

# DRUNKS AND THIEVES 2022 PART 11

July 26, 2022

By John Hoffmann

**OH THOSE 20oz MARGARITAS!** On a Friday night into Saturday morning July 28, 2020 at 12:38am Town and Country Officer Dustin York was on the North Forty Outer Road when he saw the driver of a Jeep swerve across a gore point from the Outer Road to Hwy 141.

York followed the Jeep and observed swerving and crossing a double-yellow line. He tried to stop the driver, but the Jeep continued on making several turns, but coming back to Hwy 141. The driver finally pulled into St. Luke's Center Drive and stopped.



Dustin York

Officer York contacted the driver, Ariel Paige Prost, 24, with residences in Creve Coeur and Quincy, IL. Officer York immediately smell a strong odor of booze on Prost's breath.

Once a witness officer arrived, Officer York had Prost get out of the Jeep. He immediately noticed that her balance was unsure. This is from the police report:

OFFICER'S OBSERVATION MADE PRIOR TO ARREST OR CUSTODY (Check appropriate box(es) 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> WATERY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BLOODSHOT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GLASSY	<input type="checkbox"/> STARING
PUPILS	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> SLOW REACTION TO LIGHT	<input type="checkbox"/> DILATED	
BALANCE AND WALKING	<input type="checkbox"/> UNCERTAIN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SWAYING	<input type="checkbox"/> STAGGERING	<input type="checkbox"/> STUMBLING
			<input type="checkbox"/> STUMBLING	<input type="checkbox"/> FALLING

Prost did not do well on the sobriety tests and Officer York then asked if she would take a field breath test. At that time she began playing 20-questions causing Officer York to say "This is the last time I'm going to ask you."

She took the test and it showed her BAC level to be .119%. She was then arrested for DWI.

PRELIMINARY BREATH TEST (PBT) POSITIVE FOR ALCOHOL?	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES	<input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> REFUSED
RESULT <u>.119</u> %	

At the police station Prost agreed to take an "official" breath test. That test showed her BAC level was dropping but that she was still drunk. It was .101%.

She agreed to be interviewed and stated she had been with a friend eating and drinking at Rosalita's Cantina for 2 hours. She claimed to have only one drink, but admitted it was a 20oz margarita. She also admitted that she thought she was intoxicated. This is from the police report:

INTERVIEW — RECORD PERSON'S RESPONSES			
WHAT TIME IS IT NOW? PAST 1 AM	WHAT IS THE DATE? NOW THE 25 OF JULY, 2020	WHAT CITY (COUNTY) ARE YOU IN NOW? ST LOUIS, WITH A 63141 ZIPCODE	
WHAT WERE YOU DOING DURING THE LAST THREE HOURS PRIOR TO CONTACT WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT? EATING WITH MY FRIEND AT ROSALITA'S CANTINA IN ST LOUIS MISSOURI			
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? 20 OZ MARGARITA, SO TEQUILLA	TIME STARTED APPROX 9-930 PM	TIME STOPPED 1030-11 PM
HOW MUCH? 20 OZ	WHERE? ROSALITA'S CANTINA	ARE YOU UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF AN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	

This is her driving record I could find:

07/25/20	DWI, Improper Lane Use	Town & Country PD
10/16/14	Following Too Closely \$30 fine	MO Hwy Patrol
09/11/10	Speeding \$50 fine	MO Hwy Patrol



Ariel Prost



Prost's eyes

**OUTCOME:** On October 21, 2021 Prost along with her downtown St. Louis lawyer appeared in Town and Country Court. Prost pled guilty to DWI and was placed on a 2-year SIS (No-Fine, No-Point, No-Permanent Record) probation. She also pled guilty to Improper Lane Use and was fined \$191.

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**TRAFFIC STOP RESULTS IN FINDING ENOUGH MARIJUANA RELATED ITEMS TO MAKE YOU WONDER IF SOMEONE WASN'T DEALING.**

It was Saturday night into Sunday morning September 1, 2019 at 2:45 am when Chesterfield Officer Brendan Steber (now with Ladue PD) observed a Kia on Olive Blvd near Faust Park with a burned out right headlight and license plate light.

As he watched as the driver swerved onto the right shoulder and then made a left turn onto Nooning Tree Drive. Officer Steber stopped the driver, Jack A. Swyers 19 of Chesterfield. Officer Steber talked with Swyers from the right side of the car through an open window. At the time he noticed a bong used to smoke marijuana and hash.

Once an assist officer arrived Officer Steber got Swyers out of the car. At that time he notice a faint odor of alcohol on Swyers' breath.

After seeing the bong in plain view it opened Steber to search the car. When he asked Swyer if there was anything in the car he would find, Swyer said "there might be a pipe in there." Here is what he found:

- Six (6) clear plastic baggies containing residue of leafy green substance appearing to be consistent with marijuana.
- One (1) glass mason jar containing residue of a leafy green substance appearing to be consistent with marijuana.
- One (1) glass bong containing burnt residue of a leafy green substance appearing to be consistent with marijuana.
- One (1) black "TAYLOR" brand weight scale with residue of a leafy green substance appearing to be consistent with marijuana.
- One (1) opened box containing twelve (12) clear plastic "Ziploc Freezer Quart" baggies.
- Three (3) multi-colored glass smoking pipes containing burnt residue of a leafy green substance appearing to be consistent with marijuana.
- One (1) "Yocan UNI" electronic cigarette device.
- Four (4) electronic cigarette cartridges containing THC (one of the cartridges was loaded into the above electronic cigarette device).
- One (1) empty "CALIPLUG GOBSTOPPERS" THC electronic cigarette cartridge box.
- One (1) open, partially full (approximately 1/5 full) bottle of "Evan Williams" Kentucky Bourbon. Located in the vehicle's trunk.



Officer Steber

When asked if he had used any marijuana Swyers said he "took a couple hits" of THC from an electronic cigarette.

Officer Steber then conducted field sobriety tests that showed Swyers appeared to be impaired. A field breath test showed that Swyers was not intoxicated. It came back at .029% well below the magic number of .08%

Steber then arrested Swyers for DWID. At the station Swyers agreed to take another breath test that showed his BAC level was dropping. It came back at .017%.

To make a case of Driving While Drugged it helps to have no alcohol level or a very low one.

Swyers was cooperative throughout being in custody and agreed to be interviewed.

This is from the police report:

WHAT TIME IS IT NOW? "3:45. Maybe a little later."	WHAT IS THE DATE? "The 1st, September 1st 2019."	WHAT CITY (COUNTY) ARE YOU IN NOW? "Chesterfield, Missouri."		
WHAT WERE YOU DOING DURING THE LAST THREE HOURS PRIOR TO CONTACT WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT? "Probably two and a half hours ago was the last beer I had, then after that I was just hanging out at my friend's house."				
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? "Beer."	TIME STARTED "11:30 pm"	TIME STOPPED "1:30 am"	
HOW MUCH? "3 Beers."	WHERE? "My friend's house."	ARE YOU UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF AN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		
HAVE YOU USED MARIJUANA OR ANY OTHER DRUG, LEGAL OR ILLEGAL, IN THE LAST 72 HOURS? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	IF YES, WHEN? "11:30-12:00 today."	WHERE? "Defiance, at work."	HOW MUCH? "2 hits off a THC cartridge."	IF YES, WHAT? "Marijuana."

Swyers was issued the following citations and then released to a sober person.

- #190031358 for Operating MV While Intoxicated Combined (Drugs & Alcohol)
- #190031359 for Possession of Marijuana or Hashish
- #190031360 for Possession of Drug Paraphernalia
- #190031361 for Minor in Possession of Alcohol
- #190031362 for No Proof of Insurance



Jack Anthony Swyers



Swyers' eyes

Swyers did not have a prior record and of course at 19 he didn't have much chance to get one. However, he has not been arrested or received a traffic citation since.

**OUTCOME:** On 02/11/20 Swyers' DWID charge was reduced to Careless and Impudent Driving and he was fined \$191. The two Drug Violations were reduced to Health Code Violations and he was fined \$300 and \$316. The remaining Violation (traffic) was reduced to Health Code Violations with a \$316 fine.

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**“DO I HAVE TO PROVIDE THAT?” SAID THE SHOPLIFTER TO THE POLICE OFFICER WHO ASKED WHAT HIS NAME WAS:** On Tuesday August 21, 2018 at about 7:52pm Chesterfield Officers Dammrich and McBride were in the area of the Walmart Store when Officer Dammrich received a call from a Walmart Asset Protection employee that he was about to stop a shoplifting suspect.

Officer Dammrich was nearby and stopped 18-year-old **Bradley Sheldon** of Manchester as he left the food market section of the store. Minutes earlier Sheldon was in the middle of committing the theft of the year, He taken a pair of headphones valued at \$4.88. He then picked up a single pack of Ramen noodles (costing about 25-cents in 2018...now about 50-cents) and placed the headphones in a jacket (he was wearing in August) pocket. He went to the self-checkout and purchased the noodles and then left the store stealing the headphones. When stopped he admitted he had just stolen the headphones.

Officer McBride was going to check and see if Sheldon had a record which would require booking at the police station. Officer McBride as Sheldon for his name and Sheldon replied, “Do I have to provide that?”

He was told that yes, when the police catch you committing a crime you have to prove who you are. Sheldon produced a drivers' license. A check show he had no record or prior contact with police. Instead of being taken to the police station, fingerprinted and photographed, Sheldon was released on a summons for Stealing.

**OUTCOME:** On 11/26/18 the charge against Sheldon was amended to something he did not do, Littering. He pled guilty in Chesterfield Municipal Court and was fined \$22 and court costs.

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**DRUGGED DRIVER IN CRASH, TESTS POSITIVE FOR LOTS OF DRUGS. SHE KEPT FALLING ASLEEP.** Paramedics on a Monarch Fire PD ambulance rolled up on a rear-end accident on EB Olive Bld at Hwy 141. It was on Sunday August 11, 2019 at 6:30pm. Chesterfield Police were dispatched and by the time officers arrived, the driver that had ran into the rear end of a car stopped at a red light was in the ambulance.

Paramedics told the officers the driver was impaired.

Also at the scene was a good citizen/witness who had been following the striking vehicle for miles first seeing her on Manchester Road in Wildwood and then following her up Clarkson Road/Olive Blvd. The witness had been calling the police to report the dangerous driver, who was going slow, swerving across the centerline and driving into curbs.

The driver of the 2017 black Hyundai was 49-year-old **Julie Ann Silvestri** of Chesterfield. She was transported to St. Luke's Hospital.

Officer Devin Kitrel (now with St. Peters PD) contacted her at the hospital. Her breath did not smell of alcohol but she was clearly very impaired. Officer Kitrel tried using a field Breath Test PBT but Silvestri could not blow hard enough for the instrument to capture a sample. She agreed to have blood drawn and tested.

This is from Officer Kitrel's report concerning the overall condition of Silvestri:

Once at the Hospital I contacted Julie in room #11. I began speaking to her about today's events. I observed she was having trouble keeping her eyes open. When she was able to open her eyes, they were watery and bloodshot. When speaking with Julie, her speech was extremely slurred to the point she was not understandable. She also could not complete a full sentence with out falling asleep.

When asked if she had been in a motor vehicle crash, her response was "I don't know."



Officer Kitrel

Since Silvestri was receiving treatment she was not taken to the police station, booked and processed. She was issued citations for DWID (drugs) and Failure to Exercise Highest Degree of Care While Operating a Motor Vehicle.

Here are the results from the blood draw and testing:

Compound: Ethanol	Result: 0.065g%
Compound: Alprazolam	Result: 108 ng/mL
Compound: Fluoxetine	Result: 455 ng/mL
Compound: Morphine	Result: 5.2 ng/mL
Compound: Norfluoxetine	Result: 253 ng/mL
Compound: Olanzapine	Result: 29 ng/mL
Compound: Morphine total	Result: 185 ng/mL

**OUTCOME:** Despite witnesses reporting Silvestri swerving, driving under 20 MPH, crossing the double yellow centerline and crashing into curbs, plus exact lab results she got a deal.

The DWID was reduced by Chesterfield Prosecutor Tim Englemeyer to Careless & Impudent Driving with a \$198 fine. The Failure to Exercise the Highest Degree of Care While Operating a Motor Vehicle was REDUCE TO A PARKING VIOLATION with a \$198 fine. As always Engelmeyer was looking out for the safety and welfare of local defense attorneys long before the health, safety and welfare of the public.

**UNUSUAL EVENT...OUT ON BOND AFTER 2-COUNT FELONY DOMESTIC ASSAULT ARREST. IN CHESTERFIELD YOU TEAR UP YOUR GIRLFRIEND'S APARTMENT IN FRONT OF YOUR CHILD THE JUDGE AND PROSECUTOR CONSIDER YOU A LITTERBUG.**

On Monday November 26, 2018 at about 8:20pm the Chesterfield Police received a call of a domestic disturbance at an apartment on Westboro Circle. They were also provided with a vehicle description of the male suspect, Connor Stevenson, 21.

Sgt. Theresa Koebbe spotted the car on the parking of the Bishop Post restaurant on Chesterfield Parkway West. She and Lt. Denny Hufford contacted Stevenson, who according to the police report was "angry."

Meanwhile Kyle Schreiber arrived at the apartment. Stevenson's girlfriend and their infant child were at the apartment. They had just returned to the apartment 3 days earlier after the October 16 felony arrest of Stevenson for 2-counts of Domestic assault.

She reported that Stevenson became upset when he could not find his car keys and began to scream at her.

She reported he told her he would tear apart the apartment if she did not give him the keys. She said he was standing on the couch screaming, jumped off the couch and grabbed a breakfast counter top near the front door and began pulling it until it came off and damaged the front door.

He found the car keys but not the apartment key. The girlfriend/mother told him not to return when he leaves.

He was arrested by Sgt. Koebbe and Lt. Hufford and took him to the police station, where he declined to make any statement.



Sgt. Koebbe, now Lt. Koebbe



Lt. Denny Hufford, now  
After 48-years as a cop at Ladue,  
Town & Country and Chesterfield is retired

Here is Stevenson's record:

12/01/20	Peace Disturbance Guilty \$288 fine	Hawks Point PD
07/03/20	Speeding 36-40 over limit guilty \$450 fine	Creve Coeur PD
05/11/19	Speeding 105 MPH 1-day jail	MO Hwy Patrol
11/26/18	Property Damage reduced to Littering \$200 fine	Chesterfield PD
10-16-18	2-counts Felony Domestic Assault Guilty 3-probation violations with 2 warrants	Chesterfield PD
09/04/18	Speeding 16-10 over limit Clarkson Valley \$122	Chesterfield PD
02/03/18	Resisting or Interfering With Arrest Guilty \$100 fine	O'Fallon PD
03/26/17	Moving Violation reduced to Parking Vio \$167 fine	MO Hwy Patrol
12/29/16	Moving Violation reduced to Parking Vio \$50 fine	MO Hwy Patrol
12/01/16	Careless & Impudent Driving Fine	MO Hwy Patrol



Connor Stevenson

**OUTCOME:** This is another great slice of Chesterfield justice by then Judge Rick “Let loose” Brunk and prosecutor Tim “Hire a Lawyer and you get a great deal” Englemeyer.

Despite the fact that Stevenson was on bond for two counts of felony Domestic Assault, Engelmeyer reduced the charge from Destruction of Property to Littering with a \$200 fine.

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**PRICE TAG SWITCHER IS CAUGHT CHANGING PRICE TAGS ON ELECTRONICS FOR \$1 ITEMS IN TOY DEPARTMENT THEN GOING TO SELF CHECKOUT REGISTER.** Casey Stotts, a 38-year-old thief and drug abuser on January 8, 2019 made the drive from Dittmer, MO to St. Louis County to steal.

At about 7:27pm Chesterfield PD Officers Trevor McBride and Matt Paubel were already in the security office of the Chesterfield Valley Walmart store on another case, when they observed on store security video Stotts acting suspicious.



Trevor McBride   Matt Paubel   Peter Welegala

They watched as Stotts scratched and peeled a \$1.00 price tag off a box in the Children’s craft section. He later picks up a yellow box containing an \$89 mini computer printer. Stotts then goes to the self checkout and scans a soft drink and the mini-computer with the \$1 price code from the Children craft box.

As he walks out of the store he meets Officer Peter Welegala who arrests him.

Stotts claimed not to have a car, but somehow took a non-existent bus from rural Dittmer, Missouri to Chesterfield. Officer found keys on him to a Hyundai. They found the car in the parking lot. In plain view in the passenger area of the car were more stolen items with actual price stickers covered with stickers from much less expensive items. Also found in the car was a baggie with white powder. Here are the stolen items recovered:

- 1. Stanley Booster Cables (\$11.00)**
  - 2. Fire 7 Alexa (\$49.99)**
  - 3. Super Tech Oil (\$3.97)**
  - 4. Hyper Tough 25 foot cord (\$26.84)**
  - 5. Sylvania light (\$24.88)**
  - 6. Sylvania light (\$24.88)**
  - 7. Incipio phone case (\$24.99)**
- Total Recovered was \$144.55.**

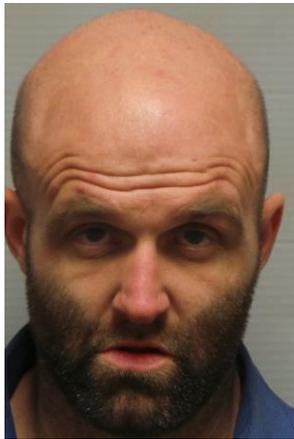
The Sylvania lights had \$1 crayon price tags on them.

Here is some of Stotts' record that we could find:

01/08/22	Mo Dept of Corrections Felony Probation Vio Warrant Driving While Revoked	Callaway Co SO
07/02/21	Driving While Revoked Guilty \$200 fine	Callaway Co SO
06/21/21	Driving While Revoked Guilty \$200 fine	Callaway Co SO
01/20/21	Mo Dept of Corrections Felony Probation Vio Warrant	Callaway Co SO
12/06/20	Unregistered Veh Guilty fine	Callaway Co SO
03/06/20	No Auto Insurance \$200 fine	MO Hwy Patrol
01/08/20	Felony Drug Possession	St. Charles Co PD
04/25/19	Felony Drug Poss Pled Guilty Probation revoked 02/07/22 Sentence to 5-yrs prison	Jefferson Co SO
01/08/19	Stealing, Poss of Stolen Property	Chesterfield PD
08/30/18	Open Container/Consuming, Unreg Veh Guilty fine	Franklin Co SO
06/17/18	Felony Drug Possession Probation revoked 3-yrs prison	Lake Ozark PD
05/30/18	Unregistered Vehicle Guilty Fine	MO Hwy Patrol
11/24/17	Speeding 11-15 over limit \$55 fine	MO Hwy Patrol
04/18/15	Speeding Guilty fine	MO Hwy Patrol
06/01/13	Speeding 20-25 over limit \$181 fine	Cass Co SO
10/19/06	Criminal Vio reduced to Littering \$500 fine	Jefferson Co SO



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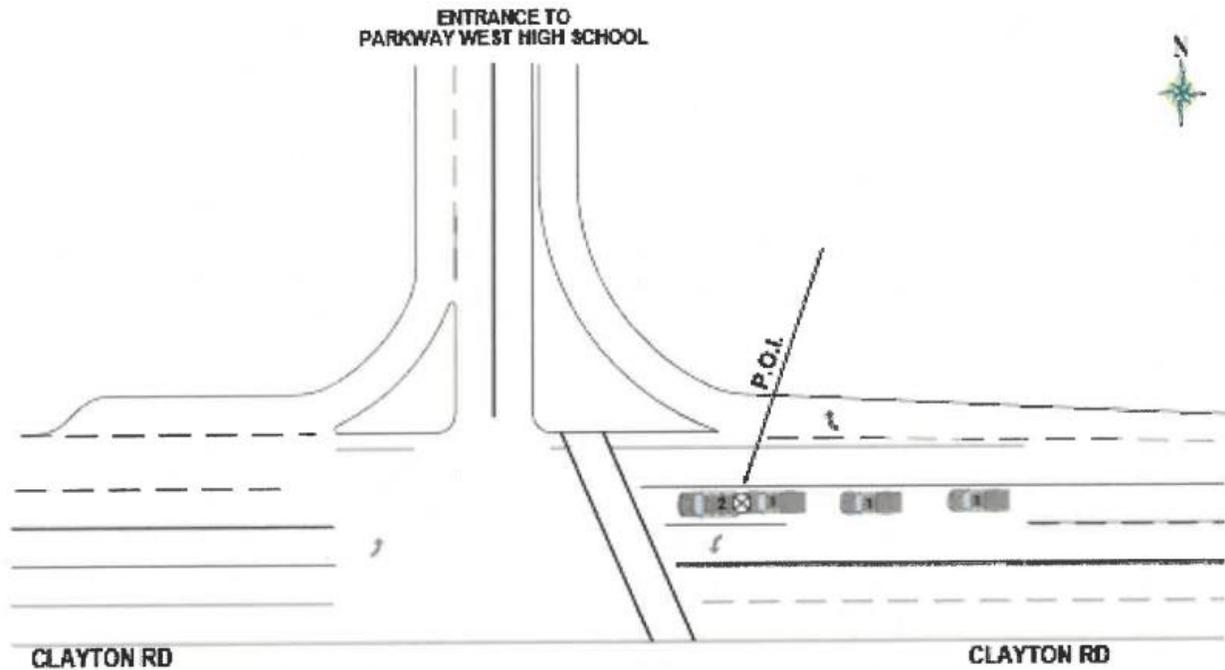
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**OUTCOME:** On 08/17/19 Stotts pled guilty in Chesterfield Municipal court to Stealing and was fined \$307.

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**DRUNK DRIVER WHO CAUSED CRASH ALSO HAD A GRINDER AND MARIJUANA IN HIS POCKET WHEN ARRESTED:** We are not reporting from Sweden, this event happened in Chesterfield Missouri on Clayton Road near the Parkway West High School.

On Wednesday February 6, 2019 at 9:19pm LARS SWEDBERG, 23, was driving a 2002 Ford F-150 pickup truck when he crashed into the rear of a Jeep Grand Cherokee. Chesterfield Police Officer Austin Lowe was dispatched to the scene.



Swedberg, from Wildwood, MO, had crashed into the rear of the Jeep that was stopped at a red light. Both vehicles were disabled and had to be towed from the scene.

Swedberg told Officer Lowe that he was driving “a little too fast” and could not stop in time to avoid smashing into the Jeep. While speaking with Swedberg Officer Lowe noticed that his breath smelled of alcoholic beverage. This is from his report:

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

At first when asked Swedberg said he had one beer and a shot. That would later change.

He was given field sobriety tests that indicated his balance was poor. He agreed to take a field breath test. That showed his BAC level to be .101%.

PRELIMINARY BREATH TEST (PBT) POSITIVE FOR ALCOHOL? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> REFUSED RESULT <u>.101</u> %
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He was then arrested for DWI. While being patted down prior to being handcuffed, Swedberg told Officer Lowe he had a metal marijuana grinder in this jacket pocket. Officer Lowe discovered that not only was the grinder in his pocket, so was marijuana.

At the police station Swedberg agreed to take an “official” breath test. He was lucky because at 10:53pm or one hour and 36-minutes after the crash his BAC level was below the limit of .08%. The test came back at .073% BAC.

Despite having a grinder and marijuana on him Swedberg denied smoking any weed prior to the crash. However, he admitted that his booze intake was higher than he first stated. He said he was at Pepper’s Bar and had two beers and a shot of Makers Mark Whiskey.

He was cited for DWI, Fail to Exercise the Highest Care While Driving, Possession of Marijuana and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.

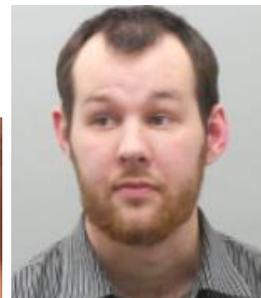
A 37 days after his Chesterfield DWI arrest he was arrested by the County Police for DWI on March 31, 2019.



Lars Swedberg



Lars' eyes



March 2019 DWI

03/31/19	DWI PG 02/02/20 2-yr SES probation, Moving Vio Reduced to Parking Vio \$100 fine	St. Louis Co PD
02/06/19	DWI in crash, Fail to Drive with Highest Care	Chesterfield PD
08/09/15	Domestic Assault	St. Louis Co PD

**OUTCOME:** Chesterfield DWI in 2018

DWI: PLEAD GUILTY ON 3/13/20, GIVEN AN SIS WITH 2 YEARS PROBATION, SATOP AND VICTIM IMPACT PANEL. PAID COURT COSTS AND RECOUP FEE

FAIL EXERCISE HIGHEST CARE: PLEAD GUILTY ON 3/13/20, FINE OF \$350.50 AND COURT COSTS

POSS. MARIJUANA: AMENDED TO LITTERING ON 3/13/20, FINE OF \$326.50 AND COURT COSTS

POSS. PARAPHERNALIA: AMENDED TO LITTERING ON 3/13/20, FINE OF \$152.50 AND COURT COSTS

Judge Rick “Let em Loose if they hired a lawyer” Brunk and Prosecutor Tim Engelmeyer should have known the Swedberg had been convicted March St. Louis County DWI a month before he pled guilty to the Chesterfield DWI, but he still received a SIS “No Points, No Fine, No Permanent Record” probation. This is another example of Chesterfield justice that under Judge Bruck was more interested in making sure local defense attorney were taken care of than the public protected.

**St. Louis County DWI in 2019**

Swedberg pled guilty on 02/03/20 to the DWI and got a SES probation term in lieu of 6-months in jail with the conviction going on his driving record.

The moving violation that Swedberg was first stopped for was reduced to a Non-Moving Parking Violation with a \$100 fine.

Swedberg had moved from the land of Swedes, Minnesota. We could find no arrests there.

**SHE LIKES THE CHESTERFIELD WALMART SO MUCH SHE RETURNS TO GET ARRESTED FOR SHOPLIFTING A SECOND TIME.** Chelise Marie Wallace, born in 1968, was a 5-time convicted felon with a number of misdemeanor convictions for drugs and thefts when she decided to come to Chesterfield Valley and visit the Wal Mart Store on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July 2019 at 8pm.

Store security watched as Wallace removed a cell phone from its packaging and put it in her purse. She wasn’t just a thief, but also a customer as she shopped and went through the self-checkout. When she left the store she was stopped by security and asked if the cell phone was still in her purse. She said it was and she was “stupid.”

Chesterfield Police Officer Freant responded. He did something unusual. With Wallas having a long criminal record he did not arrest her, take her to the station for fingerprinting and photos. Instead he released her on a summons. Of course it was almost dark on July 4<sup>th</sup> and things were about to get busy for the cops. Wallace turned out to be a good honest crook and came to court and pled guilty, only to return again.



Officer Freant

**THE RETURN VISIT:** She was back at the store on in the 3 o'clock hour on May 3, 2021 along with her mother and a small dog. This time a store security agent noticed that she had been in the store earlier and this time she was carrying a different purse (one that she was in the process of stealing). Security observed her on video stealing a number of items and called the Chesterfield Police. The entire on-duty unit of the Special Enforcement Unit responded.

This time upon leaving the store Wallace was met by a store security agent and by five cops. She had been carrying a small dog in a bag while inside Walmart. The dog was given to her mother.

A search of the stolen purse revealed the following items stolen:

USB TO HDMI; SKU# 084762600241; \$29.88  
AUX CHARGER; SKU# 068113129076; \$29.88  
USBC-HDMI A; SKU# 068113130907; \$15.88  
HDMI CBL 4FT; SKU# 068113131018; \$6.42

Officers also found a tube that had apparently been used to snort meth.

This time Officer Jason Bromwich arrested Wallace and took her to the police station for processing. Due to COVID Pandemic departmental rules in effect since March of 2020 she was released on summonses for Stealing, Trespassing and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.



Officer Jason Bromwich



Chelise M. Wallace's record:

05/03/21	Stealing, Trespassing, Poss Drug Paraphernalia	Chesterfield PD
11/16/21	Expired License Plates \$50 fine	St. Charles City PD
07/04/19	Stealing Guilty \$500 fine	Chesterfield PD
01/07/16	Fugitive Out of State Felony	Warren Co SO
06/04/15	Felony Drug Possession	Warren Co SO
12/11/14	Felony Drug Poss Probation revoked	St. Clair Co IL SO
10/29/09	Full Order of Protection No Stalking	St. Charles Co Court
09/11/07	Stealing Guilty 60-days jail	St. Peters PD
02/22/07	No License Plates, No Op Lic Guilty fines	MO Hwy Patrol
06/07/06	Unlawful Use of Drug Paraphernalia 60-days jail	St. Charles Co SO
11/04/05	Speeding 16-19 over Guilty \$80 fine	MO Hwy Patrol
10/26/05	Passing Bad Check Guilty 60-days jail	St. Charles Co
07/08/02	Felony Drug Possession Guilty 3-yrs prison	St. Charles Co SO
12/30/97	Altered Lic Plates, Fictitious Drivers' Lic 5-days jail	St. Charles Co
04/02/96	Felony Stealing Probation revoked 2-years prison	St. Charles Co
11/20/95	Fel Distribution of Drugs Probation Revoked 7-years prison	St. Charles Co
11/13/95	Felony Distribution of Drugs Probation Revoked	St. Charles Co

**OUTCOMES:** In 2019 Wallace appeared in Chesterfield Municipal court three months after the incident on 10/15/19 and pled guilty to stealing on July 4<sup>th</sup>. She was fined \$500.

The May 3, 2021 arrest of Wallace saw her appear in Chesterfield Court on 10/19/21. She pled guilty to stealing and was fined \$300 and Pled Guilty to trespassing resulting in a \$200 fine. The drug charge was not prosecuted.

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**THIEF IGNORED A VERY STRONG HINT:** On Sunday November 17, 2019 after 4pm David M. Wells, 32, of Wentzville was at the Chesterfield Valley Walmart planning on doing some price sticker switching stealing.

Wells was seen by security switching a price tag on a jacket and then going to a “clearance” area of the store, taking a price tag off an item and then using it to replace a price tag on a cabinet.

He then took the items to the automotive area and tried to check out, but the cashier was having trouble getting the register/scanner to accept the price tag on the box with the cabinet.

Wells then walked out of the store only to see four Chesterfield Police Officers of the Special Enforcement Unit at the front door. He said he forgot his wallet and asked the officers what they were doing there. He was told they were just walking the store.

The Walmart staff decline prosecution of Wells since nothing had left the store. That would change in a few minutes.



Four cops did not faze Wells. A few minutes later he was back in the store trying to buy the jacket and cabinet. The cashier now recognized the sticker on the cabinet was invalid. Wells then bought the jacket with the switched \$10 price tag.

Store security, who had alerted the SEU officers that Wells was back, stopped Wells when he left the store and the officers joined him in the Loss Prevention Office. Wells said he was hard up for money.

**David Michael Wells** No Photo available

11/25/19	DWI Guilty SES Probation, Poss of Marij Guilty \$300 fine, Felony Drug Poss Guilty SES Probation Poss of Drug Paraphernalia \$300 fine Fail to Signal \$30 fine	MO Hwy Patrol
11/17/19	Stealing	Chesterfield PD
08/22/13	3-cts Fel Drug Poss SES Probation, Poss Marij Guilty 120-days jail	St. Charles Co SO
07/25/08	Distribute or Deliver Fel Drugs, 2-ct Fel Drug Poss Guilty SES probation	St. Charles Co SO
04/01/05	Moving Vio reduced to Loud Muffler \$100 fine Purchase Liquor By A Minor Guilty \$200 fine	MO Hwy Patrol

**OUTCOME:** Wells appeared in Chesterfield Municipal on 10/13/21. He had hired a defense attorney. He had been sentenced on 04/07/21 to seven years in prison but placed on a SES 5-year probation in Montgomery County Missouri for a felony drug charge, plus DWI and a marijuana charge. He was already a convicted drug felon from 2008 when he was dealing.

So what did Chesterfield Prosecutor Tim Engelmeyer do? He reduced the criminal charge of stealing to a non-criminal ordinance violation of a Health Code Violation. Judge Mark Gaertner either didn't bother to check Wells record before allowing a reduced non-criminal charge or was told Engelmeyer had. Chesterfield mis-justice.

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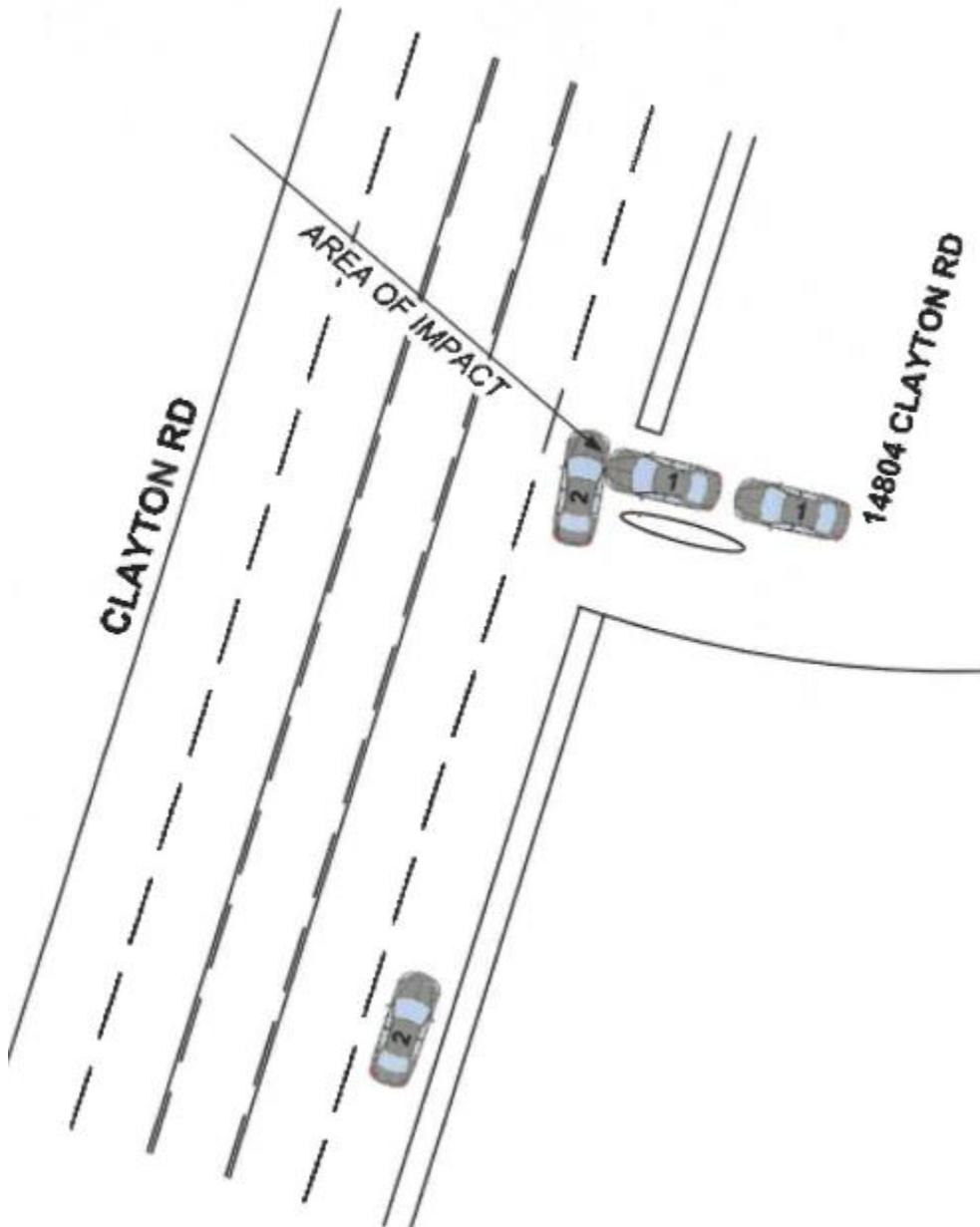
**“SHE HAD A BLANK STARING EXPRESSION AND LOOKED OUT OF IT”** That is what the driver of the BMW said of 21-year-old Melissa Sumpter just before Sumpter crashed into her car.

Chesterfield Officer Greg Rupp was dispatched to a crash on Clayton Road (14804) in front of the Shell Circle K gas station next to the Goodwill Store at 3:25pm on January 30, 2019.



Officer Rupp

When he arrived he found an orange VW with front end damage and a BMW with right front side damage.



The driver of the car that got hit told Officer Rupp that just before the crash she looked toward the orange VW and saw that the driver had a “blank staring expression” and “looked out of it.”

An independent witness confirmed the BMW driver’s statement that the VW just pulled out of the lot onto Clayton Road running into the BMW.

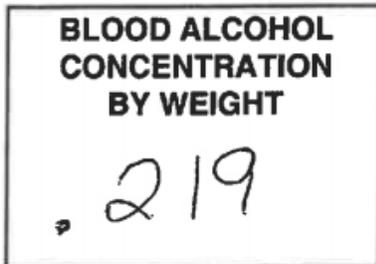
When Officer Rupp contact the driver, Melissa Sumpter, 21, of Chesterfield. He noticed her breath smelled of booze.

Upon checking Sumpter drivers’ license he found she had outstanding Failure to Appear warrants. He returned from his car and arrested her. In preparing her car to be towed he did an inventory and found:

- One) An empty bottle of vodka
- Two) An empty bottle of wine
- Three) An empty can of 6% alcohol lemon beer seltzer
- Four) A bag of marijuana in a purse she had just placed in the trunk

Officer Rupp reported that upon arriving at the police with Sumpter in the back seat, the car reeked of the smell of Sumpter’s boozy breath.

In the station the balance tests normally done on the street were performed in the booking area. Sumpter agreed to take an “official” breath test. That test taken 90 minutes after the crash showed he BAC level to be at .219%.





Melissa Sumpter



Sumpter's eyes

In an interview Sumpter denied that she had been drinking, but admitted that she thought she was intoxicated. She also admitted that she smoked marijuana 12 hours earlier.

She was issued citations for Failure to Yield, DWI, Possession of Marijuana

**OUTCOME:** The moving violation that caused the crash was reduced to a Parking Violation with a \$150 fine. The DWI resulted in a guilty plea with a 2-year SIS "No-Fine, No-Points" and "No Permanent Record" probation. The Possession of Marijuana and Open Container charges were amended to non-criminal Health Code violations with \$350 in fines.

Here is a person almost 3x above the legal limit who causes a crash in the middle of the afternoon who leaves the Judge Brunk and Prosecutor Engelmeyer's Court with ZERO POINTS on her driving record. Chesterfield justice thanks to Mayor Bob Nation who kept reappointing these guys who refuse to try and keep the public safe.

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**DRUNK DRIVER REAR ENDS VAN ON I-270 AND LEAVES SCENE ONLY TO HAVE TO ABANDON HER DAMAGED CAR ON BALLAS ROAD.** On Tuesday August 20, 2019 at about 11:30pm Randi Rainwater, 36, of Hillsboro, MO was NB on I-270 in her Hyundai Sonata when she slammed into the rear of a Chrysler Van causing extensive front end damage of the Hyundai and rear end damage to the van.

The van driver pulled his vehicle to the shoulder. The idea did not appeal to Rainwater, she fled the scene but her car could not make it after she exited onto EB I-64 and then took the exit to Ballas Road where it was the end of the road for the Sonata.

A month earlier she had been arrested for DWI by the Highway Patrol. She did not stick around. She called a friend to come pick her up and they left.

Officer Eric Diaz and Cpl. Doll were dispatched to the Ballas Road exit ramp. There they found a postal worker's ID case with a badge and ID card in the name of Randi Rainwater. They obtained a phone number from the arrest reports of her recent encounter with law enforcement and called her. She agreed to return to her car.



Cpl. Doll

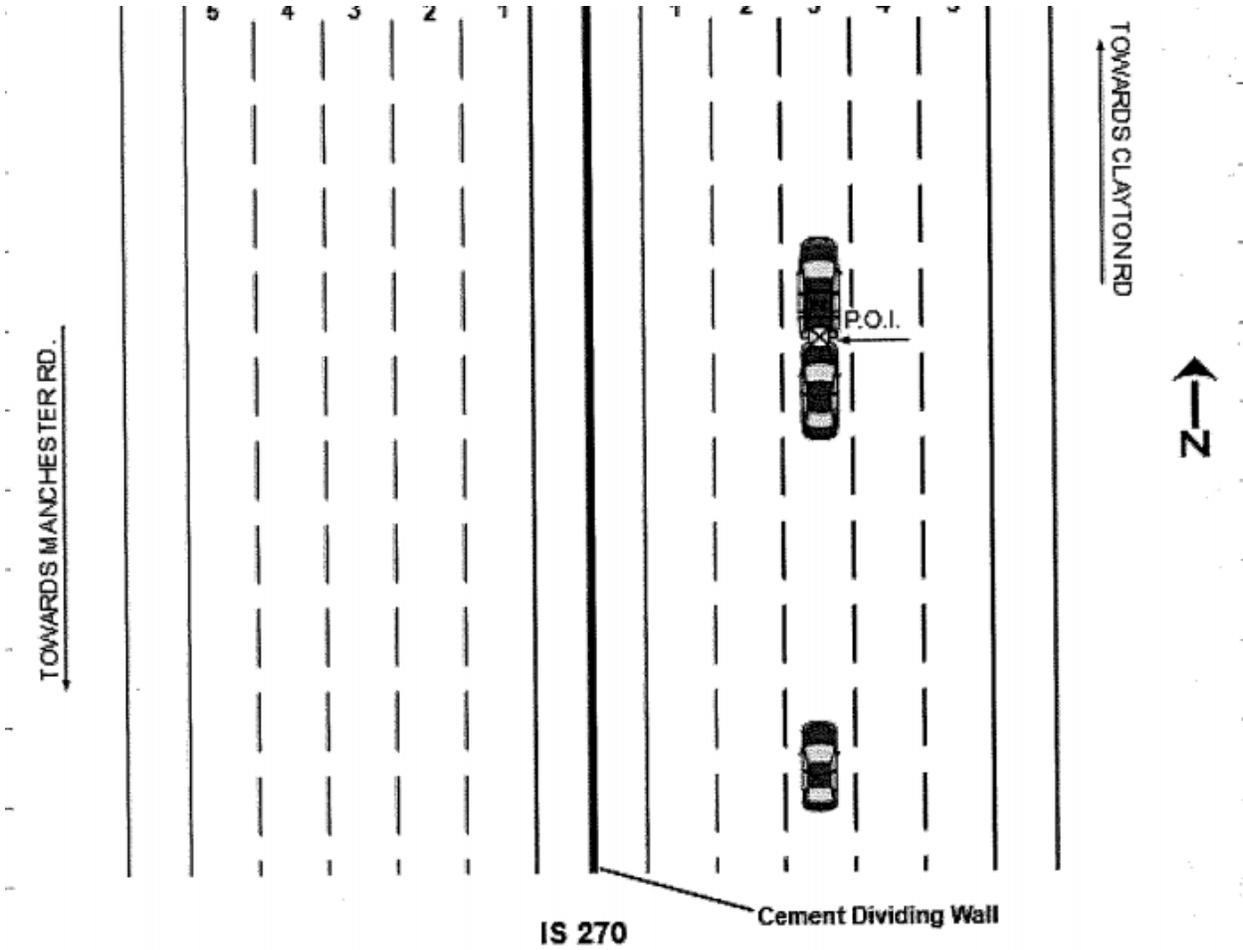


Officer Diaz



Officer Wolfe

Officer Lauren Wolfe responded to I-270 and handled the crash report. This is from her report:



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When Rainwater returned to her car she stated that she thought the other vehicle was following. Officers noticed she had a strong odor of booze on her breath, her eyes were glassy and speech confused and slurred.

She claimed at first the crash happened on WB I-64 and not on I-270. Of course she exited NB 270 onto EB I-64 and then onto Ballas Road. She also claimed the driver of Van fled the scene by continuing west on I-64, when in fact the van was still at the crash scene on NB I-270.

She agreed to take field sobriety tests but refused to take a field breath test.

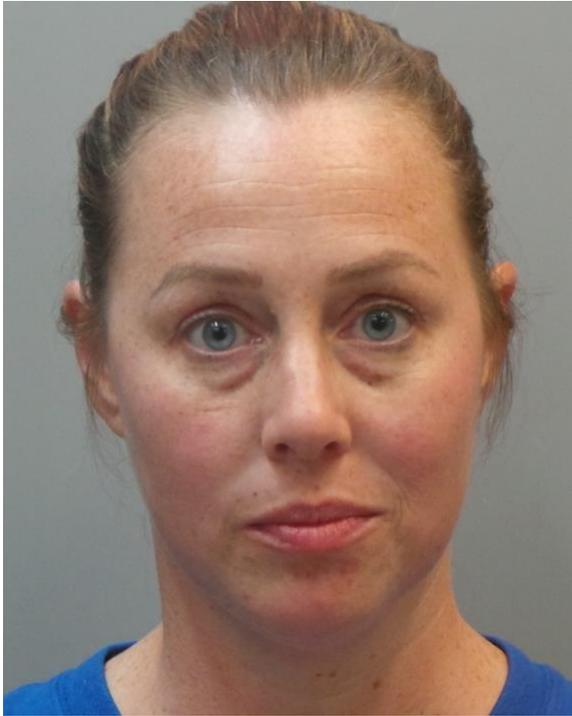
She was arrested for DWI, Leaving the Scene of a Crash, Following too Closely and No Proof of Insurance.

At the police station she refused to take the "official" breath test. She also refused to take a breath test during her July 2019 DWI arrest by the Highway Patrol.

She agreed to be interviewed and stated she had been playing bingo in Crystal City. She stated had one vodka and water, but admitted that she thought she was intoxicated.

Randi Rainwater:

08/21/19	DWI, Leaving Scene of Acc (Crash), Following too Close Town & Country PD No Auto Insurance	
07/13/19	DWI, Fail to Drive in Single Lane Guilty	MO Hwy Patrol
02/24/15	Unregistered Vehicle Guilty \$200 fine	MO Hwy Patrol
07/08/14	Moving Violation reduced to Parking Vio \$200 fine	MO Hwy Patrol
06/06/13	Speeding Guilty Fine	MO Hwy Patrol
12/15/08	Moving Violation reduced to Loud Muffler \$200 fine No Valid Op License Guilty \$300 fine	MO Hwy Patrol
07/29/08	Speeding \$125 fine	MO Hwy Patrol
03/12/05	Speeding \$200 fine	MO Hwy Patrol



Randi Rainwater



Rainwater's eyes

**OUTCOME:** On 06/04/21 Rainwater Pled Guilty to Leaving the Scene of an Accident (Crash). Judge Niehoff placed her on a 2-year SIS "No-Fine, No-Points, No-Permanent Record" Probation. She also Pled Guilty to DWI. She was fined \$466 and was placed on a 2-year SES Probation in lieu of 60-days in jail. She pled Guilty to the No Auto Insurance charge and was fined \$191. The Following Too Closely charge was dropped. However, she did end up with points and fines, unlike a normal day in Chesterfield Court, things were different in Town and Country.

The Highway Patrol DWI from July 13, 2019 resulted in a guilty plea on 02/09/21. She was placed on a 2-year SIS "No Points, No-Fine" Probation on the DWI. But the probation was suspended on 10/12/21. She also pled guilty to Failure to Keep Right and was fined \$200.