

DRUNKS AND THIEVES 2024 PART 1

FEBRUARY 20, 2024

**DRIVER STOPPED IN THE MIDDLE OF SCHOTTLER VALLEY ROAD AT 3:15am
ASKED POLICE WHY THEY WERE BOTHERING HIM AND COULD NOT TELL
THEM WHERE HE LIVED.** It was a Friday night into Saturday morning at 3:15am on June 20, 2020 when Chesterfield Police Sgt. Teresa Koebbe radioed she was out with a drunk driver in the middle of Schoettler Valley Road. Officer Todd Lantz was close by and responded.



Sgt. Koebbe Officer Lantz

The driver Engin Imral, 58, of Clayton Estates Drive in Chesterfield said he was coming home from a Casino and stopped to check his phone. Officer Lantz reported he did not see a phone for Imral to check. Imral was behind the wheel of his 2012 Jeep Wrangler.

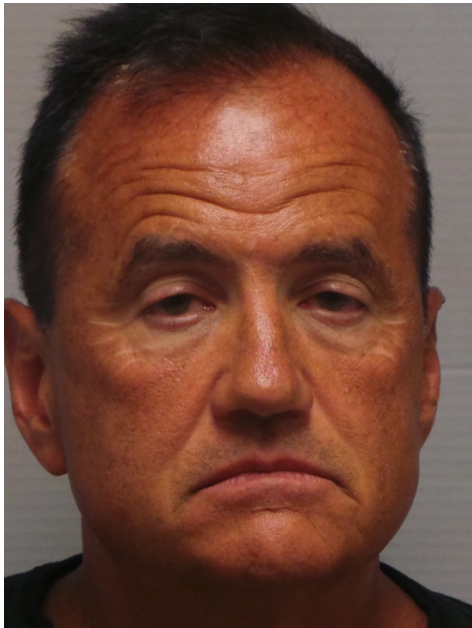
Officer Lantz reported that Imral was clearly drunk. This is from his report:

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CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	DESCRIBE: T-Shirt, Pants, Tennis Shoes			SOILED BY: NA
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He was over 2-miles from his home and Officer Lantz asked what street he was on. He looked around and said, "Country Ridge" while he was in the middle of Schoettler Valley Road.

Officer Lantz had Imral get out of the car to do field sobriety tests, but Imral stumbled so badly no tests were given for the sake of his safety. He refused to take a field breath test and later at the police station he refused to take an “official breath test.”

He was advised of his rights and agreed to be interviewed. When he was asked “what day is” he paused and said “I don’t want to answer that without my lawyer.” The interview was then stopped.



Engin Imral



Imral's eyes

09/27/22	Exp Lic Plates \$50 fine	Webster Groves PD
06/20/20	DWI Guilty	Chesterfield PD
09/2013	DWI, Refused Breath Test	St. Louis Co
02/22/96	Fail to Keep Right Causing Acc (Crash) \$70 fine	MO Hwy Patrol
02/22/93	Fail to Keep Right Causing Acc (Crash) \$125 fine	MO Hwy Patrol
05/28/92	Fail to Keep Right Causing Acc (Crash) \$500 fine	MO Hwy Patrol
02/22/92	Fail to Keep Right Causing Acc (Crash) \$125 fine	MO Hwy Patrol
10/10/91	Fail to Keep Right Causing Acc (Crash) \$75 fine	St. Louis Co PD

All the Fail to Keep Right charges likely include some DWIs reduced to the lower charge

OUTCOME; Imral was in Chesterfield Muni Court on January 25, 2022 with DWI defense attorney Travis Noble. Imral pled guilty to DWI and was placed on a SES (suspended execution of sentence) probation term in lieu of 90 days in jail.

FROM UNDERWEAR TO SPEAKERS PAIR CAUGHT STEALING AT WALMART On October 28, 2000 Wal Mart security watched as a trio took items and placed them in a tool box inside a large purse carried by the female suspect.

Officer Stephen Burgess and two other Chesterfield Special Enforcement officers responded to the call of a Shoplifting in progress. Shortly after Officer Burgess arrived two of the suspects left the store with the stolen goods still in the woman's purse. They were arrested and identified as:



Officer Burgess

Heaven Marie Hyden 19

Donald Robert Cook 31

The stolen items concealed were:

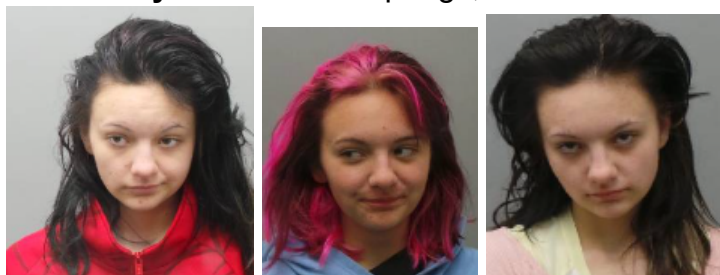
Speaker: 19.88

Men's Socks: 11.47
 Multigloz 194: 7.88
 BR 40MM LMS: 6.97
 400LM Dual: 400LM Dual
 Wireless PB: 9.96
 Bic Lighter: 4.97
 Bic Lighter: 4.97
 Dog Collar: 9.53
 Men's Boxer Briefs: 14.97
 Flashlight: 24.88
 Flashlight: 24.88
 Bikini: 9.96
 3 piece underwear: 9.96
 Sunglasses: 10.88
 Sunglasses: 9.97
 Samsung Galaxy A01: 59.00
 LG Premier Pro: 79.00

Total: \$328.05

Cook was currently on probation for Felony Theft. It was the height of the CoVID endemic. Both suspects were issued trespassing notice by Wal Mart and released on citations from the police station.

Heaven Hyden House Springs, MO

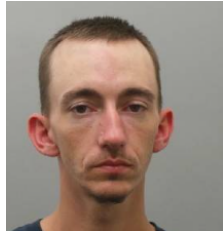


01/29/23	Driving While Revoked	Jefferson Co SO
12/03/22	Driving While Revoked	Jefferson Co SO
11/26/22	Drive While Revoked, No Veh Ins, Unreg Veh,	Jefferson Co SO
09/17/22	Drive While Revoked, No Veh Ins	Jefferson Co SO
06/01/22	Drive W/Revoked, Unreg Veh, No Veh Ins, Illegal Lic	DeSoto PD
03/31/22	Drive W/Revoked, Unreg Veh, No Veh Ins \$750 fines	MO Hwy Patrol
12/26/21	Unreg Veh, No Veh Ins, Driving While Revoked	Jefferson Co SO

03/16/21	Tampering with M/V 30-days jail, Rec Stolen Prop	Jefferson Co SO
01/10/21	Felony Drug Possession SIS Probation	Arnold PD
01/07/21	Drive W/Revoked, Defective M/V Equip	Jefferson Co SO
10/28/20	Stealing	Chesterfield PD
07/25/20	Tampering With a Mtr Veh Speeding 26 over 50-days Jail	Jefferson Co SO
05/15/19	Driving While Revoked, No Veh Ins, Unreg Veh	Jefferson Co SO
05/08/19	Possession of Drug Paraphernalia \$100 fine	MO Hwy Patrol
01/03/19	Felony Drug Poss, Stealing	St. Peters PD
12/11/18	Possession of Drug Paraphernalia \$100 fine	MO Hwy Patrol

OUTCOME: Hyden failed to appear on the theft charge four times and the court issued 4-FTA Warrants. On July 12, 2022, she was in jail, brought to court and pled guilty. She was sentenced 10 days in jail.

Donald Robert Cook Imperial, MO



12/12/22	Felony Drug Poss, Fel Tampering W/Motor Veh, Felony Resisting Arrest, Careless & Imp Driving, Fail to Keep Right, Fail to Yield to Emg Vehicle	St. Francois Co SO
12/12/22	2-cts Tampering With Auto Sentenced to prison 5-yrs	DeSoto PD
12/12/22	Auto Theft Sent 5-yrs prison on 11/09/23	Jefferson Co SO
12/11/22	Auto Theft Sent 5-yrs prison on 11/09/23	Jefferson Co SO
11/16/22	Auto Theft, Fel Stealing 5-years prison	Jefferson Co SO
11/15/22	Felony Stealing Sent 5-yrs prison on 11/09/23	Jefferson Co SO
10/28/20	Stealing 10-days jail	Chesterfield PD
10/27/20	Burglary Probation revoked 11/09/23 7-yrs prison	Jefferson Co SO
07/13/20	Unregistered Vehicle	Summerville PD
03/22/16	Burglary 3-years prison	Carter Co
02/25/16	Manufacture/Distribute/Sell Fel Drugs 10-yrs prison Many drug sentences shortened due to CoVID	MO Hwy Patrol
04/06/15	Fel Resisting Arrest 2-yrs prison	Poplar Bluff PD
02/27/12	Misd Passing Bad Check 180-days jail	Dent Co SO
09/10/11	Driving While Revoked \$300 fine	MO Hwy Patrol
02/05/11	Speeding 16-19 over \$133 fine, Driving W/Revoked \$150	Mo Hwy Patrol
09/22/10	Speeding	MO Hwy Patrol
08/17/10	Speeding 16-19 over limit \$80 fine	MO Hwy Patrol

07/14/07	Attempt Burglary	Probation revoked 3-yrs prison	Howell Co SO
01/06/07	No Valid Drivers' Lic	\$100 fine, No Veh Ins \$50 fine	MO Hwy Patrol
	Possession of Marijuana	\$385 fine	

OUTCOME: Prior to Cook's next trip to prison on 04/28/22 he pled guilty in Chesterfield Muni Court and was sentenced to 10-days in jail.

THE RETURN OF LISA MARIE TACA AND ANOTHER STOLEN LIC PLATE We closed our last newsletter about Lisa Taca a persistent shoplifter and druggie who had served prison time for drug dealing. Our last article dealt with Taca's arrest on May 24, 2020 for driving a car with stolen license plates. Her arrest record at the time included numerous stealing and drug charges.

Despite a long arrest record Chesterfield Prosecutor Tim Engelmeyer reduced the stolen license plate charges to a non-criminal Health Code Violation with a \$300 fine. That did not keep Taca from interacting with more Chesterfield police officers.

On Friday February 12, 2021, Chesterfield Officer Ty Seeger ran a computer check on the only single a license plate on a Chrysler SUV on the Mobil on the Run gas station lot on Clarkson Road. The plate came back stolen off a vehicle in Creve Coeur MO.



Officer Ty Seeger

When Seeger stopped the Chrysler he contacted the driver Lisa M. Taca, 43, of Chesterfield, who stated she did not know the license plate was stolen as the car was her brother's. This is what she said in 2020 when cited for having one stolen license plate on the vehicle and a different stolen plate on the floor inside the car.

A Creve Coeur Police Officer responded and seized the license plate.

Due to CoVID police were not transporting and booking all offenders, Taca was issued a citation for Possession of Stolen Property.



Lisa Marie Taca Park Forest Drive Chesterfield

12/10/23	Expired License Plates	Chesterfield PD
11/04/23	Animal at Large	Chesterfield PD
08/11/23	Criminal Ord Vio reduced to Parking Vio	Chesterfield PD
06/10/23	Unregistered Vehicle \$30 fine	Chesterfield PD
06/02/23	Stealing reduced to Health Code Vio \$150 fine	Chesterfield PD
09/20/22	Stealing	Richmond Heights PD
04/01/22	Felony Stealing	St. Peters PD
08/06/21	Providing Liq to Minors reduce to Health Code Vio \$150	Chesterfield PD
08/04/21	Unregistered Vehicle \$35 fine	Chesterfield PD
04/12/21	Stealing, Trespassing \$200 fine Stealing \$100 Tresp	Chesterfield PD
03/08/21	2-counts Stealing Pending	St. Charles City PD
02/12/21	Receiving Stolen Property \$150 fine	Chesterfield PD
06/07/20	Unreg Vehicle, No Auto Ins. Fines	Ballwin PD
05/24/20	Rec Stolen Property, Poss of Drug Paraphernalia	Chesterfield PD
05/07/15	Stealing warrant	St. Louis CO
12/05/14	Felony Stealing Guilty SES Probation	Richmond Heights PD
04/19/14	Fel Possession of Drugs SES Probation	St. Charles Co SO
04/07/14	Distribute or Deliver Fel Drugs Guilty 10-yrs prison SES Probation in lieu of prison	St. Charles Co SO
09/20/12	Distribute or Deliver Felony Drugs Guilty SES Prob	St. Charles Co SO

OUTCOME: On 08/22/23 Taca pled guilty in Chesterfield Municipal Court to the actual charge of Receiving Stolen Property and was fine \$150.

DRUNK DRIVER CLAIMS HE HAD ONLY 1-BEER, BUT AFTER FAILING ALL FIELD SOBRIETY TESTS, EXCLAIMED, "YOU GOT ME. I HAVE BEEN DRINKING." On Wednesday March 23, 2022 at about 11:16pm Chesterfield Officer Jeremy Holton stopped a Nissan pickup truck with an expired license plate that was turning from Clarkson Parkway onto WB I-64.

He contacted the driver, Steven Luke Holt, 43, and immediately smelled BOB (booze on breath) and noticed glassy eyes.



Officer Holton

Holt stated that he had just one beer. Officer Holton had him exit the car and do field sobriety test which he constantly failed. Before the tests were over Holt said he didn't want to continue the tests and added, "You've got me. I've been drinking."

He was arrested and at the police station he agreed to take an official breath test that showed his BAC level at .245 or three times over the legal limit.

He agreed to be interviewed where he went back to having just has "one beer" but admitting that he considered himself intoxicated.



Steve L. Holt .245 BAC



Holt's eyes

03/23/22	DWI, Expired License Plates	Chesterfield PD
11/30/21	Expired License Plates \$50 fine	Chesterfield PD
02/06/14	Expired Lic Plates \$30 fine, Stop Sign Vio \$50 fine	St. Charles Co SO
02/26/07	Disobeyed Stop Sign \$30 fine	St. Charles Co SO
06/15/01	Fail to Keep Right on Hill \$100 fine	MO Hwy Patrol

07/30/98 Speeding \$80 fine

MO Hwy Patrol

OUTCOME: On June 8, 2022 Holt pled guilty to DWI and was placed on a 2-year SES probation in lieu of 90-days in jail. He was fined \$55 for the expired license plates.

WALMART SHOPLIFTER SAID SHE WAS STRESSED OUT SINCE HER WIFE HAD SURGERY AS THE REASON FOR STEALING On Monday May 30, 2022 (Memorial Day) two Chesterfield Police Officers responded to the Wal Mart reference a shoplifter being held by store security for failing to scan \$56.58 worth of merchandise at the self-checkout.

On arrival Officers Mueller and Pousson contact the suspect, Amanda Kay Holt, 31, of St. Ann in the security office. The theft, although minor was on video. These are the items she left the store without paying for:

PB LAMB RIC; SKU #068113131817; \$34.82
NERF EXO FOD; SKU #084699805091; \$10.00
NYLABONE; SKU #001821483215; \$10.68
ENVELOPES; SKU #008522761755; \$1.18
TOTAL \$56.68

She admitted stealing the items. This is from the police report:

I read Amanda her rights per Miranda, to which she stated she understood and agreed to speak with me. Amanda stated she was stressed due to her wife feeling ill from a recent surgery and must have missed a few items at self checkout. Amanda stated she used to steal when she was younger but has not stolen anything recently.

Holt was issued a summons for stealing and released at the scene.

OUTCOME: On 10/22/22 Holt and a lawyer appeared in Chesterfield Municipal Court where City Prosecutor (most often non-prosecutor) Tim Engelmeyer reduced the stealing charge to a Health Code Violation with a \$300 fine.

DUO FROM CHESTERFIELD STOPPED LEAVING WAL MART WITH 38 STOLEN ITEMS. Officers responded to the Wal Mart on Saturday July 16, 2022 at 6:30pm on a call of two shoplifters being held in the store's security office.

Officers Brewer and Mueller contacted suspects, Julia Christine Hopp 31 and Madison Jewell Burr 20, both of Chesterfield.

Here is a list of what they stole:

BOLSTERBED; SKU #068113140802, \$39.88
LIPTON; SKU #001200011224; \$5.98
SUNGLASSES; SKU #019303340019; \$5.50
FANNY PACK; SKU #019362496489; \$11.88
16W PALETTE; SKU #009067238598; \$2.48
DAWN; SKU #003700052364; \$4.94
DUR ALK AA8; SKU #004133304148; \$9.19
BANG; SKU #061076402391; \$1.87

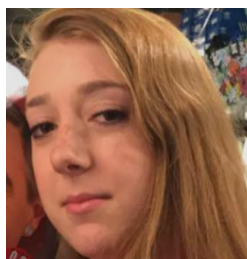
MONSTER; SKU #007084781116; \$2.28
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MN ULT ROSA; SKU #007084703464; \$2.28
REN LAV HNY; SKU #081033302603; \$5.38
BANG; SKU #061076402616; \$1.87
COOKIE DOUGH; SKU #005000062239; \$3.12
HERDEZ GUAC; SKU #007287886571; \$3.12
GV TORTELINI; SKU #007874200945; \$2.98
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JACKS PD; SKU #007465376691; \$4.47
GV LF SC CC; SKU #007874237237; \$1.98
VIBRANT LIFE; SKU #068113142409; \$3.93
6 HRDCKD EGG; SKU #007874215880; \$1.97

GV GRK 0 PLN; SKU #007874201685; \$3.54
 MARUCHAN CUP; SKU #004178900122; \$0.42
 RAMEN NOODLE; SKU #004178900121; \$0.42
 ICE CREAM; SKU #007684052987; \$3.98
 DELI SALAD; SKU #068113128840; \$4.47
 BLUEBERRY SLC; SKU #007874221379; \$1.91
 BHS CD CURL; SKU #002240000951; \$7.98
 HARD PANINO; SKU #001786980701; \$2.18
 GV VEG LAS; SKU #007874224950; \$2.72
 DOLE SMOOTHI; SKU #007120200607; \$9.98
 TH CHOCOLATE; SKU #002073542095; \$3.24
 GV DECLNMOP; SKU #007874213350; \$10.76
 FG AF RING; SKU #007874208752; \$5.48
 TOTAL \$206.84

The women told the officers they were broke due to “inflation.” This is from the police report:

Julia and Madison explained they were currently broke due to inflation and have only stolen once before.

It was interesting to see the amount of Monster energy drinks and ice cream products they needed.



Julia Hopp

06/25/23	Speeding \$60 fine	St. Charles Co SO
07/16/22	Stealing	Chesterfield PD
02/23/21	Moving Vio reduced to a Parking Vio \$163 fine	MO Hwy Patrol



Madison Burr

07/16/22 Stealing

Chesterfield PD

OUTCOME: Julia Hopp arrived at Chesterfield Muni Court with a lawyer in tow. Prosecutor Tim Engelmeyer reduced the stealing charge to a Health Code Violation with a \$366 fine. Madison Burr came to Chesterfield Court with a lawyer on 09/16/22 and pled guilty to a reduced charge (that she didn't do) of Health Code Violation and was fined \$366.

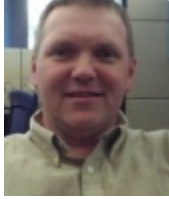
SHOPLIFTER BRINGS WHOLE FAMILY TO THE SUNGLASS HUT TO STEAL GLASSES, PLACING THEM IN A STROLLER. This one might not be the lowest most miserable theft case, but it is close.

On Wednesday April 12, 2023 Timothy Z. Zollner, 43, of Olivette brought his two small children in strollers and their mother to the Chesterfield Valley Mall. They enter the Sunglass Hut where the mother distracted the manager trying to return a pair of sunglasses not sold at the store. Meanwhile Zollner took a pair of \$98 children sunglasses on this 1-year-old's head. He later removed them from the boy's head and placed them under a blanket in the stroller. They then left the store as the staff called the police.

Three officers arrived and found they found them in the food area of the mall and contacted them. They denied stealing anything, but a check of the stroller revealed the sunglasses. Zollner said the child must have put them there. Store security video showed Zollner had done the deed.

Zollner was issued a citation for Stealing.

A LESSON NOT LEARNED: On November 3, 2023 Zollner, his wife without the kids returned to Chesterfield. This time they were stealing from Wal Mart with Zollner under ringing at the self-checkout. After leaving the store Chesterfield Police arrived and the pair took off running. Timothy was stopped and arrested with stolen items seized and returned to Wal Mart.



11/03/23	Stealing	Chesterfield PD
04/12/23	Stealing	Chesterfield PD
05/27/21	Expired Lic Plates \$50 fine	Brentwood PD
04/08/20	Speeding 11-15 mph over, No Veh Ins 2-days jail	St. Louis Co PD
08/00/17	Federal Food Stamp Fraud Probation	US Attorney's Office
08/23/07	Illegal Lic Plate, No Veh Ins 1-day jail	MO Hwy Patrol
07/20/05	Expired Lic Plates FTA Warrant	Charlack PD
04/26/97	2-cts Felony Stealing 1-year jail	Bridgeton PD

OUTCOME: Zollner is a man with Federal Convictions, Felony Stealing convictions and local stealing offenses. On 08/22/23 Zollner appeared in Chesterfield Municipal Court with a lawyer from Clayton and of course Tim (let'm loose if they have a lawyer) Engelmeyer city prosecutor reduced that charge to a non-criminal health code violation. Zollner pled guilty to the offense he did not commit. He was fined \$200.

ALWAYS A BAD MOVE...WEAVING INTO THE LANE OF AN APPROACHING POLICE CAR. It was the day after St. Patrick's Day on Friday March 18, 2022 at 11:40pm. Town and Country Police Sgt. Freddie Yaakub was south on I-270 from Clayton Road when the driver of a Jeep Wrangler began to swerve back and forth in front of him.

After the 5th swerve, Sgt. Yaakub decided to stop the Jeep, The driver took 1/8 of a mile to pull over after he had started driving on the shoulder while drifting back on the roadway.



Sgt. Yaakub

The driver Andrew Schmitz, 59, of Kirkwood, MO admitted it took him a while to pull over because he didn't "know where he was."

There was an immediate odor of BOB (booze on breath) and Schmitz stated he had a couple of beers in St. Louis while “partying.”

These are Sgt. Yaakub’s observation recorded in the police report:

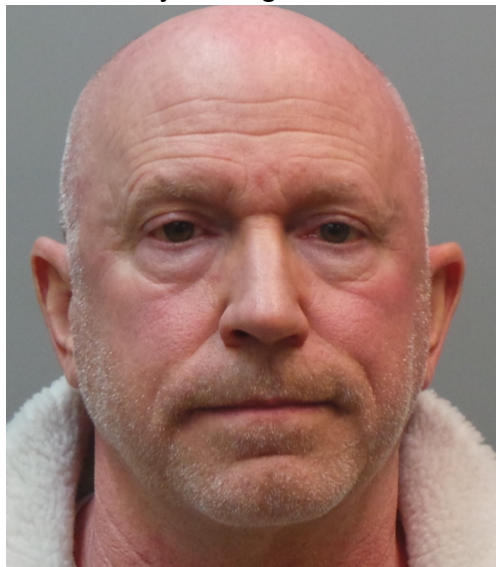
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Schmitz failed all the Field Sobriety Tests. A field breath test showed his BAC level at .145%. He was then arrested and taken to the Town and Country PD.

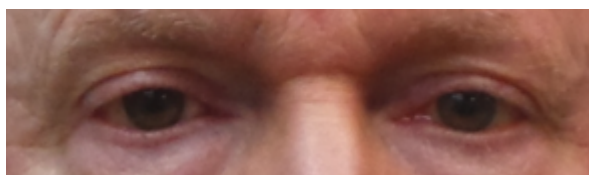
He then agreed to take an “official breath test” that showed his BAC level at .155%

He agreed to a post arrest interview, where the “two beers” he had changed into 3 7-to-9oz martinis. He was two days behind on the date stating he thought it was March 16 and not March 18.

Schmitz admitted that he thought he was intoxicated and should not be driving. He said he was only driving drunk because he was “going home.”



Andrew Schmitz



Schmitz's eyes

OUTCOME: Schmitz had no other violations on his record. On 06/16/22 he appeared in Town & Country Court with a defense lawyer. He pled guilty to the DWI charge and was

given a 2-year SIS (no fine, no points and no permanent record) probation term. He also pled guilty to Improper Lane Use and was fine \$316,

OVERTAKING A POLICE CAR AT 98 MPH WHEN YOU ARE DRUNK IS ALWAYS A

BAD IDEA: On Wednesday April 22, 2022 at 9:11 pm Town and Country Officer Eric Diaz was WB on I-64 from I-270 when he noticed a speeding car rapidly approaching him. He turned on his rear facing radar and clocked the car at 98mph in a 60 mph zone.

Diaz, a former State Trooper, resigned in March of 2023, after then Police Chief James Cavins claimed he would not promote Diaz due to complaints. Diaz file a sunshine request wanting to see the complaints. Cavins could not produce them because there were none. Cavins was later forced to resign over this and other issues.



Eric Diaz



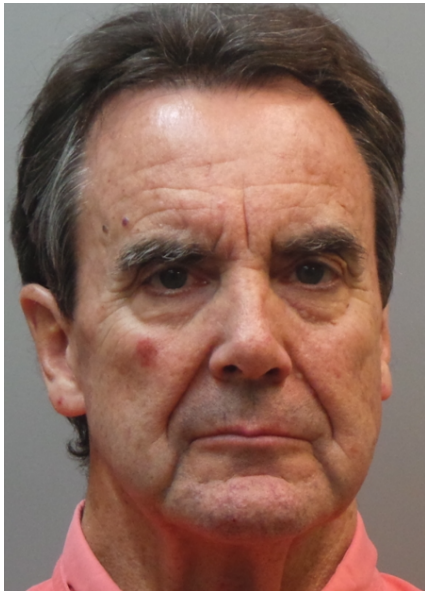
Former Chief Cavins

Officer Diaz contacted the driver of the speeding Alfa Romero, Paul Schnoebelen, 67, of Ladue who clearly had been drinking. This is from the police report:

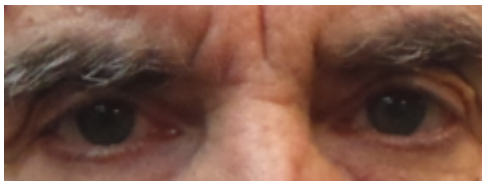
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Officer Diaz asked where Schnoebelen had been since he was going the opposite direction of Ladue. Schnoebelen stated he had been out with his girlfriend. When asked how much he had to drink Schnoebelen claimed a half-glass of wine. He agreed to take field sobriety tests which he failed. He then refused to take a "field breath test" or an official breath test at the police station. Both tests would have proved Schnoebelen had just a partial glass of wine or was lying about the ½-glass of wine.

He was arrested for DWI. At the police station he refused to be interviewed. He was issued citations for Speeding and DWI. Records showed that he had at least one prior DWI arrest in 2009 when he refused to take a beath test.



Paul Schnoebelen



Schnoebelen's eyes

04/27/22	DWI, Speeding 98 mph	Town & Country PD
02/11/22	Moving Vio reduced to Parking Vio \$141 fine	Olivette PD
07/2009	DWI refused breath test	St. Louis Co
08/22/93	Speeding	Lincoln Co
04/08/93	Speeding \$75 fine	MO Hwy Patrol
08/21/92	Speeding fine	Lincoln Co

OUTCOME: On 03/16/23 Schnoebelen and a defense lawyer appeared in Town and Country Muni Court. He pled guilty to DWI and was given a 2-year No-Fine, No-Points and No Permanent Record, SIS probation. The 98 mph speeding charged was reduced to a Parking Violation with a \$191 fine. Schnoebelen left the courtroom with no-points on his record.

DRUNK DRIVER STARTS TO GO SOUTH ON I-270, THEN SWERVES AND GOES NORTH AND IS RELUCTANT TO PULL OVER

Town and Country Police Officer Josh Hamel was westbound on I-64 before Ballas Road. It was 12:28am on June 23, 2022 when he noticed a gold Toyota Camry in front of him weaving from lanes to lane. The driver began to exit to go south on I-270 and almost hit a guardrail. The car then changed lanes to the NB -270 exit still weaving.

Officer Hamel then got behind the car and attempted to stop it on I-270, but the driver drove north and exited on Ladue Road in Creve Coeur. The driver took Ladue Rd to Ballas Road and finally stopped at Sackston Woods subdivision. Officer Hamel spent almost 3-minutes trying to stop the car.



Officer Josh Hamel

The driver, Daniel M. Scholey (with a British accent) got out of the car forcing Officer Hamel to order him back into the car. That is when Officer Hanel smelled a strong level of BOB (booze on breath). When asked, Scholey claimed he had one beer. That would dramatically change.

This is from the police 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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WATERY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BLOODSHOT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GLASSY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STARING	<input type="checkbox"/> ARTIFICIAL
PUPILS	<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 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

Scholey agreed to do field sobriety tests which he failed. He agreed to take a field Breath Test that showed his BAC to be .16% or double the level of intoxication. He was arrested and the car was towed.

At the police station Scholey agreed to take an "Official Breath Test" that showed his BAC level dropping but still very high at .153%.

Scholey agreed to be interviewed and the one-beer change to drinking 2- beers from 10:30pm to midnight (must have been 24oz servings) at a downtown hotel. He admitted that he considered himself intoxicated.

Scholey, who does marketing for the St. Louis University Billikens, was issued citations for lane weaving and DWI.



(no mugshot available)

OUTCOME: On 01/06/23 Scholey along with a lawyer appeared in Town and Country Municipal Court where he pled guilty to DWI and received a 2-year SIS (no-points, no fine, no permanent record) probation. His guilty plea to Improper Lane Use was reduced to a Parking Violation with a \$191 fine. Not bad for someone double the limit. Had this occurred in Scholey's native England he would have been fined and lost his rights to drive for a year. This was Town and Country Law at its worst.

DRUNK DRIVER SWERVING OVER 2-LANES ON I-64 CLAIMED HE WASN'T DRUNK, BUT TEXTING HIS GIRLFRIEND. On Thursday night into Friday morning 06/11/21 at 1:43 am Town and Country Police Officer Alexander Gowen was stationary running radar and checking traffic on WB I-64 after I-270. Officer Gowen didn't see a speeding car, but a driver of a black Audi A4 driving in two lanes of the marked Interstate.

Officer Gowen followed the Audi and it continued to swerve or at time drive between two lanes, He stopped that car on WB I-64 at Timberlake where he contacted the driver, Matthew J. Schulz, 26, of Ballwin.



Officer Gowen

When asked why he was weaving between lanes Schulz said that it must have been because he was texting his girlfriend. Officer Gowen smelled a large amount of BOB (booze on breath) on Schulz. When asked how much he had to drink, Schulz denied having anything to drink. This is from the police 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	<input type="checkbox"/> WATERY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BLOODSHOT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GLASSY	<input type="checkbox"/> STARING
PUPILS	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> SLOW REACTION TO LIGHT	<input type="checkbox"/> DILATED	<input type="checkbox"/> ARTIFICIAL
BALANCE AND WALKING	<input type="checkbox"/> UNCERTAIN	<input type="checkbox"/> SWAYING	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STAGGERING	<input type="checkbox"/> STUMBLING
SPEECH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SLURRED	<input type="checkbox"/> CONFUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> INCOHERENT	<input type="checkbox"/> STUTTERING
				<input type="checkbox"/> MUMBLING

Schulz agreed to take field sobriety tests which he failed. He then continues to deny having anything to drink. He then agreed to take a field breath test. The test showed Schulz BAC level to be more than twice the legal limit at .169%. Schulz was arrested for DWI and his car was towed.

At the police station Schulz agreed to take an "official" breath test. That test showed that Schulz's BAC level was dropping over the last hour, but he was still very drunk at .138% BAC.

Schulz refused to be interviewed. He was issued citations for DWI and Fail to Drive in a Single Lane and released to a sober party.

Matthew James Schulz

06/11/21 DWI, Fail to Drive in Single Lane
 10/20/18 Speeding \$200 fine

Town & Country PD
 MO Hwy Patrol



OUTCOME: On May 18, 2022 Schulz appeared in Town and Country Municipal Court with a defense attorney, and pled guilty to DWI. He was placed on a 2-year SIS (no fine, no points and no permanent record) probation term. The Illegal Lane Use charge was reduced to a Parking Violation with a \$191 fine. A drunk driver who was all over the highway, lied to the arresting officer and tested very drunk left the courtroom with No-Points on his driving record. Town and Country justice taking care of defense attorneys before ever thinking about public safety.

THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PUBLIC WORKS EMPLOYEE WITNESSES A RETURN THIEF TO HOME DEPOT. On Saturday November 28, 2020 Tom Thousand the Town and Country Public Works foreman was leaving the shopping center where Home Depot is located stopped at a red light at Manchester Road.

While stopped he noticed a tan Chevrolet Malibu with Illinois license plates, drive to the intersection away from Home Depot at a high rate of speed. While at the stoplight the driver, an older black male, began changing his sweatshirt and hat. When the light changed to green the driver took off at a high rate of speed going east on Manchester Rd.

On Monday 11/30/20 Thousand was back in the parking lot of Home Depot in his Town and Country Public Works pickup truck. There he observed the same Chevy Impala and watched a the same black/male walked out of the store carrying unbagged items, which he placed in the trunk. This time Thousand wrote down the license plate number.

Thousand reported this to the Town and Country Detective Unit on Monday. They in turn contacted the Home Depot store security which located on video recordings the suspect stealing a \$129 saw, a \$99 battery pack and a \$50 hoodie on 11/28 and \$179 in goods on 11/30.

From the security images the detectives were able to identify the suspect as Michael NMN Smith 59. An arrest order was issued and on December 13, 2020 Smith was arrested for Stealing in Bridgeton and eventually turned over to the Town and Country PD.

At the police station he confessed to the two Home Depot thefts.

That was not the last time Smith would visit the Manchester Meadows shopping center in Town and Country. On July 10, 2021 at 2:48 Smith was back at the shopping center this time stealing \$236 in liquor from the Total Wine and More store that he placed in the same Chevy Impala. Total Wine and More delayed reporting the theft two days when they turned over the video of T&C PD.

Ciroc Vodka Apple - 375mL - \$14.99
 Ciroc Vodka Pineapple - 375mL - \$14.49
 Ciroc Vodka Summer Watermelon - 375mL - \$16.99
 A de Fussigny XO Cognac - 750mL - \$99.99
 2x - ABK6 XO Cognac - 750mL - \$89.99

The total loss to the business was \$236.45

Another Town and Country PD arrest order was issued. On Saturday July 24, 2021 Smith had been arrested by the St. Charles Police and released to Town and Country. Smith also had active wanted and warrants in Kirkwood and St. Louis City.

At the Town and Country Police station Smith agreed to be interviewed. He was shown photos of him stealing in the Total Wine and More store. He recognized one photo and added that he wasn't sure about the other one since he is a "crack addict" and has a bad memory. He was later released to Kirkwood PD.

Michael Smith 62



12/22/22	Felony Stealing	Kirkwood PD
12/17/22	Felony Stealing	Kirkwood PD
09/05/22	Felony Stealing	Town & Country PD
08/30/22	Felony Stealing FTA Warrant	St. Louis City PD
07/30/22	Felony Stealing	Florissant PD
05/21/22	Felony Stealing	Florissant PD
03/07/22	Stealing	Maplewood PD
11/27/21	Stealing	Manchester PD
11/20/21	Stealing	Maplewood PD
09/15/21	Stealing	Florissant PD
07/24/21	Stealing	Town & Country PD

07/24/21	Attempt Stealing PG 01/11/24 4-yrs prison	St. Charles City PD
07/10/21	Stealing	Town & Country PD
06/13/21	Felony Stealing	Town & Country PD
	Unreg Veh, No Op Lic, No Auto Ins	
06/13/21	Stealing	Des Peres DPS
05/07/21	Trespassing	Bridgeton PD
04/28/21	Felony Stealing	Town & Country PD
04/25/21	No Op Lic, No Auto Ins, Unreg Veh,	No Co Police Co-op
04/07/21	Stealing Home Depot	Town & Country PD
02/03/21	Stealing pending	Sunset Hills PD
01/11/21	Felony Stealing 7-years Prison	St. Peters PD
12/13/20	Stealing pending	Town & Country PD
12/13/20	Stealing pending	Bridgeton PD
12/04/20	Stealing	St. Peters PD
11/28/20	Stealing pending	Town & Country PD
08/01/20	Stealing Felony pending	Manchester PD
10/01/20	Stealing pending	Kirkwood PD
07/31/20	Stealing	St. Peters PD
10/07/19	Stealing warrant	Overland PD
07/07/19	Speeding, Unreg Veh, Suspended DL, No Auto Ins	Pagedale PD
11/07/18	Stealing pending	University City PD
10/20/18	Stealing pending	Maplewood PD
10/14/18	Stealing, Resisting Arrest warrant	Crestwood PD
06/02/18	Trespassing FTA Warrant	St. Louis City PD
05/05/15	Resisting Arrest by Fleeing Creating Risk of Injury	St. Louis City PD
04/22/15	Speeding, Driving While Revoked	Velda City PD
05/27/08	Felony Drug Possession Guilty 8-years prison	St. Louis City PD
09/09/92	4-cts of Robbery Jury finds Guilty 20-years prison	St. Louis City

OUTCOME: Smith was sentenced to short jail terms on a number of cases. However, while the felony stealing cases sat in St. Louis County Courts a 2021 Felony Stealing case in St. Peters resulted in a 7-year prison sentence after Smith Pled Guilty on January 11, 2024 in St. Charles Co Circuit Court.