

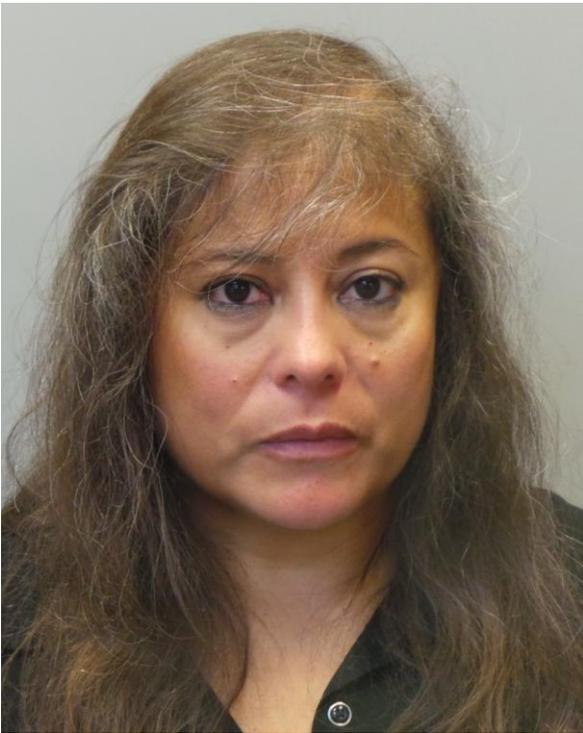
## DRUNKS AND THIEVES 2018 Part 1 May 6, 2018



**By John Hoffmann**

**DRUNK DRIVER FROM OLIVETTE CLAIMING SHE WAS WEAVING ON I-64 BECAUSE SHE WAS LOOKING AT HER GPS.** Cpl. Chris Moore on September 7, 2014 at 1:23 AM observed a gold Honda CRV weaving from lane to lane on I-64 eastbound after Highway 141. The driver of the Honda then sped up to 79 MPH in a 60 MPH zone. Cpl. Moore stopped the Honda at Mason.

The driver was Delia Elizabeth Keister, 46, of Olivette, Missouri.



**Delia Keister**

She stated that she was weaving because she was checking her GPS. This is an odd statement. Keister has owned and lived on Fairlight Ct. near Olive Blvd. and I-170 since 2006. I can't imagine why she would be checking a GPS on her way home. The most direct route is I-64-to NB I-170 to Olive and she would be home.

Moore found the usual signs of intoxication, booze on the breath, bloodshot eyes, confused speech, unsure balance. She failed other field tests, except the reciting the alphabet test. She claimed she could not take the test because English was her second language. Cpl. Moore never put in his report what her first language was.

At the police station she refused to take a breath test. But she did consent to be interviewed. She stated that she thought she was in Creve Coeur or Chesterfield. Despite the date being September 7<sup>th</sup> she said the date was September 20.

**OUTCOME:** On June 29, 2017 Keister pled guilty to DWI and Speeding. This was a shocking sentence. Judge Robert Heggie (who we still think should be disbarred for hiding public documents, city contracts and leases, at his law office so the public would not have access to to them when he was City Attorney of Chesterfield) sentenced Keister to 30 Days jail. He then placed her on a 2-year SES probation term, but the DWI is on her record. He also fined her \$725 for speeding. (orig. appeared in Ex Alderman Newsletter 315 on 02/04/18.)

**WHOLE FOODS WAS ACTUALLY MORE THAN WHOLE PAYCHECK FOR ONE CASHIER WHO STOLE \$13,000 OVER LESS THAN 2 MONTHS.** Trendy former hippies who are now wealthy and live in West County clearly are spending some serious money at the Town and Country Whole Foods store. The joke for years is that Whole Foods is also known in many areas as “While Paycheck” due to their prices for organic and non-brand name products.

The fact they are raking in the money was made clear on January 4, 2017 when Town and Country detectives were called to the store in the Town and Country Crossing Shopping Center.



Cashier Samone Yancey, 26, of Florissant was in the back room with Whole Foods corporate security. Her employment with Whole Foods was down to its final minutes.

Through a computer system tied to the cash registers Whole Foods was able to determine that between November 14, 2016 and January 3, 2017 Yancey had been creating fraudulent cash refunds for nonexistent customers and keeping the money. Her checkout line was having a lot of cash refunds. It totaled \$12,927.96.

Yancey had given a verbal and written confession to Whole Foods security agents. She told them she was having “financial difficulties.” Her employment was terminated around 2:30 and she was then arrested. Once arrested, she declined to give any more confessions.



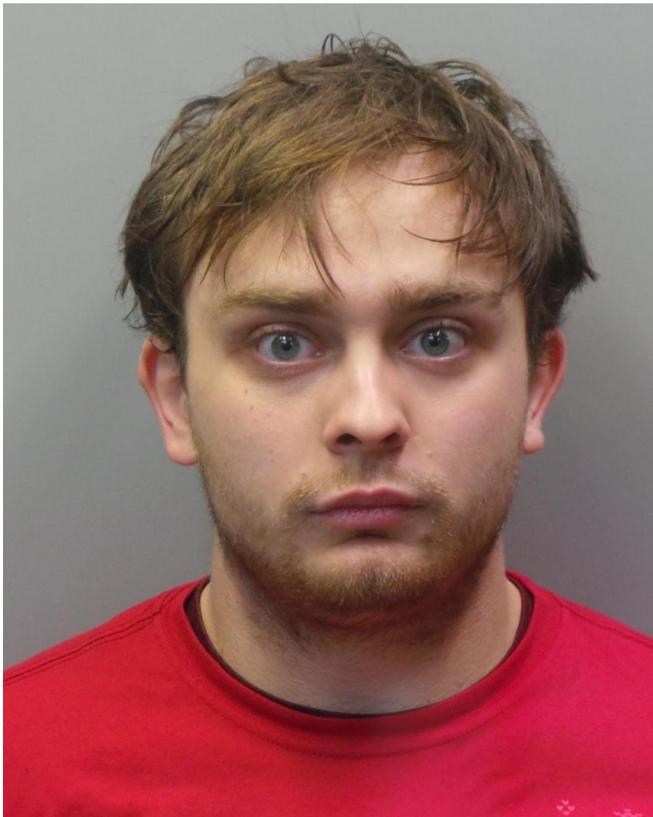
Once charged her bond was set at \$5,000 or just 38% of what she had stolen. But when she was arrested on the warrant the bond was waived and she was released on her own recognizance bond.

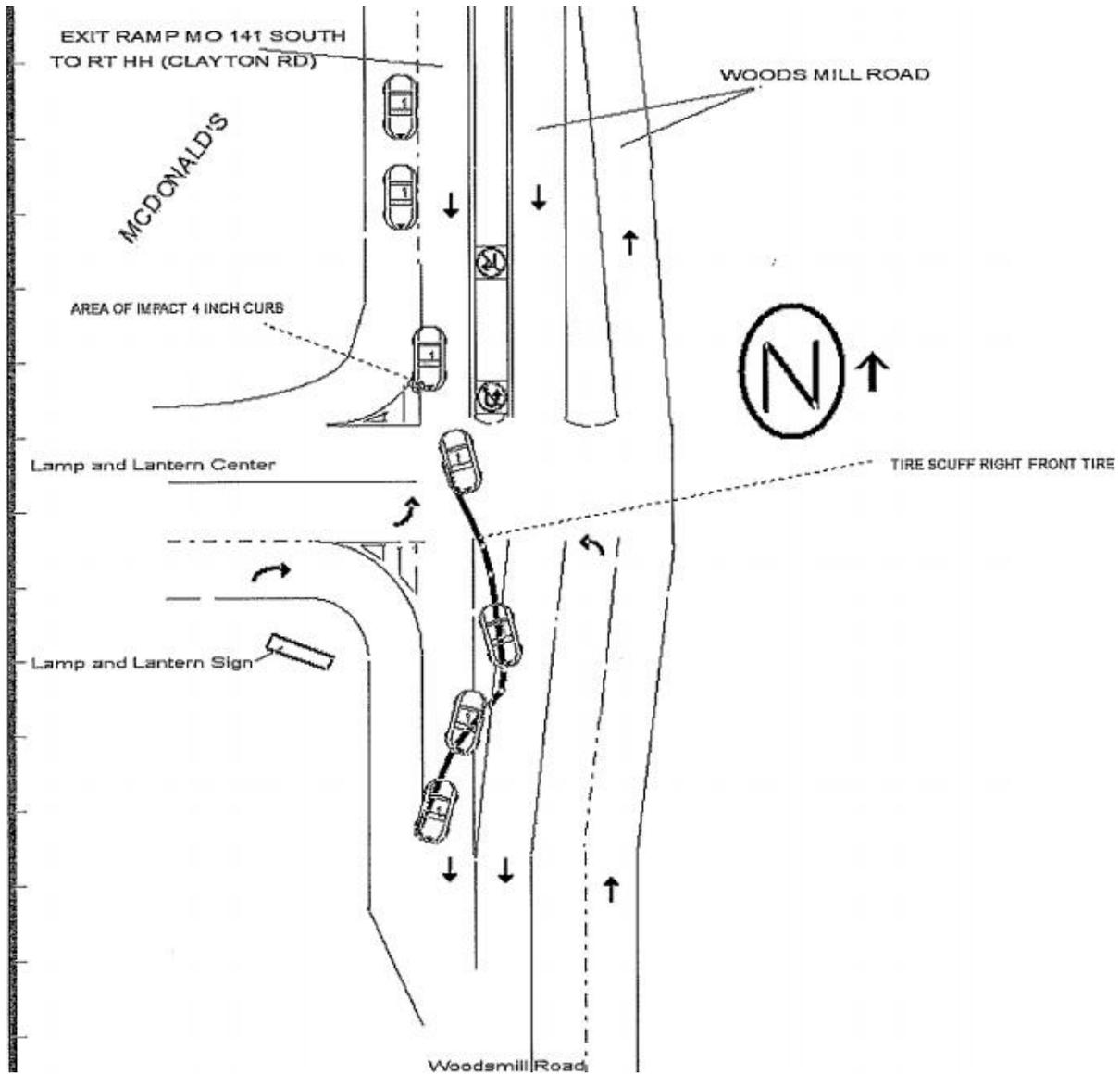
**OUTCOME:** She pled guilty on July 14<sup>th</sup> 2017 in front of Judge David Vincent who gave her a No-Record, No-Fine, No-Jail SIS probation. She is required to reimburse to Whole Foods the 13-Grand she stole. (I hope Whole Food isn't counting on the money soon or ever.) The term of the probation is 5-years. (This originally appeared in Newsletter #317 on Feb. 18, 2018.)

**FOR THE NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY THE DESIGNATED DRIVER CRASHES CAR AND APPEARS TO HAVE PISSED ON HIMSELF.** Town and Country Officer Jordan Fowler was on patrol on January 1, 2017 at about 3:24 AM when he observed a white 2015 Dodge Dart against the curb on SB Woods Mill Road just south of the McDonalds and the entrance to the Lamp & Lantern shopping center.

He contacted the driver of the car Matthew Kasoff, 21, of 1878 Braumton Ct. in Chesterfield. Kasoff stated that he did not know what happened for sure but gave a very unusual explanation as to why he pulled over. This is from the police report along with Officer Fowler's diagram of what actually happened.

DRIVER #1 WAS CONFUSED ABOUT THE EVENTS LEADING UP TO THE CRASH. DRIVER #1 COULD ONLY REMEMBER TRAVELING SOUTHBOUND HIGHWAY 141 FROM LADUE AND EXITING TO WOODS MILL NORTH OF CLAYTON ROAD. DRIVER #1 COULD NOT RECALL COLLIDING WITH AN OBJECT OR ANOTHER VEHICLE. DRIVER #1 STATED, "WE WERE PULLING OVER CAUSE MY CAR WAS SEVERELY TURBULENCE."





Officer Fowler report laid out some of the key clues that Kasoff was drunk.

OFFICER'S OBSERVATION MADE PRIOR TO ARREST OR CUSTODY (Check appropriate box[es] and add any pertinent remarks.)	
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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WATERY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BLOODSHOT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GLASSY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STARING <input type="checkbox"/> ARTIFICIAL EYE
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 <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 type="checkbox"/> OTHER:
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	DESCRIBE: WHITE JACKET/T-SHIRTS/JEANS/TENNIS SHOES SOILED BY: WET SHIRT & PANTS

In his narrative he mentioned that the top of Kasoff's pants were wet as was the bottom of his shirt and his fly was open. He inferred that Kasoff had urinated on himself.

Kasoff was asked to recite the alphabet beginning with the letter "J" and ending with the letter "W." According to the Police Report, these were his responses:

| ALPHABET J-W: SAID JQRSTUVXX. THEN SAID JQRSTUVWXYZ.

He was arrested and at the police station agreed to take a breath test. The results of the test showed Kasoff's BAC level to be .13%.

In an interview at the police station Kasoff said he was the designated driver for the night and for his cousin David Wells.

This is interesting as Wells was sued by Kasoff for injuries he received in an auto accident in 2013 when Wells and Kasoff were under 18-years-of-age. Kasoff was awarded \$8,000 once he turned 18.

Kasoff, the safe driver, who stopped driving due to "turbulence" was driving Wells this time. Neither Wells nor Kasoff claimed any injuries.

Besides the past litigation against his cousin, on 12/26/13 Kasoff was cite for speeding 26 MPH above the speed limit in Linn, Missouri. Linn is the County Seat of Osage County and Hwy 50 goes through the middle of town just south of Jefferson City. On July 3, 2014 he pled guilty and was fined \$400. (The judges in Osage County are a little tougher than the ones in St. Louis County.)

**OUTCOME:** on August 17, 2017 Kasoff pled guilty before Town and Country Judge Niehoff for Improper Lane Use and was fined \$175. He pled guilty to DWI and was placed on a 2-year No-Record, No-Fine, No-Points SIS probation. He was assessed \$262.50 for court and police costs. (Originally appeared in Ex Alderman Newsletter 320 on March 11, 2018)

**WEAVING, TEXTING DRUNK DRIVER WHO HAD PEED IN HER PANTS DENIED DRINKING, THEN REFUSED TO TAKE A BREATH TEST.** On May 20, 2017 just after midnight Town and Country Officer Doll had plenty of clues that the driver of the 2012 Toyota Highlander might be drunk. He watched as the driver weaved from the WB I-64 exit lane to SB I-270, back onto I-64 and then across the lanes and onto the shoulder.

Officer Doll stopped the Toyota after it had exited I-64 at Maryville Center. The driver, Rebecca Oswald, 42, of Manchester, MO said she did not know why she had been stopped. Officer Doll explained he stopped her because she had been weaving all over the highway.

Oswald replied that was because she had been texting. Oswald had the strong smell of booze on her breath, but at first denied having anything to drink but then said she might have had one beer while at the Cardinals baseball game.

Officer Doll's police report listed the following immediate clues that Oswald had been drinking.

OFFICER'S OBSERVATION MADE PRIOR TO ARREST OR CUSTODY (Check appropriate box(es) and add any pertinent remarks.)	
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 type="checkbox"/> NO
EYES PUPILS	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> SWAYING <input 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: BLACK SHOES, BLUE JEANS, RED SHIRT SOILED BY: URINE (JEANS)
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: NONE

He asked her about the wet spot on her jeans and she admitted it was urine.

She refused to take a field breath test and failed other field sobriety tests. She was arrested and at the police station she again refused to take the official breath test.

I find it amazing that someone who claims they only had one-beer would refuse to take a breath test, unless of course the person is lying, like most are when arrested for DWI.



Rebecca Oswald

**OUTCOME:** On 08/17/17 Oswald pled guilty before Town and Country Judge Niehoff to DWI. She was placed on a No-Record, No-Fine, No-Points 2-year SIS probation. She also pled guilty to improper lane use and was fined \$225 and received 2-points on her driver's license. (Originally appeared in Ex Alderman Newsletter 323 April 1, 2018)

**DRUNK DRIVER DOING 92 MPH AT 7:14 IN THE MORNING DRAGS CASE OUT FOR TWO YEARS:** Charles Luis Puff, 31, of Maryland Heights, was driving his Ford pickup truck north on I-270 at 7:14 in the morning on Saturday July 11, 2015. He was passing everything in sight and caught the attention of Sgt. Defoe of the Town and Country Police Department, who was also driving north on I-270 ahead of Puff.

Defoe saw the speeding truck and turned on his unmarked patrol car's moving radar unit and clocked Puff doing 92 MPH in the 60 zone.

Once stopped Puff showed the usual signs of being a drunk driver. He stated that he had not had anything to drink since leaving Ballpark Village the night before at 11pm. (The Cardinals were on the road and lost 5-2 to Pittsburgh.) Puff failed field tests and a field breath test showed his BAC to be well above the .08% limit.

Puff was arrested and taken to the police station. There in an interview he stated that he had nothing to eat since Friday morning on July 10. He refused to take an official breath test at the police station.



Charles L. Puff

Here is Puff's record that we could find:

10/03/05	Speeding reduced to 1-5 MPH over no points. \$200 fine	MO Hwy Patrol
03/05/07	Moving Violation reduced to Illegal Parking \$250 fine	St. Louis CO PD
09/04/14	Moving violation reduced to Illegal Parking \$150 fine.	MO Hwy Patrol

**OUTCOME:** One day shy of the second anniversary of his arrest and after having his attorney transfer the case to St. Louis County, Puff pled guilty to DWI and Speeding before Judge Mary Ott. On July 10, 2017 Judge Ott sentenced Puff to a 2-year No-Record, No-Fine, No-Points probation on the DWI. He does have to attend a Drunk Drivers Victim Impact course and do 80 hours a community service. He was fined \$300 for speeding 32 MPH over the limit. (Originally appeared in Newsletter #324 on April 8, 2018.)

**TOWN AND COUNTRY RESIDENT CAUGHT STEALING AT HIS JOB AT TARGET TO SUPPORT DRUG HABIT:** Andrew Wittmaier, 28, of 862 Millfield Ct in Town and Country, had quit his job as a cashier at the Town and Country Target Store.

At the time he quit, Target security was investigating shortages on cash register manned by Wittmaier. They found on seven times Wittmaier opened his registered and pocketed cash. The thefts were all captured on security video. Here are the dates and times of the thefts.

**Date: 04/15/16; Amount Short: \$37.69**  
**Date: 04/17/16; Amount Short: \$49.60**  
**Date: 04/19/16; Amount Short: \$22.00**  
**Date: 04/22/16; Amount Short: \$79.27**  
**Date: 04/23/16; Amount Short: \$58.36**  
**Date: 04/25/16; Amount Short: \$67.71**  
**Date: 04/26/16; Amount Short: \$38.07**

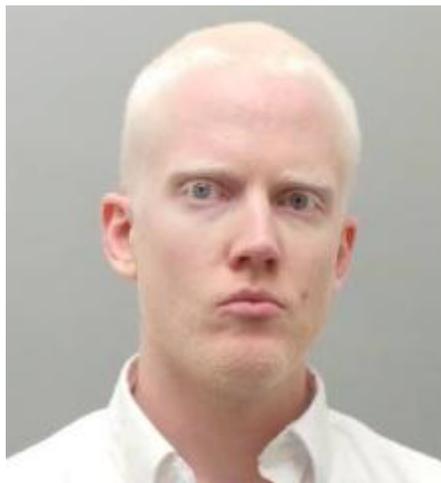
This totaled \$352.70 stolen in 11 days.

After obtaining videos of the thefts on May 9, 2016 Town and Country detectives went to Wittmaier's house (his parent's house) and contacted him. He voluntarily went with them to the police station and gave a statement. He said he was doing the cash register thefts to come up with enough money for drugs. He said he would text his drug dealer and find out how much he needed and then would steal what he needed to add to his own money for the drug purchase.

He told officers that he quit because he knew he would keep stealing for drugs if he stayed at Target.



Andrew Wittmaier 2016 Mug Shot



2017 Mug Shot

Here is what he found on Wittmaier's record:

01/04/09	Moving Violation Reduced to Illegal Parking \$150 Fine	MO Hwy Patrol
04/04/14	Speeding Fined \$102	Frontenac PD
05/09/16	Stealing	Town and Country PD
07/28/17	Sued for Back Rent Cypress Village Apartments	
08/04/17	Stealing	Bridgeton PD
08/05/17	Speeding	

**OUTCOME:** Court records show that Wittmaier pled guilty to Stealing before Town and Country Judge Niehoff on August 4, 2017 and was fined \$226.50 which included court costs. I was surprised to read this on the court files, as I was present for court that night do don't remember seeing Wittmaier or hearing his case called. Apparently this was handled out of court or Wittmaier pled guilty at an earlier date and paid the fine on August 4<sup>th</sup>. (Originally appeared on April 15, 2018 in Newsletter #325)

**CHRONIC DRUNK DRIVER MAKES A LEFT TURN FROM STRAIGHT LANE** On September 6, 2014 at 7:11 PM T&C Cpl. Chris Moore observed the driver of a 2012 Cadillac CTS make a left turn from the straight lane on SB Woods Mill at Clayton Road. Cpl. Moore pulled the car over and contacted the driver, Timothy M. Cox, 55, of Wentzville. Cox showed the usual signs of intoxication. He has a strong smell of booze on his breath, he was staggering, his eyes were bloodshot and glassy and his speech was slurred. He failed several field sobriety tests and before taking a Field Breath Test (which he failed) he stated "I'm drunk!"



Timothy M. Cox

Cox was arrested and taken to the Town and Country. He agreed to take a breath test that showed his BAC level to be .166%.

In an interview Cox stated he had stopped at Dave's Famous Bar for a cocktail and he had drinks in Forest Park.

Also at the police station it determined that Cox had over three prior DWI convictions. He was released pending felony warrant application. The charges were issued on

06/07/88	Speeding Fine \$15	Mo Hwy Patrol
12/01/92	Moving Violation reduced to Illegal Parking \$50 fine	St. Louis County PD
05/11/01	Improper Lane Use	St. Charles CO SO
05/11/01	DWI PG 2-year probation term Refused Breath Test	St. Charles CO SO
04/03/03	Speeding	MO Hwy Patrol
11/05/07	DWI PG 60 days jail but Placed on 2-year probation	MO Hwy Patrol
April 2008	DWI Refused Breath Test	St. Charles CO
06/05/09	Moving Violation reduced to Illegal Parking	Warrenton PD
10/30/10	Moving Violation reduced to Illegal Parking \$100 fine	MO Hwy Patrol
06/11/14	Moving Violation reduced to Loud Muffler \$100 fine	MO Hwy Patrol
06/09/13	Operate Unregistered Vehicle	St. Charles CO SO
09/06/14	Felony DWI	Town and Country PD

**OUTCOME:** On August 3, 2017 Cox pled guilty to Felony DWI before Circuit Court Judge Nancy McLaughlin. He was sentenced to 4-years in prison, but was immediately placed on a 5-year probation term having to do 480 hours of Community Service and not to Drink or take illegal drugs during the 5-years. (Appeared in Ex Alderman Newsletter #326 on April 22, 2018.)

**17-YEAR-OLD DOING 94 MPH ON I-64 AT MASON ROAD GETS PROBATION WITH NO FINE AND NO POINTS:** Town and Country Sgt. Chris Moore clocked 17-year-old Nicholas DeLucia of South County on Sunday January 29, 2017. The kid was driving a big 2010 GMC Yukon and going 94 MPH in a 60 zone on EB I-64 at Mason Road.

**OUTCOME:** DeLucia's attorney moved the case to the Circuit Court. On July 27, 2017 DeLucia pled guilty was sentenced to a SIS No-Fine, No-Record, NO-Points probation term for 2-years. However he was also required to attend a Victim's Impact class and take a defensive driving course. (Orig appeared in Newsletter #327 on 04/29/18)

STATE OF MISSOURI		DIVISION	
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF TOWN AND COUNTRY MUNICIPAL COUNTY 1			
COURT ADDRESS (Street, City, Zip) 1011 MUNICIPAL CENTER DRIVE DR, TOWN AND COUNTRY, MO, 63131			
COURT DATE	COURT TIME <input type="checkbox"/> AM <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PM	COURT PHONE NO.	
03/02/2017	7:00	(314) 432-1420	
I, KNOWING THAT FALSE STATEMENTS ON THIS FORM ARE PUNISHABLE BY LAW, STATE THAT I HAVE PROBABLE CAUSE TO BELIEVE THAT:			
ON ABOUT (Date)	AT TIME	HWY CLASS	UPON / AT OR NEAR (LOCATION)
01/29/2017	0405 HRS		EB IS 64 BE CRD MASON RD
WITHIN CITY / COUNTY AND STATE AFORESAID,			
NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE) DELUCIA, NICHOLAS, VALENTINE			
STREET ADDRESS 50 FORDER RD			
CITY ST LOUIS		STATE MO	ZIP CODE 63129
DATE OF BIRTH	RACE	SEX	HEIGHT
09/02/1999	W	M	507
WEIGHT	CDL: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO		STATE
125			MO
DRIVER'S LIC. NO. [REDACTED]			
EMPLOYER			
ADDRESS (Street, City, State, Zip)			
DID UNLAWFULLY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OPERATE/DRIVE <input type="checkbox"/> PARK		<input type="checkbox"/> C.M.V. <input type="checkbox"/> WITH HAZ. MAT	
VEHICLE	YEAR	MAKE	MODEL
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		[REDACTED]	MO
			YEAR
			2018
DID THEN AND THERE COMMIT THE FOLLOWING OFFENSE. THE FACTS SUPPORTING THIS BELIEF ARE AS FOLLOWS: <b>EXCEEDING SPEED LIMIT 60 MPH ZONE</b> <b>STK C9 RASL L1 94-MPH (SLOWED TO 65 WHEN HE GOT CLOSE TO ME, PASSED ME AND THEN SPED UP TO 71MPH FASL)</b>			
<input type="checkbox"/> Subject taken into custody. (Complete "For Issuance of a Warrant" section on reverse side.)			
DRIVING	POSTED SPEED LIMIT	DETECTION METHOD	
94 MPH	60 MPH	<input type="checkbox"/> STATIONARY RADAR <input type="checkbox"/> WATCH (AIR) <input type="checkbox"/> PACE <input type="checkbox"/> LASER	
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MOVING RADAR <input type="checkbox"/> WATCH (GROUND) <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER	
IN VIOLATION OF: STATUTE/ORDINANCE - CHARGE CODE			

**YOU CALL THIS JUSTICE?...UNBELIEVABLE!** Mayalis Wright, 23 of South County was observed by Lt. DeFoe of the Town and Country Police on WB I-64 Following a car Too Closely, and the speeding 91 MPH in a 60 zone. This was not in the middle of the night, but at 9:51 AM on Friday April 7, 2017.

UNION CIRCUIT  
ORI NO. MO 0957200 TOWN AND COUNTRY POLICE  
STATE OF MISSOURI  
DIVISION OF 21st CIRCUIT COURT

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STATE OF MISSOURI DIVISION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF TOWN AND COUNTRY MUNICIPAL COUNTY 1

COURT ADDRESS (Street, City, Zip)  
1011 MUNICIPAL CENTER DRIVE DR, TOWN AND COUNTRY, MO, 63131

COURT DATE 05/18/2017 COURT TIME 7:00 PM COURT PHONE NO. (314) 432-1420

I, KNOWING THAT FALSE STATEMENTS ON THIS FORM ARE PUNISHABLE BY LAW, STATE THAT I HAVE PROBABLE CAUSE TO BELIEVE THAT:

ONABOUT (Date) AT TIME HWY CLASS UPON / AT OR NEAR (LOCATION)  
04/07/2017 0951 HRS WB IS 64 BE CST MARYVILLE CENTRE DR

WITHIN CITY / COUNTY AND STATE AFORESAID,  
NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE)  
WRIGHT, MAYALIS, A

STREET ADDRESS  
11 GRAVOIS RD UNIT 11

CITY ST LOUIS STATE MO ZIP CODE 63127

DATE OF BIRTH 01/13/1994 RACE W SEX F HEIGHT 501 WEIGHT 104

DRIVER'S LIC. NO. [REDACTED] CDL: [REDACTED] STATE KY

EMPLOYER

ADDRESS (Street, City, State, Zip)

DID UNLAWFULLY OPERATE/DRIVE PARK C.M.V. WITH HAZ. MAT

YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	STYLE	COLOR
2008	SAAB	93 & 93B	4D	GRY

REGISTERED WEIGHT LIC NUMBER STATE YEAR  
[REDACTED] KY 2017

DID THEN AND THERE COMMIT THE FOLLOWING OFFENSE. THE FACTS SUPPORTING THIS BELIEF ARE AS FOLLOWS:  
**EXCEEDING SPEED LIMIT 60 MPH ZONE**  
**Car #7 front moving same fast**

Subject taken into custody. (Complete "For Issuance of a Warrant" section on reverse side.)

DRIVING 91 MPH POSTED SPEED LIMIT 60 MPH DETECTION METHOD  
 STATIONARY RADAR  WATCH (AIR)  PACE  LABER  
 MOVING RADAR  WATCH (GROUND)  OTHER

IN VIOLATION OF: STATUTE/ORDINANCE - CHARGE CODE  
 RSMo. 320.010 90000050  
 ORD.

SEAT BELT VIOLATION: STATUTE/ORDINANCE - CHARGE CODE



Wright works at Logan University.

Apparently on many days Town and Country Prosecutor Ed Sluys doesn't give a rat's ass about the community's safety. For someone following another motorist too closely and then doing 91 MPH in the middle of the day, Sluys agreed to amend both charges to Illegal Parking. Assoc. Circuit Judge Mary Ott found Wright guilty of Illegal parking at

fined her \$173.50 on each count. No Points and No Record! Of course Wright did hire a Clayton attorney, so I guess that is Justice West County Style. If you can hire a lawyer, you can get off. (orig appeared in Newsletter #326 4/25/18)

**DRUNK DRIVER GETS A JURY TRIAL AND IS CONVICTED:** When Town and Country officers patrols SB on I-270 they can exit at the very long ramp for Manchester, but a small section of Town and Country is still along I-270 at the southern border. If an officer checks that they have to exit at Dougherty Ferry in Des Peres and turn around to come back.

On Wednesday January 28, 2015 at about 1:14 AM that is exactly what Officer Hamel did. While he was exiting I-270 at Dougherty Ferry he observed the driver of a white Nissan Altima run the red light and turn left onto EB Dougherty Ferry.

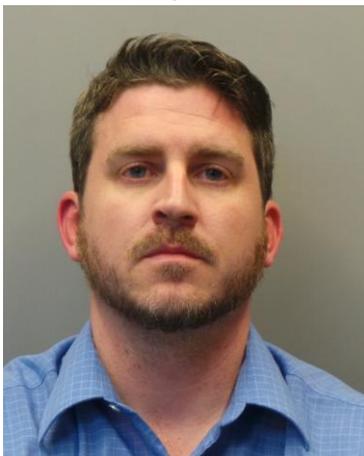
He stopped the car even through it was not in Town and Country and contacted the driver Matt J. Holden, 33, of Manchester. It was clear the Holden was drunk. His breath had the strong odor of booze, his eyes were bloodshot and glassy, his speech was slurred and he was mumbling plus he swayed back and forth when trying to stand still.

For the police report here is one of the several field tests that he failed.

ALPHABET TEST: SUBJECT WAS INSTRUCTED TO STATE THE ENGLISH ALPHABET FROM "J" TO "X". HE STATED, "J,K,L,M,N,O,P,Q,R,S,T...U,N,L,V."

At the police station Holden called his girlfriend who in turned call an attorney who advised Holden not to take a breath test or make any statements.

Since Officer Hamel observed the violation in Des Peres the charges were filed in State Court in Clayton.



Matt J. Holden

**OUTCOME:** Holden's lawyer demanded a jury trial and on July 11, 2017 he got one and Holden was found guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

However, things went downhill from there when Judge Mary Ott sentenced Holden to a SIS No-Record, No-Points, No-Fine probation sentence for two years. He was required to do a whole 20 hours of community service within a year. (Orig appeared in Ex Alderman Newsletter #327 on 4/29/18)

**PASSING VEHICLES AT 85 MPH GETS MARYLAND HEIGHTS WOMAN A DWI:**

Town and Country Officer Becker was sitting on the entrance ramp from Mason Road to eastbound I-64 at 3:41 AM on Saturday morning July 9, 2017. Officer Becker entered the highway and clocked the Audi Q-7 at 85 MPH in the 60 MPH zone.

Officer Becker tried to pull the car over using red and blue lights and a siren, but was not having much luck. The driver went south on I-270 and finally stopped after Officer Becker shined the police car's spotlight into the Audi.

The driver, Carmen Thomas, 38, of Maryland Heights, MO said she did not know why she was being stopped. Officer Becker smelled booze on her breath, noticed that her eyes were bloodshot and her speech slurred and confused.

She denied having anything to drink, but after her arrest the 115-pound 5-foot-4 Thomas admitted to having two drinks and a shot at a friend's house.

This is from the police report:

I made contact with the driver, who stated she had no idea why she was stopped. When I asked why she didn't pull over, she stated she did not see me, despite initially yielding to me on the I-270 ramp. While speaking with the suspect, I detected a very strong odor commonly associated with the consumption of alcohol on the suspect's breath. The suspect's speech was slurred, confused, and mumbling. Her eyes were bloodshot, glassy and staring. When I asked the driver for her license and insurance, she seemed slow and confused as she dug through her wallet. She stated she couldn't find her license, but was able to hand me a valid insurance card. I asked if she was "Carmen Thomas", which was the name listed on the insurance card. She confirmed that was her name, and gave me a date of birth of 1/2/79. A computer check confirmed her identity and that she had a valid license.

I asked Thomas if she had been drinking that evening, and she stated "no".

At the police station a breath test showed her BAC to be .107%

She was cited was speeding 85 MPH in a 60 MPH zone and DWI.

**OUTCOME:** On September 21, 2017 Thomas pled guilty before Judge Niehoff in Town and Country Municipal Court and was placed on a 2-year SIS NO-Record, No-Fine, No-Points probation term for DWI and fined \$400 for speeding. (Orig appeared in Ex Alderman Newsletter #327 on 04/29/18)

**THIEF CLAIMED HE COULD NOT BUY THE HEADPHONES BECAUSE OF HIS 1-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER:** Seti Lionel Crawford, 17, of North St. Louis had been caught shoplifting at the Chesterfield Wal Mart before. The police were not called, but Crawford was issued a Trespassing Notice not to return to any Wal Mart Store. Crawford signed the notice saying he agreed with the notice and understood it.

The on Sunday November 6, 2016 at 1:27 PM Crawford decided to not only ignore the No Trespass agreement, but to return to the Wal Mart store in Chesterfield Valley. Crawford was seen by store security on video hiding a pair of headphones in his jacket. When stopped leaving the store he bolted from store security and ran west on the huge strip center property.

Wal Mart security called the Chesterfield Police and Chesterfield Officer Garner observed Crawford running in front of the Lowe's store, stopped him, found the headphones in his pocket and arrested him. The headphones were valued at \$19.88.

This was actually Officer Krumm's call and Crawford was transferred into his custody. He obtained a written statement from the Wal Mart security officer and then transported Crawford to the police station.

On the way to the cop shop, Officer Krumm advised Crawford of his rights per the Miranda Ruling and Crawford agreed to speak to him. He said he stole the headphones because he could not afford them due to his 1-year-old daughter. The following is from the police report.

Crawford stated he stole the headphones for his own personal use as he could not afford them. Crawford stated all of his money was spent on his 1 year old daughter. Upon arrival at the station Crawford was booked and searched. A computer records check revealed that Crawford had no outstanding wants or warrants and that this would not constitute a third offense felony. Crawford was then released on a summons.



Seti Crawford

**OUTCOME:** Crawford could not afford a \$20 set of headphones because his one-year-old daughter who he helped conceive when he was 16, was draining his money. But he could afford a Clayton attorney to handle his case. The case was transferred to the Associate Circuit Court. On August 24, 2017 Crawford pled guilty to stealing in front of Judge Mary Ott and was placed on a 2-year SIS, No Record, No Fine probation. (Orig appeared in Ex Alderman Newsletter 303 on November 13, 2017)

**65-YEAR OLD SHOPLIFTER WHO ASSAULTED, CHOKED AND TRIED TO TAKE THE GUN OF A CHESTERFIELD POLICE OFFICER, HAS ALL CHARGES REDUCED TO MISDEMEANORS.** We reported on the arrest back in our March 13, 2017 Newsletter, Now that the defendant Hok Chan, 65, has been convicted of amended charges we have obtained the police report.

The report spells out a very frightening incident for the Chesterfield Police Officer who first arrived at outside of Wal Mart and attempted to arrest the suspect on 02/23/17 at 5:45pm for shoplifting.

Officer Krumm told the suspect, Hok Chan to stop. He was ignored. He then stood in front of Chan and put up his arms, hands and palms forward telling Chan to stop.

Chan kept walking and Officer Krumm grabbed his shoulder to stop him from fleeing, That was when Chan swung at Officer Krumm. We will let Officer Krumm tell the rest of the story. This is from his police report.

I turned onto Chesterfield Commons, stopped the car, activated the overhead emergency lights, and exited the fully marked patrol car wearing a full police uniform. I approached Chan, attempted to radio my location to dispatch, and ordered Chan to stop. Chan said "No" and turned off the sidewalk, onto the grass, and began to walk away headed west. I stepped in front of Chan, raised both my hands up with the palms facing towards him in a stop gesture and ordered him to stop a second time and told him he was under arrest. Chan attempted to walk past me. I grabbed his shoulder to stop him as he went by me. With his back turned towards me Chan swung his left arm backwards in an aggressive manner. I blocked the swinging arm and executed a takedown onto the grass. Chan spun around and landed on his back and tried to push himself up and managed to get back to his feet. I executed a knee strike to his common peroneal nerve motor point followed by another takedown to the ground and repeatedly commanded him to stop fighting. Chan continued to struggle and managed to get into a sitting position while I was straddling his legs. From this position, Chan placed both of his hands on my holstered firearm and began pulling on the firearm.

As Chan was attempting to take my firearm and in fear for my safety I struck Chan on the left side of his face with my right elbow. This caused Chan to lose his grip on my firearm and knocked him backwards onto his back on the grass. Chan then reached up and grasped my throat and began to squeeze. Knowing that Chan had already attempted to disarm me by trying to take my firearm and knowing that I would be in danger of severe harm if rendered unconscious I struck Chan in the face with my closed right fist multiple times until he let go of my throat. I do not know the exact number of times I struck Chan in the face.

Chan then started to stand up still struggling with me. I deployed my department issued ASP baton and swung it at Chan aiming for the common peroneal nerve motor point. Chan moved slightly and the baton struck him on the rear of his legs near the thighs. Chan went back to the ground, I went down on top of him holding him down. Chan stopped making attempts to strike and began locking up and clasped his arms together underneath him to prevent being handcuffed. As Chan had ceased being as actively aggressive I de-escalated my use of force and did not deliver any more strikes to Chan.

Monarch Ambulance 2217 crewed by Paramedic Betz, P18817, and Paramedic Givens, P18994, responded to the scene as did Lt. Hufford, DSN 104. At their request we aided in securing Chan to a stretcher. The Paramedics believed it was necessary to take the subject to Mercy hospital. PO Tyndell rode with them in the ambulance as I followed behind in a patrol car. Per PO Tyndell, Chan remained uncooperative in the ambulance and attempted, on multiple occasions, to kick the paramedic providing treatment.

I suffered some pain in my left knee and pain and a continuing soreness of my throat where he squeezed.

What did Chan steal where he was trying to choke out a police officer and get his gun? Here was the loot:

Description	UPC	QTY	Value	TOTAL
Gold Bond Lidocaine	411670505	1	\$6.74	\$ 6.74
JBL Clip2 Bluetooth speaker	5003633136	1	\$59.88	\$ 59.88
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2</b>		<b>\$ 66.62</b>	

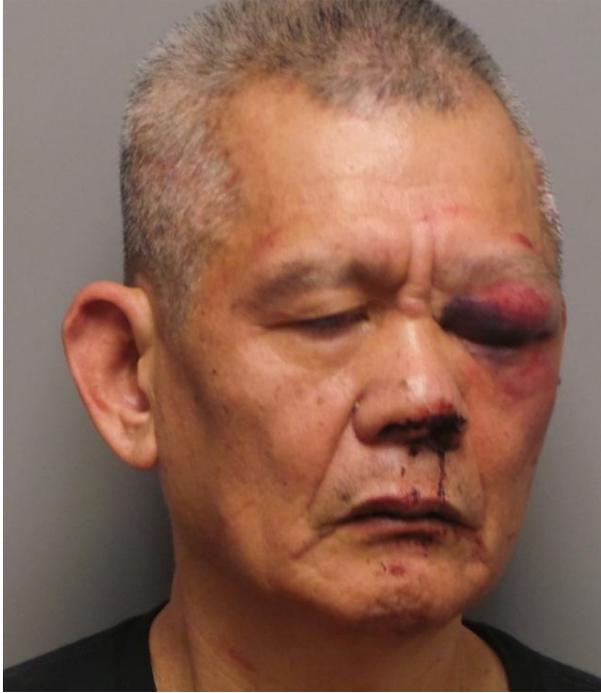
I know some people claim police brutality, when a small Chinese man has to be subdued by five officers. However over 30-years in law enforcement I have been involved in several events where it took four or five officers to subdue one person. Often drugs and/or mental illness are in play.

I know of one case in 1984 where a person attacked an off-duty reserve police officer who was shopping in a supermarket. The reserve officer was actually a Post Office clerk and rode with us two nights a month. He was in on the arrest of the person who assaulted him several weeks earlier. One of the officers who responded to the supermarket wanted to try and avoid any appearance of the police giving this guy a beating, so he placed his metal Kel-Light flashlight on a newspaper box (remember I said this was in 1984) so he would not be tempted to use the light as a weapon. However as three of us wrestled this guy out the doors we went right into the Kansas City Star news box and the flashlight fell off and hit the guy right in the head.

**OUTCOME: BACK TO OFFICER KRUMM AND CHAN:**

Here is what Chan was charged with:

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**CHARGES**  
Count: 01 ATTEMPTING TO DISARM A PEACE OFFICER OR CORRECTIONAL OFFICER WHILE PERFORMING OFFICIAL DUTY  
Count: 02 RESISTING/INTERFERING WITH ARREST FOR A FELONY - CLASS E FELONY  
Count: 03 ASSAULT - 4TH DEGREE - PURSUANT TO SUBDIVISIONS (1), (2), (4), (5) - CLASS A MISDEMEANOR  
Count: 04 STEALING - CLASS A MISDEMEANOR



1) The felony charge of Attempting to Disarm a Peace Officer While Performing Official Duties was reduced to a misdemeanor Peace Disturbance charge. Chan pled guilty on 08/01/17, was sentenced to six months in jail, but was immediately placed on 1-year probation by Judge Nancy McLaughlin.

2) The Resisting Arrest charge was reduced from a felony to a misdemeanor. Chan was sentenced to one year in jail, but was immediately placed on a 1-year probation term.

3) The misdemeanor Assault Charge stood and Chan was sentenced to 1-year in jail but was immediately placed on a 1-year probation term.

4) The stealing charge was dismissed by the prosecutor's office.

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