

## DRUNKS AND THIEVES 2022 PART 10

June 28, 2022

By John Hoffmann

**CHESTERFIELD MAN DOING 97 MPH ON I-64 TELLS OFFICER HE CAN'T DO BALANCE TESTS BECAUSE HE IS DRUNK.** Town and Country Police supervisor, Sgt. Freddie Yaakub was WB on I-64 near Maryville University on Monday June 21, 2021 when he noticed a car in front of him was speeding. He turned on his radar unit and clocked the 2004 Acura at 97 MPH in the 60 MPH zone.

As Sgt. Yaakub was catching up with the car he also noticed it was weaving between lanes. The driver exited onto NB Hwy 141 and then went west on Conway Road when Sgt. Yaakub stopped him.



Sgt. Yaakub

The driver, Ryan Grewe, 40, of Chesterfield appeared to be drunk, He had a hard time answering simple questions and his answers were given in slurred speech. This is from the police report:

I approached the driver side and made contact with the driver, identified by his Missouri Drivers License as Ryan Grewe. I asked him why he was driving so fast and he mumbled something I could not understand. I asked him if he was in a hurry and he replied, "I don't know." I asked him where he was coming from and he replied, "The city." He would pause when answering some of my questions as if he was confused. While speaking to him, I could smell a strong odor of what I normally associate with

that of someone who has consumed an intoxicating beverage coming from his vehicle. I also noticed that his eyes were bloodshot and glassy and his speech was slurred. He was mumbling and incoherent at times. I asked him how much alcohol he drank and he replied, "A little bit." I asked him what he was drinking and he slurred, "A couple drink." I asked if he meant a couple drinks and he replied, "A couple drinks." I then asked him what he was drinking and he replied, "Beers." I asked him to step from the vehicle and perform Standardized Field Sobriety Tests and he agreed

Grewe failed the field sobriety tests and did not do some for fear of falling, admitting he was drunk.

This were the observation by Sgt. Yaakub's of Grewe's condition from his report:

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

Grewe took a field breath test that showed his BAC level at .185%.

PRELIMINARY BREATH TEST (PBT) POSITIVE FOR ALCOHOL? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> REFUSED RESULT <u>.185</u> %
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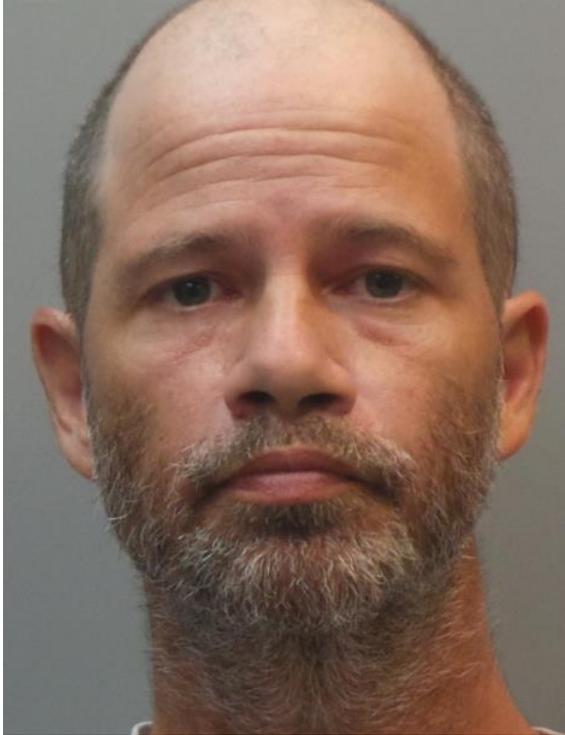
He was arrested for Speeding and DWI. At the police station he agreed to take an "official" breath test. The results of .155% showed his BAC level was dropping, but he was still very drunk.

<b>BLOOD ALCOHOL          CONCENTRATION          BY WEIGHT</b>  <b>.155</b>
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In an interview Grewe stated he had been smoking marijuana earlier in the evening. He also admitted that he considered himself intoxicated.

We could not find a recent criminal or traffic record on Grewe.

**OUTCOME:** On September 3, 2021 Grewe and his attorney appeared in Town and County Municipal Court. Grewe pled guilty to DWI and was given the normal sentence of a 2-year SIS (No-Fine, No-Points, No Permanent Record) probation term. He also pled guilty to speeding 97 MPH in a 60 zone and was fine \$216.50. Judge Niehoff may not be tough on drunk drivers, but she really doesn't like extremely high-speed drivers.



Ryan Grewe



Grewe's eyes

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**DRUNK DRIVER SLEEPING IN DRIVE THRU LANE OF CLOSED TACO BELL. HE WAS ANOTHER DRUNK DRIVER COURTESY OF HARPOS.** On Saturday morning 10/31/20 at 2:48 Chesterfield Officer Sam Ghassemi was on patrol and notice a Jeep Wagoner with the headlights on at the drive thru window of the Taco Bell on Olive Blvd and Chesterfield Parkway. (This Taco Bell permanently closed in the summer of 2021)

This would not be unusual in itself except the Taco Bell had been closed for several hours and was dark. Officer Ghassemi pulled behind the running Jeep. He found the driver and lone occupant was behind the wheel. Officer Holroyd arrived to assist. This is from the police report:

*I requested another officer and P.O. Holroyd DSN 318 arrived on scene. The doors were unlocked, I opened the driver's door and P.O. Holroyd opened the front passenger door. I attempted to wake the driver to no avail. The driver was unresponsive when I shook him and called out to him, identifying myself as a police officer. The driver would shake his body and mumble but then pass out again. It took several attempts to rouse the driver to a point where he would keep his eyes open. At one point the driver look at me and P.O. Holroyd then put his hand on the gear selector as if he were going to put the vehicle in drive, I removed his hand from the selector and shut the engine off.*

After the driver began to come to and started speaking, I could smell a strong odor on or about his breath that I associate with the consumption of alcoholic beverage. I asked the driver to exit his vehicle and I noticed he had difficulty doing so and used the vehicle to maintain his balance. I had the driver stand at the rear of his vehicle and noticed he swayed while standing. I asked the driver if he had been drinking tonight to which he replied, "Uh yeah yeah", while nodding his head. I asked the driver if he knew where he was at, and he looked around and said "Taco Bell", I asked him what town he was in and the driver looked around again but could not / did not answer the question then stated, "I know I'm not supposed to be driving right now".

The driver was Eric Justin See-Leynes, 34, of St. Louis.

Officer Ghassemi examined See-Leynes and found that he appeared to be intoxicated. These are some of his observation from his police report:

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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
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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: BLUE JACKET, RED/WHT CHECKED SHIRT, BLUE JEANS, 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: VERBALLY COMBATIVE

See-Leynes was arrested for DWI. He permitted officers to park his vehicle on the parking lot of the Taco Bell. At that time Officer Holroyd reported a strong odor of burnt marijuana and found in plain view a glass pipe with heavy marijuana residue.

At the police station See-Leynes at first demanded to have a blood test instead of a breath test to determine his BAC level. He later agreed to take a breath test, but then changed his mind again. He also demanded to call his lawyer (at 3:50 in the morning). He made the call but never spoke to anyone.

In an interview See-Leynes stated he went to Harpo's Bar and had "two beers." He admitted smoking earlier in the day on 10/20 saying "I smoked weed." When asked if he considered himself intoxicated he stated, "I'm not going to answer that." He said he pulled into the dark and closed Taco Bell for something to eat. He apparently fell asleep waiting for service at the drive up window.

See-Leynes was cited for DWI and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia' He placed in a cell until he sobered up.



Eric Justin See-Leynes



his eyes

See-Leynes record that we could find.

09/20/21	2-cts Criminal Charge reduced to Health Code Vio	Richmond Heights PD
10/31/20	DWI, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia	Chesterfield PD
09/17/20	Expired License Plates \$50 fine	Creve Coeur PD
11/22/19	2-cts Criminal Charges reduced to Littering \$316 fine and \$116 fine	Town & Country PD
05/24/18	Expired License Plates \$50 fine	Ellisville PD
07/10/08	Unregistered Auto Guilty Fine	U of MO Col Police

**OUTCOME:** On 07/20/21 See-Leynes and his defense attorney appeared in Chesterfield Court before the new judge and pled guilty to DWI. He was placed on a 2-year SIS (No-Fine, No-Points, No-Record) probation. The DWI charge has already been removed from the Court Data base 18 months early. City Prosecutor Tim (Let's Make a Deal) Engelmeyer reduced the drug paraphernalia charge to a non-criminal Health Code Violation with a \$300 fine.

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**20 HOURS LATER CHESTERFIELD OFFICER GHASSEMI HAD ANOTHER VERY DRUNK DRIVER:** It was now Halloween night October 31, 2020 at about 11:30 or 20 hours after Officer Ghassemi had arrested a passed out driver at the drive thru window

of a closed Taco Bell. Now he was driving north on Clarkson Road before Baxter when he noticed a speeding car rapidly approaching the rear of his police car.

He turned on the rear antenna of his patrol car's moving radar and clocked the car at 57 MPH in the 45 MPH zone. The car got four or five feet off the rear of the police car when Officer Ghassemi changed lanes and the car, a Nissan Altima passed him.

He then turned on the police car's flashing lights and pulled the car over as the driver drove onto the Dierberg's Supermarket parking lot.

He contacted the driver, Melanie Scheffer, 25, of Chesterfield. It was very clear that Scheffer had been drinking instead of eating Halloween candy.

This is from the police report:

*I approached the driver, later identified as Melanie Scheffer, and asked for her license, asked where she was coming from and going to. I noticed Scheffer's eyes were glassy and staring. Scheffer stated she had just got off work and was going home. As the Scheffer spoke, she slurred her words and repeated herself and slowed her speech to complete some words. I could smell a strong odor on or about her breath, which I associate with the consumption of alcoholic beverage.*

Scheffer failed all the field sobriety tests given and was arrested for DWI. At the police station she agreed to take an "official" breath test. The results showed her BAC level to be .307%. Officer Ghassemi was concerned with the high BAC level and wanted to verify the test. A second test sometime later showed the first one was accurate, but Scheffer's BAC level was beginning to drop. The second test showed her BAC level at .295%.

In an interview Scheffer admitted smoking marijuana earlier in the day. She said she worked at Rosalita's restaurant in Des Peres and after she got off work she had "just two" Tall Vodka Clubs between 9 and 11pm



She did admit that she considered herself intoxicated.



Melanie Scheffer



Scheffer's eyes

12/09/21	DWI, Driving While Revoked	Town & Country PD
10/26/21	DWI, Driving While Revoked, Open Container 10:56AM arrested passed out behind wheel on Clarkson Road empty bottle of Vodka nearby	Chesterfield PD
10/06/21	DWI, Imp Lane Use	St. Louis Co PD
10/31/20	DWI, Speeding, Following Too Closely	Chesterfield PD
09/04/19	Speeding 20-25 over limit \$155 fine	Manchester PD
12/16/17	Moving Violation reduced to Parking Vio \$200 fine	St. Louis Co PD

**OUTCOME:** This is a good example of what is wrong with Municipal Courts. On 08/02/21 Scheffer and her attorney came to Court. She pled guilty to DWI and was placed on a 2-year SIS (No-Fine, No-Points, No Permanent Record). The speeding 57 in a 45 was reduced to a Parking Violation with a \$191 fine. She also pled straight up to the Following Too Closely and was fined \$191.

Since she was placed on probation by Judge Mark Gaertner for DWI in four months she has been arrested three more times for DWI. What does it take to revoke or suspend a DWI probation in Chesterfield?

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**SOUND ASLEEP, STOPPED, STRADDLING THE MIDDLE AND FAST LANES ON I-64 AT 2am EQUALS DWI ARREST** The Friday night-Saturday morning midnight shift of the Chesterfield Police on September 15, 2018 got the call at 2:07AM of a vehicle blocking the EB fast lane of I-64 in Chesterfield Valley. Officers Ashley Saffa and Mark Caswell (retired after 31-years in December 2021) were dispatched to check it out.



Ashley Saffa



Mark Caswell

They found a 2010 Mercedes Benz, not straddling the two lanes, but stopped sideways blocking both lanes with the Benz facing North.

Officer Saffa observed that the driver and lone occupant was in the driver's seat with his foot on the brake. The engine was running and the lights were on. Officer Saffa began knocking on the window and finally got the driver Nicholas Derrell Smith, 32, awake. His first reaction was take his foot off the brake and start to drive away. He stopped after being ordered to and put the car in Park.

This is from Officer Caswell's report:

I observed that the suspect was uncertain in his movements, smelled strongly of alcoholic beverages, and had bloodshot glassy eyes. I asked him why he had stopped on the highway and he said he didn't know. I asked him if he had been drinking and he told me that he had a drink earlier.

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Smith failed field sobriety tests. He agreed to take a Field Breath Test. The results showed his BAC level to be .15%. He was arrested.

An hour after taking the Field Breath Test, Smith took an "Official" breath test at the police station. That test showed his BAC level was dropping but he was still drunk. The test was .132%.

Due to a prior DWI conviction Officer Caswell applied for State Charges. On 10/11/18 charges were filed in State Court. We believe Smith had a third DWI arrest but if the conviction was an expired probation term would no longer be a public record.



Nicholas Derrell Smith



Smith's eyes

09/15/18	DWI 7/29/20 PG sentenced to 6 months jail	Chesterfield PD
05/17/14	Moving Violation reduced to Parking Vio \$241 fine	St. Ann PD
02/21/12	Moving Vio reduced to Loud Muffler \$107 fine	St. Louis City PD
	No Operator's Lic \$50 fine	
11/13/10	DWI Guilty \$547 fine	Florissant PD
07/16/06	Driving While Revoked Guilty	St. Louis City PD
08/08/05	Driving While Revoked Guilty	St. Louis City PD

**OUTCOME:** On July 29, 2020 Smith pled guilty to a reduced charge of Misdemeanor DWI. The man with the Mercedes Benz was sentenced to 6-months in jail.

**EMPLOYEE OF BANK INSIDE THE FRONT OF WAL MART IS ARRESTED FOR SHOPLIFTING:**

On Thursday June 10, 2021 at about 3pm Chesterfield Wal Mart security agents watch on video as Carlton Shirley, Jr, 23, stole a \$24.88 Television Mount and then walked back where he works at the Academy Bank located inside the Wal Mart Store. Shirley made no attempt to pay for the mount.



Shirley then handed off the mount to an unknown person who promptly left the store.

When the police officers arrived Wal Mart security officers were at the bank talking with Shirley. They issued Shirley a trespass ban to all Wal Mart stores.

The police the spoke to Shirley. He said he knew why they were there. He admitted stealing the TV wall mount. Shirley was not arrested, but issued a Stealing Citation. (There is no mugshot.)

SHIRLEY arrest/citation record:

01/24/22	Unreg Vehicle, Display Lic Plates to Another Vehicle	Florissant PD
05/22/21	Stealing Guilty \$300 fine	Chesterfield PD
11/02/18	Unreg Vehicle \$51 fine, Moving Vio reduced to Parking Vio,	No Co Police Co-op

**OUTCOME:** On 08/17/21 Shirley appeared in Chesterfield Municipal Court without a defense attorney. He pled guilty to stealing a \$25 TV wall mount. Judge Mark Gaertner fined him \$300.

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**STORE SHOPPING BAGS TURNED INTO THEFT DEVICES GET OFFICER'S ATTENTION.** In this we have to go way back to Saturday December 3, 2016. Officer McBride with the Special Enforcement Unit was on foot patrol at Chesterfield Mall, back when there were still quite a few stores in the Mall.

Officer Trevor McBride, spotted the two women as being professional shoplifters as soon as they walked into the Mall. They were carrying shopping bags that McBride recognized as having been altered with foil and tape so as not to set off theft alarms when leaving stores with loot. Officer McBride wrote a very good report explaining what he saw, so we lifted it:

On 12/3/16 while on foot patrol at the Chesterfield Mall I observed two females carrying specially made theft device bags. The females had just came into the mall and were already in possession of store bags, which is a common practice among shoplifters.

Female 1 later identified as Lakisha Smith was carrying a Charlotte Reusse bag that was completely flat yet was extremely rigid in shape, this would suggest that the bag had been re-enforced with a duct tape/foil liner. She was also in possession of a New York and Company bag and a large purse.

Female 2 later identified as [REDACTED] was carrying a Pink store bag, which is not a store that even exists within this mall. Shoplifters will commonly bring bags into mall to help steal but will not be aware that the bag they bring in exists in the mall itself.

The females entered the Justice store and I contacted the manager via phone. The manager stated that she immediately recognized the females as being shoplifters and were both on the stores "do not return list". This means that the females had exceeded a limit of returns and the store feels that criminal activity is a result of the large amounts of constant returns.

Officer McBride stopped the two as they were leaving the Mall and confirmed the bags were indeed modified to be "theft devices." They were arrested. Meanwhile another SEU Officer found their car that was illegally parked in a handicapped space, allowing for a quick getaway.

One of the suspects' name was redacted from my copy of the report as the prosecutor dropped charges. The other woman is Lakisha Sherri Smith, (born in 1981) of St. Louis. Smith is a well-known shoplifter who returns the stolen items for cash.

At the suspects' car officers saw clothing merchandise from stores many with the anti-theft devices still attached stuffed under the seats.

Officer McBride seized the following:

Victoria's Secret: 9 items  
Justice: 7 items  
Charlotte Reusse: 2 items  
Express: 1 item  
American Eagle: 1 item

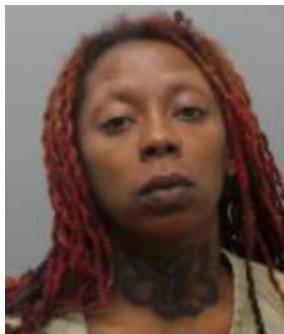
The total recovery is \$534.92.

One of the suspects told Officer McBride that they noticed him looking at their bags when they entered the mall and decided not to steal anything.

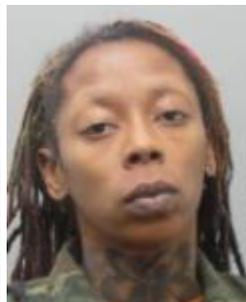
Instead of being taken to the police station, booked and photographed, both were issued summons with Smith being cited for Possession of a Theft Device and Possession of Stolen Property.



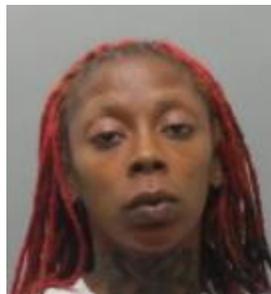
Officer Trevor McBride



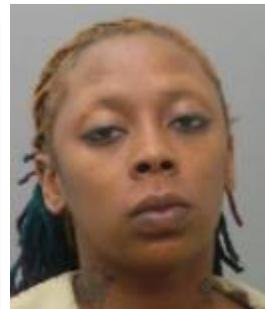
Lakisha Smith 2019



2018



2018



2015

**THE RETURN OF LAKISHA SMITH:** Smith failed to appear in court on the summons issued on December 3, 2016 and had a FTA Warrant issued by the Chesterfield Court.

She returned to Chesterfield on Monday December 17, 2018 at about 7:15. This time she was at the Justice store that had moved from Chesterfield Mall to the Chesterfield Outlet Mall. She was again trying to return stolen clothes without receipts hoping to get \$186.

The store manager recognized her as a shoplifter and returner of stolen items and refused to accept the items and give Smith any money.

Smith immediately became irate, called the manager “a bitch” and threatened to wait outside the store at closing and “beat her ass” when she left. Smith also knock over a display light breaking it. Smith continue berate the manager causing a number of customers to leave the store.

The manager did not immediately call the police but did at closing time wanting a police escort to her car due to Smith’s threat to beat her ass. She and three other employees were given escort to their cars.

Chesterfield Police Special Enforcement Unit Officer David Krumm (now Sgt. Krumm) had responded and believed he knew who the suspect was and returned the next time the store was open with photo lineups of Smith and five other similar looking people. The managers and employees all picked out Smith’s photo.

Krumm filed charges of Property Damage and Peace Disturbance against Smith.



Sgt. David Krumm

**She won’t be shoplifting for a while:** For the last 1 1/2 years Smith has not been shoplifting or bothering people at the return desk. Here is why:

03/11/21    Smith Pleads Guilty in Federal Court 2-counts            IRS Special Agent  
Tax Fraud filing tax returns as unreg tax preparer  
she filed at least 28 false tax returns

ST. LOUIS — An unregistered tax preparer from St. Louis on Thursday admitted filing about 28 false tax returns for clients, prosecutors said.

Lakisha Smith, 39, of St. Louis, pleaded guilty in U.S. District Court in St. Louis to two counts of tax fraud.

From 2013-2016, Smith reported false income and withholdings on the returns to boost returns, then took a payment of up to \$2,500 from those refunds, prosecutors said. She was not registered with the IRS and did not sign the returns as the preparer, they said. Robert Patrick Post-Dispatch

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

§ **JUDGMENT IN A CRIMINAL CASE**

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v.

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**LAKISHA S. SMITH**

§ Case Number: **4:19-CR-00998-JAR(1)**

§ USM Number: **49727-044**

§ **Susan Woods McGraugh**

§ Defendant's Attorney

**THE DEFENDANT:**

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> pleaded guilty to count(s)	<b>2 and 5 of a six-count Indictment on March 11, 2021.</b>
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**IMPRISONMENT**

The defendant is hereby committed to the custody of the United States Bureau of Prisons to be imprisoned for a total term of: **32 months.**

**This term consists of a term of 32 months on each of counts two and five, all such terms to be served concurrently.**

**CRIMINAL MONETARY PENALTIES**

The defendant must pay the total criminal monetary penalties under the schedule of payments page.

	<u>Assessment</u>	<u>Restitution</u>	<u>Fine</u>	<u>AVAA Assessment*</u>	<u>JVTA Assessment**</u>
<b>TOTALS</b>	\$200.00	\$10,416.00	\$.00		

- The determination of restitution is deferred until \_\_\_\_\_ An Amended Judgment in a Criminal Case (AO245C) will be entered after such determination.
- The defendant must make restitution (including community restitution) to the following payees in the amount listed below.

If the defendant makes a partial payment, each payee shall receive an approximately proportioned payment. However, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3664(i), all nonfederal victims must be paid before the United States is paid.

**Payments of restitution shall be made to the Clerk of the Court for transfer to the victim. Restitution is due immediately, but if the defendant is unable to pay the restitution in full immediately, then restitution shall be paid in monthly installments of at least \$100, with payments to commence no later than 30 days of the commencement of supervision. The defendant shall notify the United States Attorney for this district within 30 days of any change of mailing or residence address that occurs while any portion of the restitution remains unpaid.**

WOW! Smith has to pay the IRS \$10,416 when she gets out of prison. Her only work has been stealing and returning and filing false tax returns. Here is her local arrest record:

12/21/20	Handicapped Parking Violation \$100 fine	Richmond Heights PD
12/17/18	Property Damage, Peace Disturbance 10-days	Chesterfield PD
11/23/18	Assault Guilty	Hazelwood PD
05/26/18	Felony Stealing Rented Property \$100 fine	Woodson Terrace PD

12/05/17	Retail Theft, Poss Theft Device, Handicapped Vio	Fairview Heights IL PD
05/20/17	Possession of Marijuana Guilty \$300 fine	MO Hwy Patrol
12/03/16	Poss of Theft Devices, Poss of Stolen Property	Chesterfield PD
12/09/12	Felony Theft Guilty Probation 120-days prison Shock sentence	Ballwin PD
09/03/11	DWI, Driving While Revoked Guilty 6-months jail	MO Hwy Patrol
12/14/10	Felony Stealing Guilty 1-year County Jail	Chesterfield PD
06/01/09	No Auto Ins, Driving While Suspended, Unreg Vehicle, No Child Seat	Alton IL PD
10/02/07	Felony Retail Theft	Fairview Heights IL PD
03/09/06	3-cts Fail to Secure Child under 4 in Child Seat Driving While Revoked 4-days jail	MO Hwy Patrol
02/14/06	Stealing Guilty 30-days jail	St. Peters PD
04/04/03	Unregistered Vehicle Guilty 1-day jail	St. Louis Co PD
10/25/02	Retail Theft	Fairview Heights IL PD
10/23/02	Theft, Trespassing	Fairview Heights IL PD

**OUTCOME:** On 08/12/21 Smith finally appeared in Chesterfield Court and pled guilty to all charges from the 2016 incident at Chesterfield Mall and the 2018 incident at the Justice Store in the Outlet Mall. She was sentenced to 10 days in jail.

She is currently living at a Federal Prison in Minnesota. While an inmate she has been attempting to get her arrest records in St. Louis and St. Charles Counties expunged.

**SHIFT SARGEANT STOPS DRUNK DRIVER THEN CALLS FOR OFFICER TO DO THE PAPER WORK:** On Sunday January 2, 2020 at 11:15pm Shift supervisor Sgt. Eric Wittman observed the driver of a Toyota Camry driving the wrong direction on a roundabout on Main Circle Drive.

Upon contacting the driver of the Camry Sgt. Wittman immediately knew he had just stopped a drunk driver. Sgt. Wittman did what any supervisor does upon stopping a drunk driver...he called for a patrolman to respond to make the arrest and write the report. Officer Kevin Restivo responded and quickly agreed with Sgt. Wittman that the driver, Daniel G. Slabaugh, 60, of Chesterfield was quite drunk.



Sgt. Wittman



Officer Restivo

Slabaugh's breath reeked of booze, his speech was slurred and confused plus his balance was so bad that Officer Restivo did not even attempt to do any field sobriety tests. Slabaugh had to keep a hand on his car to keep from falling when officers had him step out.

Slabaugh then said he was coming from Kirkwood and going home (which was a few blocks away). He then turned from drunk to liar then he told Officer Restivo that he had only two beers.

He was arrested for DWI. At the police station he agreed to take a breath test. The test showed that his BAC level was .207%.

He also agreed to be interviewed. He continued to claim he only had two Bud Lights and this was after the BAC test results that showed him 2 ½ time over the legal limit. He also said that he did not consider himself intoxicated.



Daniel Slabaugh



Slabaugh's eyes

02/19/20	Speeding	Guilty	\$70 fine	MO Hwy Patrol
02/02/20	DWI	Pled Guilty	SIS Probation	Chesterfield PD
12/28/08	Moving Vio	reduced to	Parking Vio \$150 fine	MO Hwy Patrol

**OUTCOME:** Slabaugh hired a local lawyer and was in front of Judge Rick Brunk and prosecuted by Tim Engelmeyer, meaning nothing much was going to happen to him. On 09/14/20 Slabaugh pled guilty to DWI, being 2 ½ times over the limit. He was quickly placed on a 2-year SIS (No fine, No-points, No-permanent record) Probation, He did have to attend one program from drunk drivers and a victim's impact panel.

**DRUNK DRIVER BLAMED WEAVING ON I-64 ON GETTING INSTRUCTIONS ON**

**HOW TO GET HOME:** On Friday July 10, 2020 Chesterfield Police Officer Greg Rupp was WB on I-64 at about 11:27pm. In front of Rupp was a gray Kia operated by Leonard Slaughter, 49.

Officer Rupp watched as the Kia weaved from lane to lane or was driven straight partially in two lanes. Rupp stopped Slaughter on I-64 at Long Road.



Officer Greg Rupp

Upon contacting Slaughter Officer Rupp was met with a strong smell of booze on Slaughter’s breath, plus slurred speech. Officer Rupp told Slaughter he was stopping him due to his weaving from lane to lane. Slaughter said he was on the phone with his wife. He added they had just bought a house in O’Fallon, MO and she was giving him directions to get there.

Officer Rupp asked if he had anything to drink and the answer was “one margarita.” Later Breath tests will indicate if must have been a very large margarita.

When it was time to get out of the car for field sobriety tests, Slaughter staggered while walking to the back of his car. He then failed the tests. He agreed to take a field Breath Test. That test showed his BAC level to be at .170%. Rupp promptly arrested Slaughter was DWI and Improper Lane Use.

PRELIMINARY BREATH TEST (PBT) POSITIVE FOR ALCOHOL? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> REFUSED RESULT <u>0.17</u> %
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45 minutes after the field breath test Slaughter agreed to take an official Breath Test at the Police Station. The results of that test showed Slaughter’s BAC level going up. It was .178%

**BLOOD ALCOHOL  
CONCENTRATION  
BY WEIGHT**

**0.178**



Slaughter



Slaughter's eyes

Slaughter did not have a bad driving record. However he had numerous judgments for not paying taxes and loans. The unpaid judgments were in the thousands of dollars.

**OUTCOME:** 11 months after his arrest on June 10, 2021 Slaughter appeared in Chesterfield Municipal Court. He pled guilty to DWI and was placed on a 2-year unsupervised SIS (No-Fine, No-Points, No-Permanent Record) probation. He also pled guilty to Improper Lane Use and Judge Mark Gaertner fined him \$191.

That created a problem because if nothing else Slaughter is consistent in not paying debts. He has not paid the fine and has ignored letters from the court about the fine.

On 07/29/21 a Fail to Appear Warrant in response to the court's letters ordering Slaughter to appear was issued. A similar warrant was issued on the DWI charge for Failure to Appear as Slaughter did not pay court costs associated with the DWI charge with SIS probation and No-Fine. Court costs are separate from fines.

## Court Actions against Slaughter:

10/12/00	\$1,776 judgment for Financial Credit Corp	Not Paid
08/06/01	Fail to pay State Income Taxes	dismissed
04/14/04	Fail to pay State Income Taxes	dismissed
03/19/08	\$106 judgment for State of MO non-payment of taxes	Not Paid
12/08/08	\$844 judgment for Capital One Bank	Paid 03/02/10
11/12/09	\$2,830 judgment for MO Dept of Revenue	Paid 07/13/15
03/11/16	\$3,627 judgment for MO Dep of Revenue	Not Paid
04/09/18	\$50 fail to pay fine on Hwy Patrol citation issued in 2012	Not Paid
07/29/21	\$191 fine unpaid Chesterfield Court, Show Cause	FTA Warrant
07/29/21	Court costs and police cost unpaid ref DWI guilty plea	FTA Warrant

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**DRIVING AT NIGHT ON I-64 WITHOUT YOUR HEADLIGHTS ON WHILE WEAVING IS SURE TO GET YOU NOTICED BY THE POLICE** On Tuesday September 15, 2020 at 10:30pm Sgt. Freddie Yaakub noticed that a Subaru Forrester in front of him on WB I-64 was being driven with no headlights on. Sunset occurred at 7:08pm.



Sgt. Yaakub

Sgt. Yaakub also couldn't help but notice the car was weaving and almost hit a car in another lane. Sgt. Yaakub managed to get the driver, Matthew Paulsell, 41, of Chesterfield to pull over just past Timberlake Manor.

Upon contacting Paulsell, Sgt. Yaakub immediately could tell Paulsell had been drinking. Paulsell said he was driving home from Westport where he had dinner with some friends. He said he only had two drinks. He did not know he had been driving miles at night with no headlights on.

This is from the police report:

OFFICER'S OBSERVATION MADE PRIOR TO ARREST OR CUSTODY (Check appropriate boxes) and ad				
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 type="checkbox"/> GLASSY	<input type="checkbox"/> STARING
PUPILS	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> SLOW REACTION TO LIGHT	<input type="checkbox"/> DILATED	
BALANCE AND WALKING	<input type="checkbox"/> UNCERTAIN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SWAYING	<input type="checkbox"/> STAGGERING	<input type="checkbox"/> STUMBLING
			<input type="checkbox"/> FALLING	
SPEECH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SLURRED	<input type="checkbox"/> CONFUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> INCOHERENT	<input type="checkbox"/> STUTTERING
			<input type="checkbox"/> MUMBLING	

Paulsell failed several field sobriety test and refused to take a field breath test. He was arrested. At the Town and Country Police Station he made a double refusal. He refused to take an "official" breath test and refused to be interviewed.

This was not Paulsell's first DWI arrest. In March of 2008 while a Clayton resident he was arrested in St. Louis County and refused to take a breath test.

You be the judge...does this guy look drunk to you?



**OUTCOME:** Almost a year after his arrest on 08/20/21 Paulsell pled guilty to DWI in front of Town and Country judge Andrea Niehoff. He received a 2-year SIS (No-Fine, No-Points, No Permanent Record) probation term. However a probation violation was filed with a hearing on 02/17/22. On June 20, 2022 there was no record of the hearing being held.

He also pled guilty to O/M/V at Night W/O Headlights and was fined \$191.

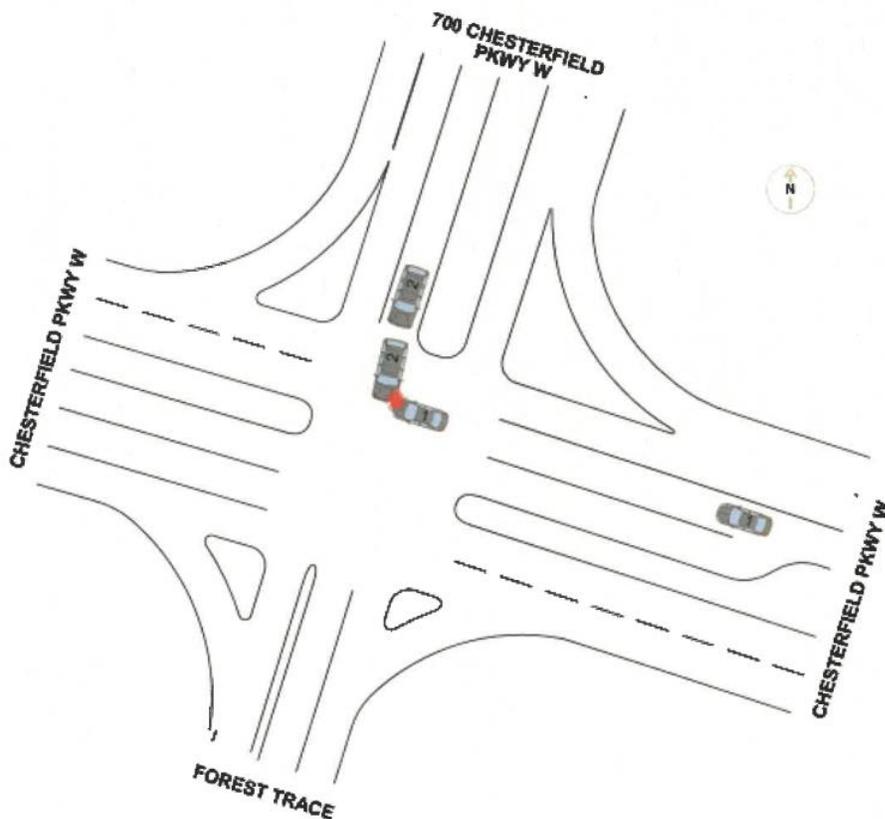
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**POLICE GET CALLS OF DRUNK DRIVER SLUMPED AT THE WHEEL AT DIFFERENT LOCATIONS UNTIL HE CRASHES AND RUNS INTO A CONDO**

**COMPLEX:** On Wednesday November 28, 2018 in the 5pm hour Chesterfield Police Officers were searching for a drunk driver slumped at the wheel. The problem was they kept getting different locations. The search came to an abrupt end when the drunk driver ran a red light crashed into another car at Chesterfield Parkway West and Forest Trace.

This is from Officer Todd Lantz's report:

It should be noted, prior to this crash, we received multiple 911 calls over the previous 45 minutes, of a silver Toyota, stopping in the roadway and the driver slumped at the wheel. We were canvassing the area where we kept getting calls. The last call of a silver Toyota, driver slumped at the wheel, just up the street from where this crash occurred.



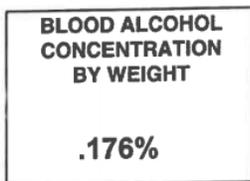
The red light runner who caused the crash abandoned his car and ran toward a condo complex on Forest Trace Drive. Suddenly the police were getting calls from residents about the driver knocking on doors trying to get in.

Officers finally caught up with Ethan C. Steele, 20, from Imperial, MO in Jefferson County. Steele was indeed drunk.

Taken back to his silver 2006 Toyota Solara convertible that was close to totaled, Steele admitted driving the car. With Steele under arrest, handcuffed and already showing a desire to run, standard field sobriety tests were not given. However Steele agreed to take a field breath test. The test showed his BAC level at .21%. An open beer can was found in the driver's area of the car.

Steele had suffered minor injuries in the crash, but declined any treatment.

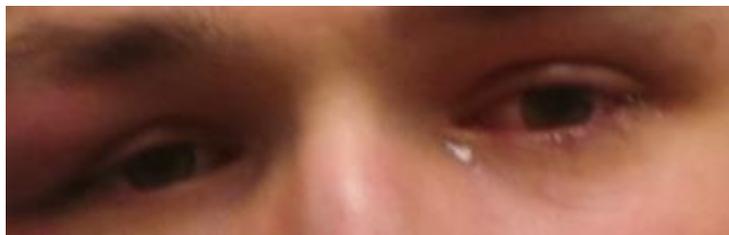
At the police station he was given standard field sobriety tests which he failed. He agreed to take an "official" breath test. That test showed his BAC level was dropping. It was at .176%.



In an interview Steele stated he thought he was in Jefferson County. When asked what he had been doing for the last three hours he replied, "Being stupid." He also admitted that he thought he was intoxicated.



Ethan Steele



Steele's eyes

Steel's record and Chesterfield outcome:

11/28/18 Disobey Red Elec Signal \$350 fine, Leaving the Scene Chesterfield PD  
Of Acc (crash) PG 2-year SIS probation term, DWI  
Guilty SIS (No-Fine, No-Points) 2-year probation and  
Attend Substance Abuse Traffic Offender program,  
Open Container \$100 fine, Minor in Poss Intoxicants  
\$155 fine, Poss of Marijuana reduced to Health Code  
Violation \$455 fine

07/29/18 Speeding Guilty \$350 fine MO Hwy Patrol

03/27/18 Speeding 26mph or more Guilty Probation revoked MO Hwy Patrol  
\$325 fine and points.

12/29/14 Speeding Guilty \$200 fine MO Hwy Patrol

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