. I crawled partially inside of the vehicle and pulled both of Van De Hoef's legs out from the steering wheel. With Van De Hoef's legs free, I asked him if he could crawl toward me, he was unable to do so. Because of Van De Hoef's inability to move, I started to pull his body out of the vehicle. Shortly after I began pulling Van De Hoef out of the vehicle, PO Risley informed me the vehicle had stopped smoking. With the threat of a vehicle fire diminished, I chose to discontinue my attempts to remove Van De Hoef from the vehicle in order to avoid worsening existing injuries or causing new ones.

I asked Van De Hoef about the circumstances surrounding this crash. Van De Hoef stated he was "on the highway and lost control" of his vehicle. Van De Hoef then stated he was coming from the "Syberg's" in Maryland Heights, Missouri, where he stated he "probably had too much to drink".

It should be noted, while speaking and attending to Van De Hoef, I detected a strong odor of what I recognized to be an alcoholic beverage(s) emitting from the vehicle's interior.



Van de Hoef



Paramedics with the Monarch Fire Protection District arrived at the scene and were able to remove Van de Hoef from the car and transport him to the hospital.

Officer Steber was able to contact the driver of the Tahoe who stated she was westbound on the North Forty Outer Road behind the Hyundai and watched the car weave across the oncoming lane

When she reached Boone's Crossing she turned and then went down the I-64 WB entrance ramp. Once she was on I-64 she could see the Hyundai to her right and saw that it was still weaving on the Service Road and that it then crossed the EB lane, drove off the road and rolled onto its roof.

Before leaving Officer Steber gave her a written statement form that she completed.

At the hospital blood was drawn for evidence from Van de Hoef, was admitted for treatment of his injuries.

The blood showed he was still drunk well after he rolled his car. His BAC level was .16%

OUTCOME: On 08/03/21 Van de Hoef appeared before Chesterfield Judge Mark Gaertner and pled guilty to DWI. He was placed on a SIS (No-Fine, No-Points and No Permanent Record) probation term. He also had to attend a Substance Abuse Program and Victims Impact Panel. He also pled guilty to Improper Lane Use and was fined \$270.

53-YEAR-OLD FROM COLUMBIA, MO WEAVING ON I-64 AT MIDNIGHT ON A FRIDAY NIGHT 2 ½ TIMES OVER THE LIMIT: On Friday night into Saturday on September 28, 2019 at 12:40AM. Chesterfield Police Officer Matt Adams was WB on I-64 when he noticed a Jeep Cherokee in front of him weaving from lane to lane.

Adams was pretty good at finding drunk drivers, two months later in November he would receive an award from Mothers Against Drunk Drivers.



Officer Matt Adams with plaque from MADD.

Officer Adams stopped the Jeep with Kansas license plates on I-64 past Chesterfield Parkway East and contacted the driver Charles August Van Cleave, 53, a sales exec for an ag company in Columbia, MO.

Officer Adams asked for his drivers license and insurance card. Van Cleave had trouble getting the license out of his wallet, dropping the wallet only to hold it against the steering wheel before handing the license to Officer Adams. He also had trouble finding the insurance card and finally handed over an expired card.

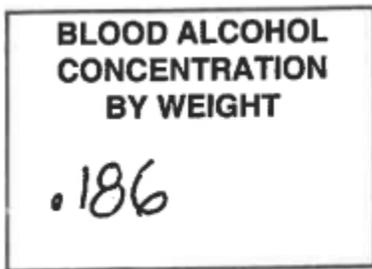
Van Cleave said he had been at Tucker’s Steak House and that he had not “had that much to drink.”

During this time Officer Adams noticed a strong odor of booze on Van Cleave’s breath. His eyes were bloodshot and glassy, plus his speech was jerky.

Out of the car Van Cleave staggered when walking. He failed field sobriety tests. He agreed to take a field breath test. The test results showed his BAC level at .20%

PRELIMINARY BREATH TEST (PBT) POSITIVE FOR ALCOHOL?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> REFUSED
RESULT <u>.200</u> %

He was arrested and taken to the Chesterfield PD. At the police station he agreed to take an "Official" breath test. The result of that test showed his BAC level was going down, but he was still more than double the legal limit at .186.

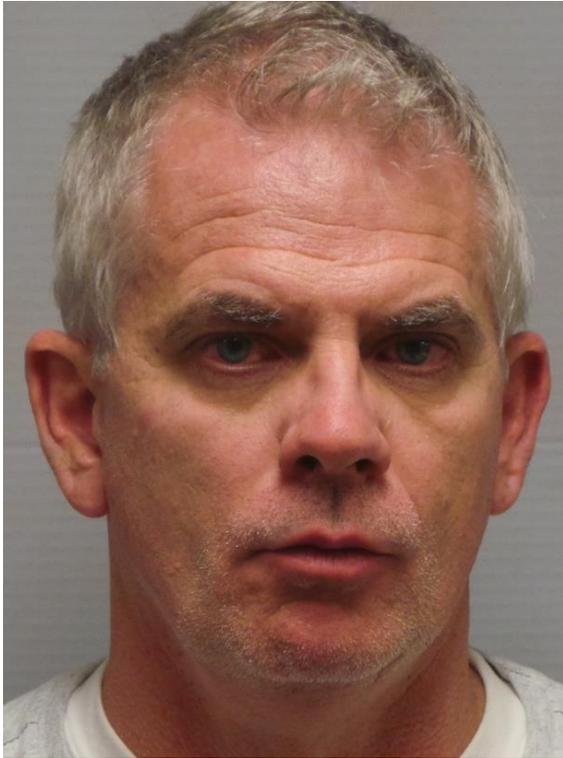


In an interview Van Cleave stated he had three or four beers starting at 10pm at Tuckers and had stopped right before being pulled over. Despite testing more than double the limit Van Cleave said he did not think he was intoxicated.

Van Cleave's record:

10/05/20	Speeding	Guilty	Fine		MO Hwy Patrol
09/20/19	DWI, Improper Lane Use	Guilty			Chesterfield PD
09/01/09	Speeding	Guilty	fine		MO Hwy Patrol
02/26/08	Speeding	Guilty	fine		MO Hwy Patrol
12/28/04	Speeding	Guilty	fine		MO Hwy Patrol
08/01/90	Speeding	Guilty	fine		MO Hwy Patrol
04/28/90	Speeding	Guilty	\$100 fine		MO Hwy Patrol

His son also has a DWI conviction from 2017.



Charles August Van Cleave



Van Cleave's eyes

OUTCOME: On March 10, 2020 a week before everything was shut down with COVID19, Van Cleave pled guilty to DWI in Chesterfield Municipal Court. Judge “Let em Loose” Brunk placed him on a 2-year SIS “No-fine, No-points, No-permanent Record” Probation term. Van Cleave also had to attend a Substance Abuse program and a Victims Advocate program.

Van Cleave had a local Chesterfield lawyer in court with him. Tim “Most Dangerous Man in Chesterfield” Engelmeyer, the city prosecutor reduced the Improper Lane Use charge to a Parking Violation with a \$191 fine.

Thanks to Brunk and Engelmeyer a man who was 2 ½ times over the legal limit left the courtroom with NO POINTS ON HIS RECORD. Mayor Bob Nation shares some of this responsibility for a lack of justice in Chesterfield as he kept reappointing Brunk and Engelmeyer.

VERY DRUNK DRIVER LIES UNCONVINCINGLY AND TELLS OFFICER SHE HAS NOT BEEN DRINKING, WAS COMING FROM WORK AT A FORD PLANT IN LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY IN HIGH HEELS AND DRESS CLOTHES At the end of the night it turns out she was coming from a wedding at a winery.

Town and Country Police Cpl. Steve Doll was EB on I-64 from Hwy 141 while on the Midnight Shift on a Saturday into a Sunday morning at 2:48am on April 25, 2021. He observed the vehicle in front of him (that was hard to miss since it was almost 3 o'clock in the morning and the highway was not choked with traffic) that was weaving from lane to lane and at one point was driving between two lanes.



Cpl. Doll

Cpl. Doll managed to stop the car on the EB I-64 exit ramp to Mason Road. He contacted the driver and only occupant of the 2017 Ford Focus, Alexis Danielle Wittke, 24, of Hazelwood, MO. Cpl. Doll immediately noticed that Wittke appeared to be drunk. There was a strong odor of booze on her breath, her speech was slurred and confused, plus there was the bloodshot and glassy eyes.

When asked why she could not drive in a straight line, Wittke replied with slurred speech, "prolly (sic) because I'm tired, but that is about it." She said she had been up for 20 to 30 hours and was really tired.

When asked where she was coming from she replied she was coming from "Louisville, Kentucky." Cpl. Doll point out she was coming from the wrong direction and was on the wrong highway to be coming from Louisville.

The caused Wittke to give a miffed reply of "Well, that is from I'm coming from, I work at the Ford plant in Louisville, Kentucky."

Wittke was asked for her drivers license and she search for it but could not find it.

Cpl. Doll again asked where she was coming from to go home in Hazelwood. This time she changed Louisville to Columbia, Missouri. The earlier lie about coming from the Ford plant in Louisville was confirmed as she was wearing 3-inch high heels, a shoe you would not find on the assembly line. She was also wearing black pants and a dress black blouse.

Once an assist officer arrived, Cpl. Doll had Wittke exit the car. This is how he described her condition in his report:

OFFICER'S OBSERVATION MADE PRIOR TO ARREST OR CUSTODY (Check appropriate box[es] and add)	
BREATH	ODOR OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE: <input type="checkbox"/> FAINT <input type="checkbox"/> MODERATE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STRONG ODOR OF MARIJUANA OR CHEMICAL: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
EYES PUPILS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WATERY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BLOODSHOT <input type="checkbox"/> GLASSY <input type="checkbox"/> STARING <input type="checkbox"/> ARTIFICIAL E <input type="checkbox"/> CONSTRICTED <input type="checkbox"/> SLOW REACTION TO LIGHT <input type="checkbox"/> DILATED
BALANCE AND WALKING	<input type="checkbox"/> UNCERTAIN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SWAYING <input type="checkbox"/> STAGGERING <input type="checkbox"/> STUMBLING <input type="checkbox"/> FALLING
SPEECH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SLURRED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CONFUSED <input type="checkbox"/> INCOHERENT <input type="checkbox"/> STUTTERING <input type="checkbox"/> MUMBLING
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	DESCRIBE: BLACK SHOES, BLACK PANTS, DRESS SHIRT SOILED BY: NO

Cpl. Doll again asked Wittke how much she had to drink. She again denied having anything to drink.

She agreed to take field sobriety tests which she failed. A field Breath Test showed her BAC level to be .229%.

<p>PRELIMINARY BREATH TEST (PBT) POSITIVE FOR ALCOHOL?</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> REFUSED</p> <p>RESULT <u>.229</u> %</p>
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She was arrested and her car was towed. At the police station she agreed to take an "Official" breath test. That test confirmed the "field" test. The "official" test showed Wittke's BAC level to be .227%.

<p>BLOOD ALCOHOL CONCENTRATION BY WEIGHT</p> <p>.227g/210L</p>
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She also agreed to be interviewed at the police station. In the interview she denied having anything to drink and then said she had Vodka Lemonade but said she did not remember how many. She also said that she did not consider herself drunk.

She then changed her departure location prior to arrest for the third time. It was now "a wedding at a winery."

Here is the interview:

INTERVIEW — RECORD PERSON'S RESPONSES			
WHAT TIME IS IT NOW? 1 OR 2 AM	WHAT IS THE DATE? APRIL 27TH	WHAT CITY (COUNTY) ARE YOU IN NOW? ST. LOUIS	
WHAT WERE YOU DOING DURING THE LAST THREE HOURS PRIOR TO CONTACT WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT? AT A WEDDING AT A WINERY			
WERE YOU OPERATING THE VEHICLE AT THE TIME OF THE CRASH OR STOP? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO			
HAVE YOU BEEN DRINKING? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	IF YES, WHAT WERE YOU DRINKING? VODKA LEMONADE	TIME STARTED 11 OR 12	TIME STOPPED 30 MIN PRIOR
HOW MUCH? NO IDEA	WHERE? WINERY	ARE YOU UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF AN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	
		HOW MUCH?	IF YES, WHAT?

Wittke was booked and issued summonses for Improper Lane Use and DWI. She was released to a sober person.



Alexis D. Wittke



Wittke's eyes

RECORD:

- 04/25/21 DWI, Improper Lane Use Town & Country PD
- 05/26/17 Moving Violation amended to Parking Vio \$167 fine MO Hwy Patrol
- 11/01/15 Speeding 20-25 MPH over limit) Guilty \$155 fine MO Hwy Patrol

INJURY CRASH: On 11/29/19 at 1:05am Wittke was a passenger in a Toyota driven by Michael Wines, Jr. Wines drove off the road on Hwy 61 in St. Charles County and injured Wittke, who was taken by ambulance to Mercy Hospital. Wines was issued a citation for a moving violation that caused the crash by the Highway Patrol. That was later reduced to a Parking Violation in St. Charles Circuit Court. Wines was fined \$163.

Both Wines and Wittke were issued citations by the Trooper for Not Wearing a Seat Belt.

DRIVER 1 WAS TRAVELING TOO FAST FOR ROAD CONDITIONS. VEHICLE 1 [THE 2013 TOYOTA PRIUS DRIVEN BY MICHAEL WINES JR] TRAVELLED OFF THE LEFT SIDE OF THE ROADWAY, STRUCK 2 ROAD SIGNS, AND A CONCRETE WALL

Injuries

Wittke's injuries were moderate. **Wittke** was taken by St Charles County EMS to Mercy Hospital St Louis.

Vehicle Damage

The police said the damage to the 2013 Toyota Prius driven by Michael Wines Jr was total. It was removed by Superior Towing.

Apparently the November 2019 crash did not teach Wittke a valuable lesson.

OUTCOME OF TOWN AND COUNTRY CASE: Wittke appeared in Town and Country Municipal Court with a lawyer on August 20, 2021. She pled guilty to Improper Lane Use and was fined \$191 for the 2-point violation. She also pled guilty to DWI.

Despite being almost 3-times over the legal limit and repeatedly lying to the arresting officer, Judge Andrea Niehoff placed her on a 2-year SIS "No Points, No-Fine and No-Permanent Record" probation term for two years.

THE OLD "I ONLY HAD ONE BEER" ROUTINE RESULTS IN A CRASH, A DWI ARREST AND A LATER ADMISSION THAT MAYBE IT WAS MORE THAN ONE BEER: On Thursday October 17, 2019 at 8:14PM Chesterfield Police Officer Matt Adams was dispatched to an auto crash on Olive Blvd at I-64.

On arrival he quickly determined that the driver of a 2003 Ford Mustang, Susan Elizabeth Temme, 25, was at fault. Officer Adams gave Temme's information and the police report number to the other driver who then left. However, Temme was not going anywhere.

She appeared to Officer Adams to be drunk. Before doing any field tests or preliminary breath tests, this is how Officer Adams described Temme's condition.

OFFICER'S OBSERVATION MADE PRIOR TO ARREST OR CUSTODY (Check appropriate box)	
BREATH	ODOR OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE: <input type="checkbox"/> FAINT <input type="checkbox"/> MODERATE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STRONG <input type="checkbox"/> NONE ODOR OF MARIJUANA OR CHEMICAL: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
EYES PUPILS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WATERY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BLOODSHOT <input type="checkbox"/> GLASSY <input type="checkbox"/> STARING <input type="checkbox"/> ARTIFICIAL EYE <input type="checkbox"/> CONSTRICTED <input type="checkbox"/> SLOW REACTION TO LIGHT <input type="checkbox"/> DILATED
BALANCE AND WALKING	<input type="checkbox"/> UNCERTAIN <input type="checkbox"/> SWAYING <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STAGGERING <input type="checkbox"/> STUMBLING <input type="checkbox"/> FALLING <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:
SPEECH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SLURRED <input type="checkbox"/> CONFUSED <input type="checkbox"/> INCOHERENT <input type="checkbox"/> STUTTERING <input type="checkbox"/> MUMBLING <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	DESCRIBE: <u>GRAY SHIRT, BLUE JEAN PANTS, BLACK SHOES</u> SOILED BY:
UNUSUAL ACTIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> PROFANITY <input type="checkbox"/> HICCUPS <input type="checkbox"/> BELCHING <input type="checkbox"/> VOMITING <input type="checkbox"/> FIGHTING <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: <u>CRYING</u>



Officer Adams

"I had one beer," was Temme's response to Officer Adams when he asked how much she had to drink.

She failed field sobriety tests and agreed to take a field breath test. The test showed her BAC to be at .148%. The test showed her "one beer" statement was false, unless she was in Germany and had one supersized beer in a mug that is almost too heavy to hold at an Oktoberfest celebration. Temme was arrested and taken to the Chesterfield Police Station.

PRELIMINARY BREATH TEST (PBT) POSITIVE FOR ALCOHOL?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> REFUSED
RESULT <u>.148</u> %

At the police station she agreed to take an "official" breath test. That test showed her BAC level had dropped and was now at .135%, more than one-and-a-half times above the legal limit.

**BLOOD ALCOHOL
CONCENTRATION
BY WEIGHT**

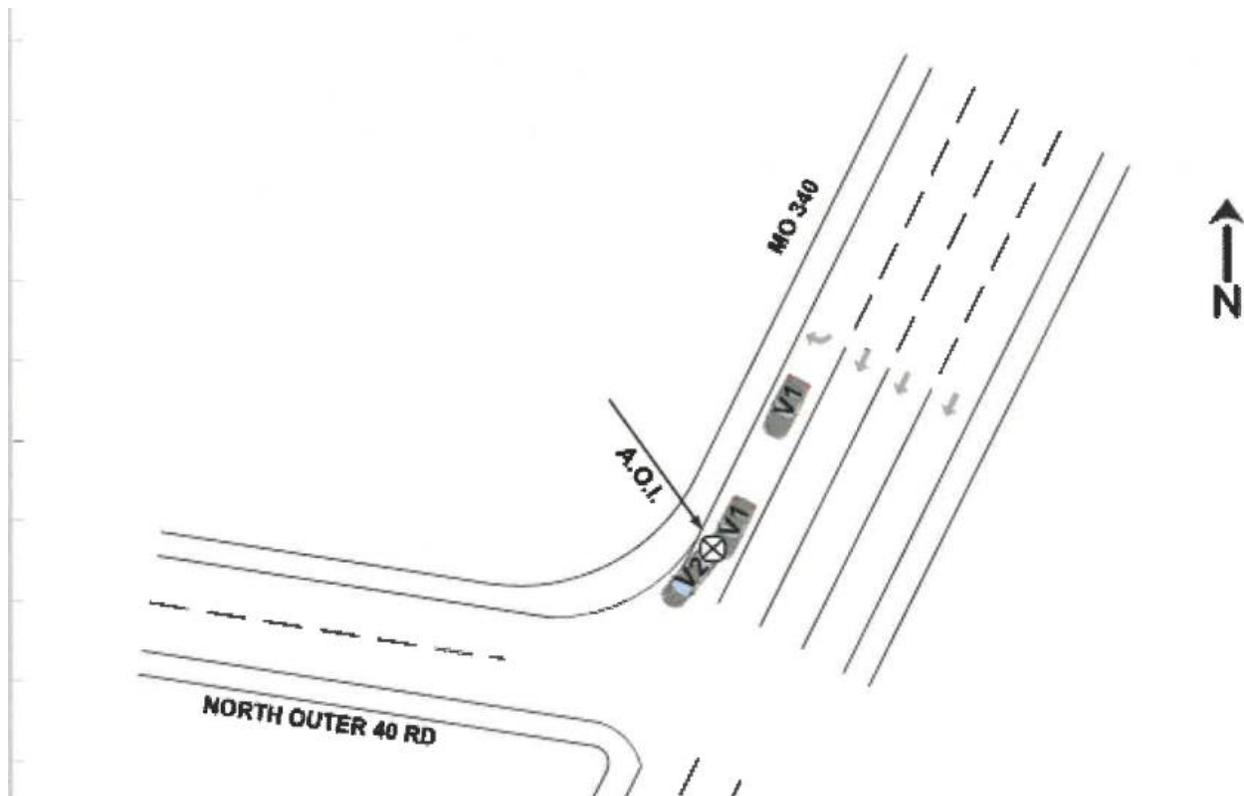
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In an interview Temme thought she was at the Creve Coeur Police Station. She admitted that she thought she was intoxicated. She changed her earlier “one beer” statement to “two-beers and a Jack Daniels and Coke” at the Pink Galleon bar and pool hall in Creve Coeur. This is from the police report:

INTERVIEW — RECORD PERSON'S RESPONSES			
WHAT TIME IS IT NOW? 7:30	WHAT IS THE DATE? 17TH	WHAT CITY (COUNTY) ARE YOU IN NOW? CREVE COEUR	
WHAT WERE YOU DOING DURING THE LAST THREE HOURS PRIOR TO CONTACT WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT? WENT TO AUTOMOTIVE TO GET NEW BATTERY. THEN TO PINK GALLEON			
WERE YOU OPERATING THE VEHICLE AT THE TIME OF THE CRASH OR STOP? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO			
HAVE YOU BEEN DRINKING? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	IF YES, WHAT WERE YOU DRINKING? TWO BEERS AND A JACK AND COKE	TIME STARTED ABOUT 5	TIME STOPPED 5 TO 10 MINUTES BEFORE CRASH
HOW MUCH? TWO BEERS, ONE JACK AND COKE	WHERE? PINK GALLEON	ARE YOU UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF AN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	

Temme was issued citations for DWI and Failure to Exercise the Highest Degree of Care while Operating a Vehicle.





TIME FOR A REPEAT PERFORMANCE: Temme was not done yet visiting the inside of the Chesterfield Police Station. Prior to pleading out on her DWI/Crash arrest on 10/17/19 she was arrested again for DWI.

This time it was three and a half months later on February 3, 2020 at 9:41pm. Chesterfield Police Officer Brendan Steber was dispatched to people drinking in a parked car outside of the Schnuck's supermarket in the Hilltown Shopping Center. The car was described as a gray Nissan missing the rear bumper.

Officer Steber located the car but it was unoccupied. He made a point to keep an eye on it. The Schnuck's store is in the same shopping center as Harpo's Bar and Grill which is famous for over-serving customers producing drunk drivers, bar fights and parking lot disturbances.

Officer Steber also ran the license plate and learned the car was registered to Susan Temme, whose drivers' license was suspended from the October 2019 DWI arrest.

About 25 minutes later Officer Steber saw Temme and a male leave Schnucks and not Harpo's and get into the car. Temme was behind the wheel. Officer Steber watched as with Temme behind the wheel at 10:04pm she drove off the lot making a wide radius right turn into the center lane.

Officer Steber stopped the car and found the suspended for Drunk Driving, Temme, behind the wheel. She didn't have a drivers' license to hand Steber but gave him a Missouri ID Card instead.

At that time Officer Steber could clearly tell that Temme had been drinking despite having a DWI and Crash case pending in court.

With Temme, in the passenger seat was a male, William Sago, who lived nearby and was allowed to walk home.

Temme admitted that she and Sago had a shot of Vodka before walking into Schnucks.

Officer Steber had Temme do field sobriety tests. She passed some and failed others. She then took a field Breath Test that showed she was intoxicated with a BAC level of .116%.

PRELIMINARY BREATH TEST (PBT) POSITIVE FOR ALCOHOL? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> REFUSED RESULT <u>.116</u> %
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Here are Officer Steber's original observations of Temme prior to the Breath Test.

OFFICER'S OBSERVATION MADE PRIOR TO ARREST OR CUSTODY (Check appropriate boxes)			
BREATH	ODOR OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE: <input type="checkbox"/> FAINT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MODERATE	<input type="checkbox"/>
	ODOR OF MARIJUANA OR CHEMICAL: <input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	
EYES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WATERY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BLOODSHOT	<input type="checkbox"/> GLASSY
PUPILS	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> SLOW REACTION TO LIGHT	<input type="checkbox"/> STARING
BALANCE AND WALKING	<input type="checkbox"/> UNCERTAIN	<input type="checkbox"/> SWAYING	<input type="checkbox"/> STAGGERING
		<input type="checkbox"/> STUMBLING	<input type="checkbox"/>
SPEECH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SLURRED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CONFUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> INCOHERENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> STUTTERING	<input type="checkbox"/>
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	DESCRIBE: Gray Jacket, Blue Jean Pants, Brown Boots.		SOIL

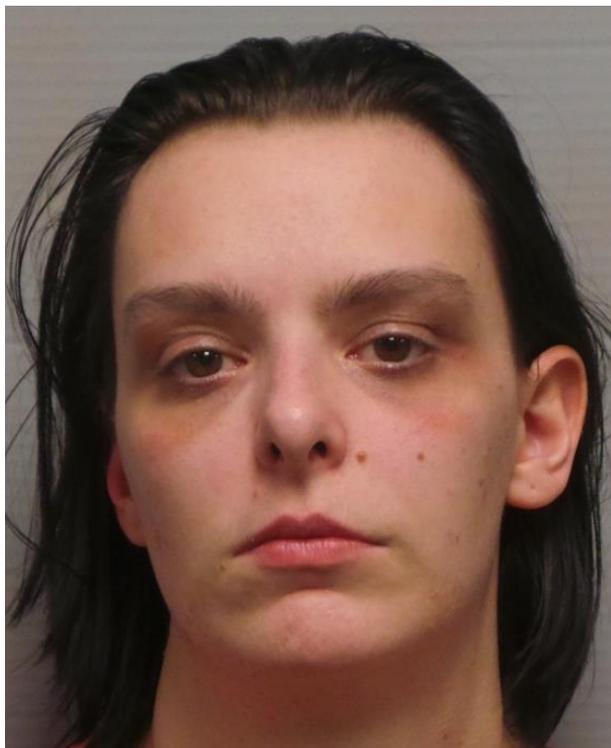
Temme was arrested and got a return trip to the Chesterfield Police Station.

She agreed to take an "Official" Breath Test. That test showed she was still intoxicated registering a BAC level of **.097%**.

This time Temme knew where she was. In an interview when asked where she was she responded "Chesterfield" and not Creve Coeur. She was wrong on what month it was and she was an hour off on the time.

WHAT TIME IS IT NOW? "10:00, right?"	WHAT IS THE DATE? "January... Or February 3rd... My son's birthday."	WHAT CITY (COUNTY) ARE YOU IN NOW? "Chesterfield."
WHAT WERE YOU DOING DURING THE LAST THREE HOURS PRIOR TO CONTACT WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT? "We drove to the gas station, got the shots, then we drove to Schnuck's to get something to eat, then we were going home"		
WERE YOU OPERATING THE VEHICLE AT THE TIME OF THE CRASH OR STOP? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		
HAVE YOU BEEN DRINKING? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	IF YES, WHAT WERE YOU DRINKING? "Smirnoff Vodka. It was one of those big shots."	TIME STOPPED "It was just that shot."
HOW MUCH? "One shot."	WHERE? "In the Schnuck's parking lot."	ARE YOU UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF AN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO "I mean... Half a shot, actually. It was probably a full shot, yeah."
HAVE YOU USED MARIJUANA OR ANY OTHER DRUG, LEGAL OR ILLEGAL, IN THE LAST 72 HOURS? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	IF YES, WHEN?	WHERE?
	HOW MUCH?	IF YES, WHAT?

She was issued citations for Driving While Intoxicated and Driving While Suspended.



Temme's Feb 2020 mugshot



Temme's eyes

OUTCOMES: The new judge, Mark Gaertner, will be an improvement over retired Rick "Let em Loose if they have a Lawyer" Brunk according to what happened on July 27, 2021.

On July 27, 2021 in Chesterfield Municipal Court, Temme pled guilty to Inattentive Driving from the October car crash incident. She was fined \$330. She also pled guilty to DWI and was placed on a 2-year SIS "No-Fine, No-Points and No Permanent Record" probation.

For the February 3, 2020 DWI Temme also pled guilty. She was sentenced to 90-days jail and fined \$1,000 and ordered to attend a substance abuse program. The jail term was stayed with a 2-year SES probation, but the DWI goes on her record.

She was also fined \$50 for littering for throwing a lit cigarette out the window while Officer Steber was pulling her over.

The Driving While Suspended charge was reduced to a non-traffic Health Code Violation. She pled guilty to something she did not do and was fined \$270.

NOTATION: It should be noted that Officer Brendan Steber left the Chesterfield PD in January of 2019 to join the Des Peres Department of Public Safety, however after a short time he returned to Chesterfield. He then quit and went to Ladue PD in September of 2020.