

## **DRUNKS AND THIEVES 2022 PART 7**

April 19, 2022

By John Hoffmann

### **DRIVING DRUNK WHILE SPEEDING TOWARD A POLICE CAR AT 4:30 IN THE MORNING WITH YOUR BRIGHT LIGHTS ON IS NOT THE WAY TO AVOID A DWI ARREST.**

On August 24, 2019 in the wee hours of the Saturday morning (4:26am) Chesterfield Police Officer Devin Kitrel while on patrol on Olive Blvd. observed a vehicle approaching him from the west at high speed. His police car's moving radar showed the 2019 Honda Civic doing 73 MPH in the 45 MPH zone.

The speeding vehicle also had it's high beam headlights on and they driver never dimmed them as he approached Officer Kitrel's car.

Officer Kitrel turned on the flashing lights on his police car, made a U-Turn and followed the now slower Honda for over a half-mile until it pulled into a parking lot on Olive.

He contacted the driver, Chaitanya Gowtham Raju Ruddraraju, who gave him his drivers' license but could not find his insurance information. Officer Kitrel told Ruddraraju he was going to his police car and for him to waive the insurance card out the window if he found it.

Officer Brendan Steber arrived as an assisting officer and eventually took over the arrest.



Officer Kitrel



Officer Steber

Ruddraraju found the insurance card and Officer Steber went to get it. He immediately noticed that Ruddraraju's breath had a strong odor of alcoholic drink, his eyes were bloodshot, his speech was confused and mumbling and at times incoherent, plus once out of the car his balance was unsure. In other words, he appeared to be drunk.

Officer Steber conducted field sobriety tests. Part of the tests Ruddraraju failed other parts he claimed he did not understand instructions. He took a field breath test that showed his BAC level to be. .119%.

PRELIMINARY BREATH TEST (PBT) POSITIVE FOR ALCOHOL? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> REFUSED  RESULT <u>.119</u> %
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This is from the police report concerning the condition Steber found Ruddraraju to be in.

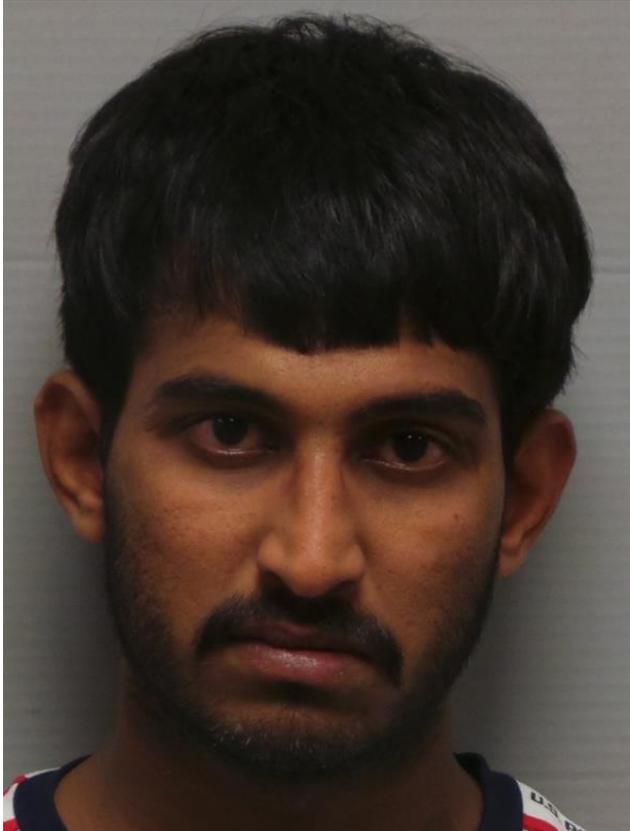
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CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	DESCRIBE: T-Shirt, Jean Shorts, Flip-Flops SOILED BY:
UNUSUAL ACTIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> PROFANITY <input type="checkbox"/> HICCUPS <input type="checkbox"/> BELCHING <input type="checkbox"/> VOMITING <input type="checkbox"/> FIGHTING <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:
ATTITUDE	DESCRIBE: Confused / Apologetic repeatedly stated he would do "anything to make this go away".

Ruddraraju was arrested for DWI . At the police station he agreed to take an "official" breath test. That test showed his BAC level was dropping, but he was still drunk. It was .112%.

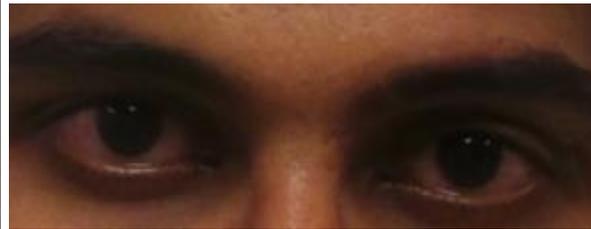
<b>BLOOD ALCOHOL CONCENTRATION BY WEIGHT</b>  <b>0.112%</b>
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Ruddraraju agreed to be interviewed. Here is a portion of the interview where he did not think he was intoxicated.

WHAT TIME IS IT NOW? "4:40 to 4:55"	WHAT IS THE DATE? "Saturday, 23rd, 24th August Today"	WHAT CITY (COUNTY) ARE YOU IN NOW? "Chesterfield, MO"	
WHAT WERE YOU DOING DURING THE LAST THREE HOURS PRIOR TO CONTACT WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT? "I was at home, then I just dropped my friend, then I was driving 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? "Just Beer, just Corona Beer. Just 4 Beers."	TIME STARTED "12, 2, 3, 4pm Friday"	TIME STOPPED "Around 3:00-3:30"
HOW MUCH? "4-5 beers, 4, not completely 5. Then ate and watched a movie. That's all."	WHERE? "In my home."	ARE YOU UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF AN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	



Ruddraraju



Ruddraraju's eyes

**OUTCOME:** On 01/13/20 the DWI charge was reduced to Careless and Impudent Driving with a \$198 fine. The Speeding 73MPH in a 45 zone was amended to a non-traffic charge of a Health Code Violation with a \$198 fine. The Driving With High Beams On within 500 feet on Oncoming Traffic was dismissed by prosecutor Tim Engelmeyer.

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**MOTORIST SEES DRUNK DRIVER CRASH INTO GUARD RAIL AND KEEP GOING. WITNESS THEN FOLLOWED AND CALLED POLICE.** It was a Saturday afternoon August 24, 2019 when a motorist saw the driver of a blue Volvo drive off of Hwy 94 at I-64 and smash the left side of the car into a guard rail. The driver did not stop and got onto eastbound I-64 heading from St. Charles County into St. Louis County and Chesterfield.

The witness called the Chesterfield Police dispatch (County Police under contract), giving a description of the car and the license plate number.

The information was dispatched to Officer Todd Lantz, who ran the license number and found it checked to a person whose address was that of the Comfort Suites Hotel on Chesterfield Airport Road.



18375 Chesterfield Airport Road Reynold's address.

At about 3:57 PM Officer Lantz saw the Volvo with the damage driving at him going east on Chesterfield Airport Road.



Officer Todd Lantz

The witness to the crash on Hwy 94 saw Officer Lantz and flashed his headlights at him.

Officer Lantz watched the driver weave across the center line and he then pulled the car over having the driver pull onto the parking lot of a Wendy's.

He contacted the driver, Jeffrey Alexander Reynolds, 51. He asked Reynolds how he got the extensive damage down the left side of his car, only to have Reynolds ask, "What damage?"

It was clear that Reynolds was drunk. This is from the police report of Officer Lantz's observations upon first contacting Reynolds.

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SPEECH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SLURRED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CONFUSED <input type="checkbox"/> INCOHERENT <input type="checkbox"/> STUTTERING <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MUMBLING
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	DESCRIBE: <i>Blue button down shirt, Blue Jeans</i> SOILED BY:
UNUSUAL ACTIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> PROFANITY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> HICCUPS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BELCHING <input type="checkbox"/> VOMITING <input type="checkbox"/> FIGHTING
ATTITUDE	DESCRIBE: <i>Confused, Repetitive</i>

Officer Lantz reported that he kept asking Reynolds for his drivers' license and he watched as Reynolds repeatedly went past the license while searching his wallet.

Officer Lantz asked Reynolds for his Insurance Card and Reynolds handed him the title to the car.

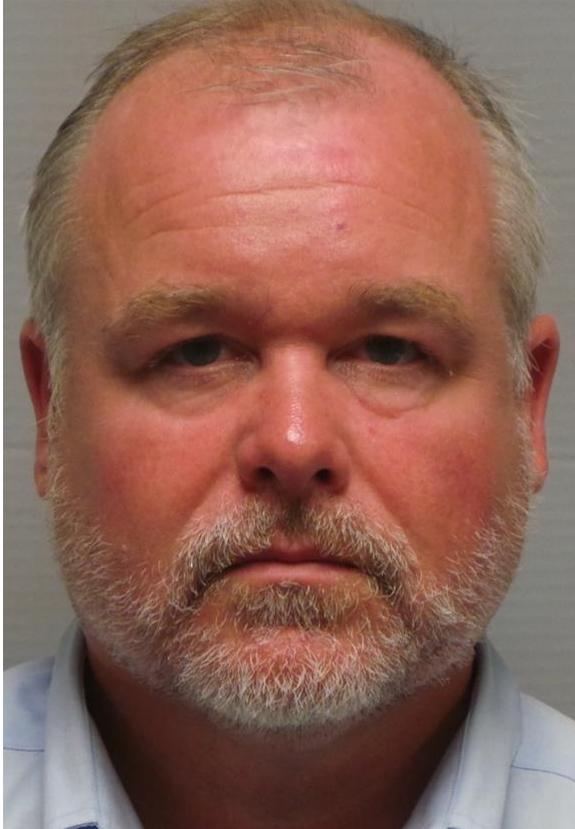
This is also from the police report:

I approached the driver (later identified as Jeffrey Reynolds) and requested his driver's license and proof of insurance. Reynolds fumbled through his handful of cards and cash trying to find his driver's license. I asked him what happened to his door and he stated he had no idea what I was talking about. I could immediately smell the odor of intoxicating beverage coming from his person and his speech was slurred.

Reynolds refused to take a field breath test. However when walking outside of this car he fell against the police car. He agreed to take field sobriety tests which he failed.

At the time of his arrest Officer Lantz found in plain view a half full open bottle of 11% alcohol wine on the floorboard.

Reynolds was arrested for DWI, Improper Lane Use and Open Container Violation. At the police station he refused to take the "official" breath test or be interviewed.



Jeffrey Reynolds



Reynolds' eyes

Record:

08/24/19	DWI, Improper Lane Use, Open Container	Chesterfield PD
04/22/00	Speeding Guilty Fine	MO Hwy Patrol
11/14/92	Failure to Keep Right resulting in acc Guilty	MO Hwy Patrol

**OUTCOME:** Reynolds hired high priced defense attorney, Travis Noble, who specializes in DWI cases. On January 7, 2020 Reynolds pled guilty to DWI and had Judge Brunk place him on a SIS "No fine, No-points, No-permanent record" probation. City prosecutor Tim Engelmeyer reduced the moving violation of Improper Lane Use to Illegal Parking with a \$191 fine. The Open Container Charge was reduced to a Health Code violation with a \$233 fine. Reynolds who was drunk, wrecked his car and didn't know it when stopped and who refused to take a breath test walked out of the Chesterfield City Courtroom with No-Points on his driving records and paid fines for offenses he did not do. Typical Chesterfield Justice under Judge Rick Brunk and Mayor Bob Nation.

**LANE WEAVING ON THE WAY HOME FROM A WEDDING RESULTS IN DWI**

**ARREST.** On Friday September 18, 2020 at about 10:40pm Town and Country Officer Eric Diaz (a former Highway Patrol trooper) observed a white Nissan Altima in front of him on NB 270 before I-64. The car was weaving from lane 4 to lane 3.

He stopped the driver, Theodore Marler, 27, of Hazelwood (now he lives in Chesterfield), just north of I-64. Upon contacting Marler it was clear he had been drinking. Officer Diaz asked where he was coming from and Marler said a wedding.

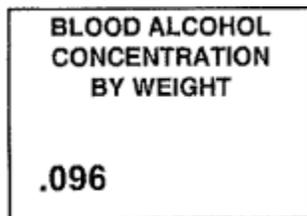
He asked Marler how much he had to drink. The response was "Not even a drink." Officer Diaz could smell booze on Marler's breath and other clues he had been drinking.

This is from the police report on Marler's condition when he got out of his car.

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	ODOR OF MARIJUANA OR CHEMICAL:	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO		
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SPEECH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SLURRED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CONFUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> INCOHERENT	<input type="checkbox"/> STUTTERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUMBLING

Marler refused to take a field breath test. He did do a series of sobriety tests which indicated he was intoxicated. He was arrested for DWI.

At the Town and Country Police Station Marler agreed to take an "official" breath test. That test showed that he had been drinking and in fact was intoxicated. His BAC level was .096%.



Marler also agreed to be interviewed. He changed his earlier statement of not having "even a drink" at a wedding reception to two beers between 6pm and 10:30pm. That statement was also as unbelievable as having nothing to drink.

Marler was issued a citation for DWI. We could find no other arrests or traffic offense on Marler.



Theodore Marler



Marler's eyes

**OUTCOME:** On 10/08/21 Marler pled guilty in Town and Country Municipal Court. Judge Andrea Niehoff placed him on a 2-year SIS "No-Fine, No-Points, No-Permanent Record" probation term.

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### **BURNED OUT LICENSE PLATE LIGHT LEADS TO DUID ARREST AND SEIZURE OF PIPES, GRINDER AND A BONG**

On Sunday night September 8, 2019 at 10:45pm Chesterfield Police Officer Devin Kitrel stopped the driver of a black 1996 Chevrolet Prizm on Olive Blvd for not having a rear license plate light.

Upon contacting the driver Rebecca Rieger, 25, of Chesterfield, Officer Kitrel could smell the odor of recently burnt marijuana. The front seat passenger was Timothy Divers, 28, of Chesterfield, who owned the car. Officer Kitrel had both subjects step from the car at which time Divers told him he had a marijuana smoking pipe in his pants pocket.

A check of the car revealed a marijuana grinder with a picture of Bob Marley on it, a bong and another glass smoking pipe.

The driver, Rieger appeared to be impaired. Officer Brendan Steber arrived on the scene and he took over dealing with Rieger and Officer Kitrel dealt with Divers.

Riegers took a field breath test had showed she had been drinking but was not intoxicated. She tested at .027% BAC well under the .08% intoxication level.

Officer Steber conducted field sobriety tests that showed Rieger was impaired. She stated that she and Divers had been at a friends' house and had something to drink and smoke marijuana.

Rieger agreed to go to St. Luke's Hospital for a blood draw.

The blood later tested positive for marijuana and THC.

She was cited for DWID, Expired Drivers' License and Op a Veh With Obstructed Lic Plate (no lic plate light at night.)

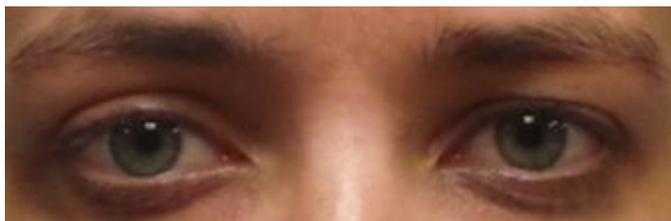
Divers had told Officer Kitrel that all the marijuana smoking devices and marijuana grinder were his. He was issued a citation for Possession of Drug Paraphernalia



Devin Kitrel



Brendan Steber



Rebecca Rieger had no prior record.

**OUTCOME: Rieger:** On 02/18/20 Rieger appeared in Chesterfield Muni Court with a lawyer and pled guilty to the DWID charge. She was placed on a 2-year SIS “No-Fine, No-Points and No-Permanent Record” probation. She was also ordered to attend three seminars/impact panels.

Her Expired Drivers’ Lic charge was reduced to a Parking Violation with a \$191 fine. The Lic Plate violation was also reduced to a Parking violation with a \$118 fine.

**Divers:** Timothy Paul Divers, now of South County, also appeared in Chesterfield Municipal Court on 02/18/20. All the marijuana devices possessed by Divers was no big deal to the city prosecutor, Tim Engelmeyer, who reduced the drug charge to a non-criminal Health Code Violation. Judge Brunk then fined him \$266.

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**DRUNK DRIVER HITS CURB, BLOWS OUT TWO TIRES, PULLS OVER AND CALLS FATHER TO COME GET HIM. THE POLICE GOT HIM FIRST.** On Wednesday July 22, 2020 at 2:07 in the afternoon Chesterfield Police Officers Ashley Saffa and Celia Saavedra were dispatched to a suspicious occupied Volvo on Brittana Drive near Schoettler Road.



Officer Saffa      Officer Saavedra

On arrival they found a male behind the wheel of the running car and two blown out right tires. The driver, Russell A. Ping, 36, owner of Russell’s Café and Bakery, was asked how he got to the side of the road with two flat tires.

He replied, “from...um...I just decided to pull over and decided this was the best thing to do because I should not be driving.” He said he called his father to come get him.

When asked how much he had to drink, he responded, “Some.”

Officer Saffa asked Ping for his drivers' license. He began a search for his wallet which was on the seat next to him. Once he found the wallet he was asked for his car insurance card. He handed Officer Saffa a credit card, he followed that with a health insurance card and then simply handed her a stack of cards from his wallet.

Officer Saffa could see that his pants were wet in the crouch. He also had the smell booze on his breath, bloodshot eyes and slurred speech.

This is from the police report concerning his overall condition.

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SPEECH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SLURRED <input type="checkbox"/> CONFUSED <input type="checkbox"/> INCOHERENT <input type="checkbox"/> STUTTERING <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MUMBLING <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	DESCRIBE: BLACK T SHIRT, TAN SHORTS, TENNIS SHOES SOILED BY: UNKNOWN LIQUID
UNUSUAL ACTIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PROFANITY <input type="checkbox"/> HICCUPS <input type="checkbox"/> BELCHING <input type="checkbox"/> VOMITING <input type="checkbox"/> FIGHTING <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

He stated that he was unaware that both of his right side tires were flat from sidewall blowouts.

Police found in the Volvo an empty Vodka bottle.

He failed field sobriety tests. A field breath test showed his BAC level was at .256% or more than 3x above the legal limit. However, at the police station he refused to take the "official" breath test. He also refused to be interviewed.

**PRELIMINARY BREATH TEST (PBT)  
POSITIVE FOR ALCOHOL?**

YES  NO  REFUSED

RESULT 256 %



Russell Ping



Ping's eyes

**OUTCOME:** On 03/09/21 Ping, with a defense attorney, pled Guilty to DWI and Judge Brunk promptly put him on a 2-year SIS "No-Fine, No-Points, No Permanent Record" Probation with a requirement he attend a substance abuse class. He also pled guilty to Expired License Plates and was fined \$55. Finally he pled guilty to an amended charge of the Open Container that was reduced to a non-traffic Health Code Violation. He was fined \$300.

**THREE HISPANICS FROM ILLINOIS CAUGHT WITH A CARLOAD OF STOLEN ITEMS LEAVING OUTLET MALL:** On June 7, 2019 at about 7:50pm Premium Outlet Mall security contacted Chesterfield Police Special Enforcement Officer David Krumm (now Sgt. Krumm) direct on the unit's cell phone to report that three Hispanics, two men and a woman had been stealing from the Ugg Shoes store and possibly other stores.

Officers Fenton and Pousson also responded.

As Officer Krumm was turning from Olive into the Outlet Mall he was advised that one male had run across I-64 while a male and female suspect were in black Hyundai Sonata with Illinois license plates.

The car was passing Officer Krumm about the time he got the description.

He turned around and stopped it. He contacted the driver, Harold Lopez-Alfonso, 33, of Berwyn, IL. The passenger was Lizeth Quintero-Montejo, 33, of Lyons, Illinois.

Both were taken out of the car and handcuffed. Mall security responded and identified them as two of the suspects. Inside the car officers found a device used to remove product security sensors along with the stolen sandals from The UGG Store. A check of the trunk revealed the following:

**SUNGLASSES**

**5 PAIR OF SUNGLASSES**

**ASSORTED**

**Model  
Owner Applied #**

**Recovered Date**

**2 MICHAEL KORS, 1 COACH, 1 RAYBAN, 1 TORY BURCH**

- 1) Ugg Sandals, 16290376, \$75.00
- 2) Ugg Sandals, 900136448, \$75.00
  
- 3) American Eagle Denim Shorts, 29862448, \$44.95
- 4) American Eagle Blk Denim Shorts, 29861317, \$49.95
- 5) American Eagle Striped Top, 30487441, \$44.95
- 6) American Eagle Striped Top, 30487433, \$44.95
- 7) American Eagle Blue Denim Shorts, 29861432, \$49.95
- 8) American Eagle Blue Denim Shorts, 29862588, \$49.95
- 9) American Eagle Blue Denim Shorts, 29862471, \$44.95
- 10) American Eagle Blue Shorts, 25919853, \$44.95
- 11) American Eagle Denim Shorts, 29573144, \$44.95
- 12) American Eagle Denim Shorts, 29573136, \$44.95
- 13) American Eagle Denim Shorts, 29861432, \$49.95
- 14) American Eagle Denim Shorts, 29862588, \$49.95
- 15) American Eagle Denim Shorts, 29893872, \$49.95
- 16) Eddie Bauer Gray Shirt, 06618991300060, \$24.99
- 17) Eddie Bauer Gray Shirt, 06618527220050, \$24.99
- 18) Eddie Bauer Blue Jacket, 05167301820050, \$119.99
- 19) Eddie Bauer Blue Jacket, 05167049070060, \$89.99
- 20) Eddie Bauer Gray Pants, 05303807070050, \$59.99

- 21) Eddie Bauer Red Shirt, 05922661630030, \$24.99
- 22) Eddie Bauer Gray Shirt, 05922647220040, \$24.99
- 23) Eddie Bauer Gray Shirt, 05922681300040, \$24.99
- 24) Eddie Bauer Gray Shirt, 06618187220060, \$24.99
- 25) Eddie Bauer Red-White-Blue Shirt, 05922725000040, \$24.99
- 26) Eddie Bauer Red-White-Blue Shirt, 05922725000030, \$24.99
- 27) Eddie Bauer Red-White-Blue Shirt, 05922725000050, \$24.99
- 28) Eddie Bauer Tan Pants, 05300282259410, \$59.99
- 29) Michael Kors Black Sunglasses
- 30) Michael Kors Pink Sunglasses
- 31) Coach Pink/Clear Sunglasses
- 32) Tory Burch Black Sunglasses
- 33) Rayban Blue Sunglasses
- 34) Nike Blue VM Air Shoes
- 35) Nike Tan High Top Shoes



Officer Krumm



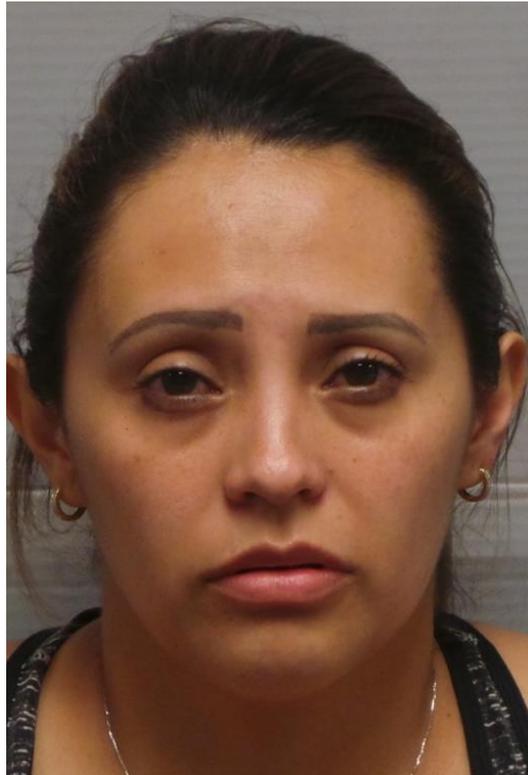
Officer Pousson

The two claimed not to speak English.

The third suspect was identified as Christian Cruz-Montejo, 20, of Lyons, Illinois. Despite a search of the area he was not located and a city arrest warrant was issued.



Harold Lopez-Alfonso



Lizeth Quintero-Montejo

We could not find other cases in Missouri or in St. Clair or Madison Counties in Illinois on Lopez-Alfonso. However on 02/25/20 Quintero-Montejo tried her luck stealing from the West County Shopping Center in Des Peres. She was arrested and charged Felony Stealing Over \$750. A Warrant for Failure to Appear was issued on 12/09/21.

**OUTCOME:** On 10/15/19 Lopez-Alfonso appeared in Chesterfield City Court without a defense attorney and pled Guilty to Stealing. Judge Brunk fined him \$300. He also pled guilty to Possession of a Theft Device and was fined \$100.

On 10/15/19 Quintero-Montejo pled guilty in Chesterfield. She also did not hire a local attorney and Judge Brunk fined her \$500.

On 11/19/19 Christian Cruz-Montejo pled guilty and was fined \$300.

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**TOWN AND COUNTRY OFFICER RECEIVES LECTURE FROM WOMAN ARRESTED FOR DRUNK DRIVING:** Long after the few Trick or Treaters during the first stage of the COVID pandemic had gone home, Town and Country Cpl. Steve Doll was working the

overnight shift. At about 1:15am Sunday 11/01/20 he observed the driver of black Nissan sedan weaving from lane to lane on SB I-270.



Cpl. Steve Doll

He pulled the car over north of Manchester Road and went to the passenger side front door to stay out of traffic. As soon as the window was lowered by the driver (sole occupant) he immediately smelled booze on her breath.

The driver, Denise E. Martin, 41, of Fenton, Mo twice denied having anything to drink. However, her eyes were bloodshot, her speech was slurred and her balance was unsure. This is from Cpl. Doll's report:

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CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	DESCRIBE: BLACK LEATHER LEGGINGS, COAT, HIGH HEELS SOILED BY: NONE
UNUSUAL ACTIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PROFANITY <input type="checkbox"/> HICCUPS <input type="checkbox"/> BELCHING <input type="checkbox"/> VOMITING <input type="checkbox"/> FIGHTING <input type="checkbox"/>
ATTITUDE	DESCRIBE: SARCASTIC, ANGRY, INSULTING

Once he got Martin out of her car her story about drinks changed from "nothing" to "nothing much" and then to two vodkas.

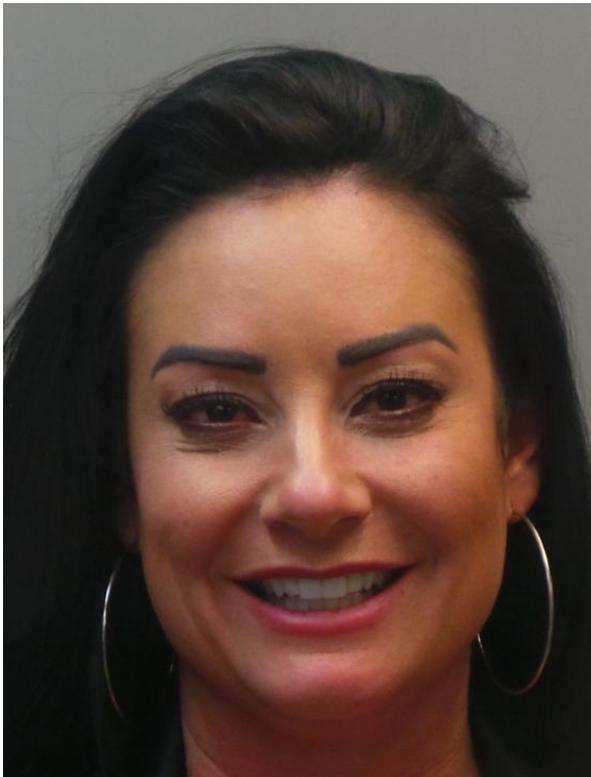
Martin failed field sobriety tests and then refused to take a field breath test. She later would refuse to take the official breath test at the police station.

Cpl. Doll placed Martin under arrest for DWI and told her to put her hands behind her back for handcuffing. She refused a total of three requests from Cpl. Doll forcing him to physically grab her arms and put them behind her back.

While perparing Martin's car to be towed Cpl. Doll found a tumbler of orange juice and vodka in the car's cup holder.

On the way to the police station Martin began dropping police officers' names. She then lectured Cpl. Doll and included F-Bombs. This is from the report:

Martin was transported the the Town and Country Police Station. It should be noted Martin attempted to dropped multiple names of Officers she said she knew in an attempt to persuade me not to arrest her. While transporting Martin, she started using profanity, getting angry, and using insulting language. Martin stated, "When you go to sleep tonight thinking you fucked my life." "Karma is a fucking bitch." "Every time you can't sleep, think of me, because you know I was not fucking drunk and I could of drove home, I live in Fenton, two fucking minutes from here, you could of followed me home, but instead you wanted to do this." Martin continued to be very uncooperative throughout the entire booking process.



Denise Martin



Martin's eyes

Martin was charged with DWI and Fail to Drive in Single Lane.

**OUTCOME:** On 08/18/21 Martin who repeatedly claimed she was not drunk but repeatedly refused to prove it by taking a breath test, pled guilty to DWI in Town and

Country Municipal Court. She had no prior records and was placed on a 2-year SIS “No-Fine, No-Points, No-Permanent Record” probation. She also pled guilty to the Improper Lane Use charge and was fined \$191.

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**PASSING A MARKED POLICE DOING 82 MPH AND THEN DRIVING OFF THE HIGHWAY ONTO THE SHOULDER IS A GOOD WAY TO MEET A POLICE**

**OFFICER:** It was just after midnight Monday night into Tuesday March 30, 2021. Officer Ryan Schneider was driving a fully marked police vehicle on EB I-64 approaching Ballas Road when a white 1998 Ford F-150 passed him on the left. According the radar unit in the police car the pickup truck was doing 82 MPH.

Officer Schneider watched as the pickup truck then swerved from the far left lane onto the left shoulder of the highway. Officer Schneider quickly used the flashing lights and siren to stop the pickup truck.



Officer Schneider

He contacted the driver, Gavin McEvoy, 21 of St. Louis. He immediately noticed a slight smell of booze on Mcevoy’s breath. When asked how much he had to drink, Mcevoy said he had one Twisted Tea tall boy, then bent over and picked up an empty Twisted Tea container off the floorboard and showed it to Officer Schneider.

McEvoy did not due well on the alphabet verbal test while in the car and did poorly on balance tests out of the car.

A field breath test showed his BAC level at .104%.

He was arrested for speeding and DWI.

At the police station after booking McEvoy agreed to take an official breath test that showed his BAC level was going up. It was .110% BAC.

In a post arrest interview McEvoy said he wasn't sure if he was in Creve Coeur or the City of St. Louis. He said he consumed the alcohol in his car after he got off of work around 11pm.

McEvoy still lived with his parents on Kingsbury Place in the central west end of St. Louis.



McEvoy residence

03/30/21	DWI PG 2-year SIS "No-Fine, No-Points" probation	Town & Country PD
	Speeding reduced to Illegal parking	\$191 fine
12/05/19	2-drug charges reduced to Health Code Violations	Chesterfield PD
	\$355 fines	
05/17/19	Speeding 20-25 over limit	\$155 fine
		MO Hwy Patrol



Gavin McEvoy



McEvoy's eyes

**OUTCOME:** 16 months earlier McEvoy was stopped for a traffic violation in Chesterfield and booked for two drug related ordinance violations that were reduced to Health Code Violations by Chesterfield's prosecutor Tim "Hire a Lawyer and I'll reduce your charges to non-criminal offenses" Engelmeyer. The actual traffic charge was dismissed. 22 months earlier he was cited by the Highway Patrol for Speeding 20-25 MPH over the limit in Cole County, Missouri.

So did Town and Country prosecutor Keith Cheung and Judge Andrea Niehoff decide it was time to get tough with McEvoy and protect the public? Absolutely...not.

McEvoy pled guilty to DWI on 09/04/21. He was given a SIS "No-fine, No-points, No-permanent record" probation. So he must have been hammered on Speeding 22 MPH over the limit while drunk and swerving off the road, right? No again! The speeding charge was turned into a Parking Violation with a \$191 fine. So much for the public's safety!