

**DRUNKS AND THIEVES 2022 PART 12**  
**August 30, 2022**

**By John Hoffmann**

**A WITNESS NEARLY HIT BY DRUNK DRIVER IN DOWNTOWN ST. LOUIS  
FOLLOWED HIM, THE WHOLE TIME TRYING TO GET POLICE TO SHOW UP.  
TOWN AND COUNTRY WAS THE FIRST TO DO SO AND MAKE THE ARREST. IT  
WAS AFTER THE DRIVER PASSED OUT.**

The witness was a 32-year-old from Belleville, Illinois, who almost got hit by the drunk driver of a white Chrysler sedan on I-70/I-44 in downtown St. Louis. He also witnessed the Chrysler hit a median wall and then get stuck on a lane separating median, only to have a good Samaritan stop and help push the car back on the road. He then followed the car out Market Street and onto I-64. He supplied this written statement:

At approx. 2305, I was driving eastbound on I-70/I-44 in the left lane. As I was passing the white in color Chrysler sedan, I noticed the car could not maintain lane and almost got side swiped. I proceeded to hit the brakes to avoid an accident and got behind the individual driving the sedan. At 2308 I called 911 dispatch letting them know of a possible drunk driver on the interstate since I had followed him for a mile or two prior to calling, observing the vehicle swerving in and out of the lane. He got off on Exit 292A heading for downtown. As he approached the split for the MLK bridge and N Broadway, he drove his car up on the concrete barrier resulting in him high centering his vehicle.

He sat there and free spun his wheels for a couple minutes until another vehicle pulled in front of him then backed into his front bumper to get him unstuck from the barrier. When he got free from the barrier he proceeded onto N Broadway heading south, until he got to Market St. heading west, which eventually merged onto I-64W. He reached speeds well over the speed limit continuing to not maintain his lane swerving into other peoples lanes causing them to swerve. He stayed on I-64W until Exit 20 for Chesterfield Pkwy E. where he exited and made a left turn to get back onto I-64E, he then got off on Exit 22 heading South on Highway 141. On 141 South he drove all the way over to the left shoulder. As he continued to drive on the shoulder, he drove his car up on the concrete median/barrier to where the car lifted up off the ground by approx. a foot. He preceded to exit onto S Woods Mill Rd. turning onto Clayton Rd where he pulled over on the right side of the road before Sheffield Manor Ct. where he sat until patrol cars arrived. If you need anything further please reach out via email or my cell listed below.

The witness was on 9-1-1 trying to get the police to stop the suspect he continued to follow out I-64 to SB 141 to SB Woods Mill Road to EB Clayton Road, where the driver pulled over and vomited and then fell sleep behind the wheel.

It was Friday night April 23, 2021 at 11:43pm when Town and Country Police Officers Steven Doll arrived on Clayton Road at Sheffield Manor Ct. where the Chrysler was on the shoulder, engine running, with the driver behind the wheel covered in vomit.



Cpl. Steve Doll



Officer Josh Hamel

The officer put their patrol cars' push bumper against the front and the rear of the Chrysler so when they woke up the driver, he could not put the car in gear and flee the scene.

They woke up the driver and immediately there was a smell of a combination of puke and booze. The driver, Anthony Tyrone Ray, 33, of Hazelwood had to use the door and the side of his car to keep from falling when he exited the car

Here are Cpl. Doll's first observations of Ray from the police report:

OFFICER'S OBSERVATION MADE PRIOR TO ARREST OR CUSTODY (Check appropriate boxes) and add a	
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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CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	DESCRIBE: BLACK TENNIS SHOES, JOGGING PANTS, T-SHIRT SOILED BY: VOM
UNUSUAL ACTIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> PROFANITY <input type="checkbox"/> HICCUPS <input type="checkbox"/> BELCHING <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> VOMITING <input type="checkbox"/> FIGHTING

When asked if he had anything to drink Ray replied, "a little bit." At first he said he had a shot of Patron Tequila.



Ray later inferred he drank an entire bottle of Patron shot by shot. He later rolled that back to 3-shots. While talking to Cpl. Doll, Ray mentioned, that he was “fixing to get locked up.

Ray said he was going to Hazelwood. EB on Clayton Road in Town and Country would not get him to Hazelwood which is located 16 miles to the north.

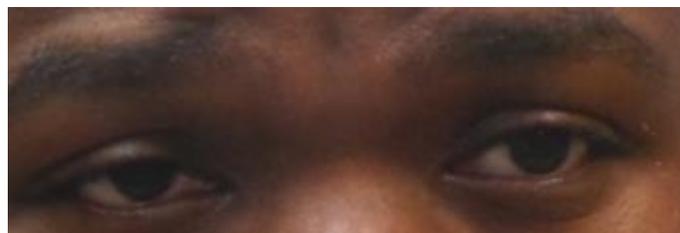
He failed his field sobriety tests and refused to take a field breath test. He was arrested.

At the police station he agreed to take an “official” breath test. That test showed his BAC level to be .132%.

Despite testing well over the legal limit, crashing into a highway median, admitting drinking shots of tequila and vomiting all over himself then pulling off on the shoulder of a road and falling asleep behind the wheel of a running car, Ray said he did not consider himself intoxication.



Anthony Tyrone Ray



Ray's eyes

Ray did not have an extensive driving record with the last minor citation he received was 12 years earlier.

He was cited by Cpl. Doll for DWI and Expired License Plates.

**OUTCOME** On 08/20/21 Ray pled guilty before Town & Country Judge Andrea Niehoff. He was given a 2-year SIS “No-Fine, No-Points, No-Permanent Record” probation for DWI and fined \$50 for the expired license plates.

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## **TWO WOMEN SHARING A HOUSE IN FENTON PULL A WALMART RETURN FRAUD.**

This was a small dollar theft that involved the purchase of items at a Wal Mart and then returning and shopping again for the same items and taking them to the courtesy with the first receipt and wanting a refund.

Officer Trevor McBride of the Chesterfield Police Special Enforcement Unit dealing with retail crimes was suspicious of an occupied parked Buick Van he observed on Friday December 13, 2019 as he patrolled the parking lot of the Walmart store. The vehicle was parked close to an entrance and occupied by a woman who was specially interested in watching him.



Officer McBride

Officer McBride went into the Walmart store and to the security office. He asked if there were any unusual activity on video or being report. An employee at Courtesy counter had just called to report a suspicious return that include some food items. One item was frozen French fries. The package was so frozen it seem that it had just been removed from a freezer, but the person returning it was from Fenton.

A checked of the Chrysler van parked just outside the doors revealed it was gone. Review of the video showed a license plate that checked to Crystal Kohler,33, of Fenton.

Video showed that Kohler entered the store with two children and went to the restroom, taking both children in with her. Upon leaving the restroom she is contacted the other woman, Tricia White, 50, who lives with Kohler.

White then placed a number of items in Kohler's shopping cart and left. Kohler then goes to the courtesy counter with a receipt and returns the items for grand total \$48.54.

Six days later on December 19 Officer McBride went to the address of the residence in Fenton and contacted both women. They admitted it was them on the video conducting the fraudulent return scam.

Kohler who had been issued a Trespassing Ban letter for all Walmart by a store security in the past and entered into the Walmart security computer system was issued citations by Officer McBride for Stealing and Trespassing. White was issued a citation for Stealing. When the citations were issued White was coughing loudly and claimed to have lung cancer. It appears as if White and Kohler are mother and daughter.

### Crystal Kohler

05/20/20 Speeding 20-25 MPH over limit  
12/19/19 Stealing, Trespassing Guilty

MO Hwy Patrol  
Chesterfield PD

### Tricia Taylor White



03/16/22 Trespassing Arnold PD  
07/14/21 Stealing, Trespassing FTA Warrant Chesterfield PD  
04/04/21 Stealing, Trespassing Shrewsbury PD  
07/02/20 Speeding 16-19 over limit, Fail to Signal MO Hwy Patrol  
12/13/19 Stealing Guilty \$400 fine FTA War 1/20/22 ref fine pymt Chesterfield PD  
09/18/19 Stealing Guilty \$150 fine Trespassing Guilty \$150 fine Manchester PD

**OUTCOME:** Crystal Kohler Pled Guilty to Stealing in Chesterfield Court on June 15, 2021 and was fined \$150. She pled guilty to Trespassing and was fined \$250. Both fines were paid in full.

**On 08/17/21 Tricia White** appeared in Chesterfield Court and pled guilty to Stealing. She was fined \$400. On 01/20/22 a Failure to Appear in Court Warrant was issued as White failed to appear as required to explain why the fine had not been paid.

**WHITE'S RETURNED TO THE CHESTERFIELD WALMART** Being cited once for stealing at the Chesterfield Walmart did not get White's attention. She was arrested on July 14, 2021 at the Chesterfield Walmart for Stealing, Trespassing and Possession of Fentanyl. FTA warrants were issued on 12/30/21 on the Stealing and Trespassing charges.

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**ANOTHER DRUNK DRIVER FROM THE FOLKS AT HARPOS.** On Wednesday February 19, 2020 at about 8:17pm Chesterfield Officer Matt Niemeier was at parked at Baxter Road and Old Clarkson Road when he observed a white GMC pickup truck on SB Baxter cross the double yellow center line.

He then followed the GMC and saw it swerve several more times onto or across the center line. He attempted to stop the vehicle on Baxter Road, but the driver refused to pull over. After passing several side streets the driver turned onto Country Ridge and stopped. Officer Todd Lantz, a traffic officer responded to assist.



Officer Matt Niemeier    Officer Todd Lantz

Officer Niemeier contacted the driver, Michael Wiedemeier, who he found to be intoxicated. This is from the police report:

**I made contact with the driver, Michael Wiedemeier, and explained the reason for the stop. Wiedemeier's eyes were glassy and blood shot. His speech was slurred and mumbled. I could smell a strong odor of alcohol emitting from inside the vehicle.**

By now Officer Lantz was on the scene and spoke to Wiedemeier who told him his wife was coming to pick him up and added he could also walk home.

Wiedemeier stated he had three beers at a company function. He was asked to perform some field sobriety tests and he refused. He also refused to take a Field Breath Test. He was then arrested for DWI and Improper Lane Use.

At the police station he refused to take an "official" breath test but agreed to be interviewed. In the interview he stated that beside the beer he drank and the work function he then went to Harpos Bar, which leads Chesterfield in serving people just before their DWI arrests. He now said he had a "couple of beers downtown" and two more at Harpos. He also said he did not consider himself drunk.



Michael Wiedemeier



Wiedemeier's eyes

**OUTCOME:** On February 19, 2021 Wiedemeier appeared with attorney. a former assistant County prosecutor from the 1970s, Tim Devereux, in Chesterfield Court (possibly by video due to the pandemic) before the host of “If You Hire an attorney Let’s Make a Deal” starring prosecutor Tim Engelmeyer and Judge Rick Brunk.



Monty Hall



Wayne Brady



Tim Engelmeyer



Rick Brunk

Engelmeyer gave the first deal of reducing the moving violation charge of driving over the double yellow center line early in the evening while drunk to a no-points Parking Violation with a \$191 fine.

Rick Brunk doubled down by placing a drunk driver, who was weaving across the center line and then refused to take any breath tests or do any field sobriety tests, a SIS Probation (No Fine, No Points and No Permanent Record) term.

When they were done Wiedemeier had no points on his license for Drunk Driving and repeatedly crossing the centerline.

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**DRUNK MID-DAY SMITTY’S CUSTOMER GOES AROUND THE WORLD (AROUND THE ENTIRE PARKING LOT) CRASHING FIVE TIMES.** It was Wednesday December 11, 2019 at about 4:50pm (dusk) when Chesterfield Police Traffic Officer Todd Lantz received the call for a crash involving multiple cars on the parking lot in front of Smitty’s Restaurant and Bar on Clayton Road near Baxter Road.



Officer Lantz



As a regular customer at Smitty's prior to the Pandemic I found that from around 2pm to 5pm on weekdays older people who appeared to maybe be alcoholics were usually seated on the bar side of the restaurant.

On this day the call involved one of those people. When Officer Lantz arrived he found it was not just one car into another car on the parking, but one car into three cars, a grease dumpster and a light pole which fell onto two cars in a parking lot six feet lower in another shopping center.

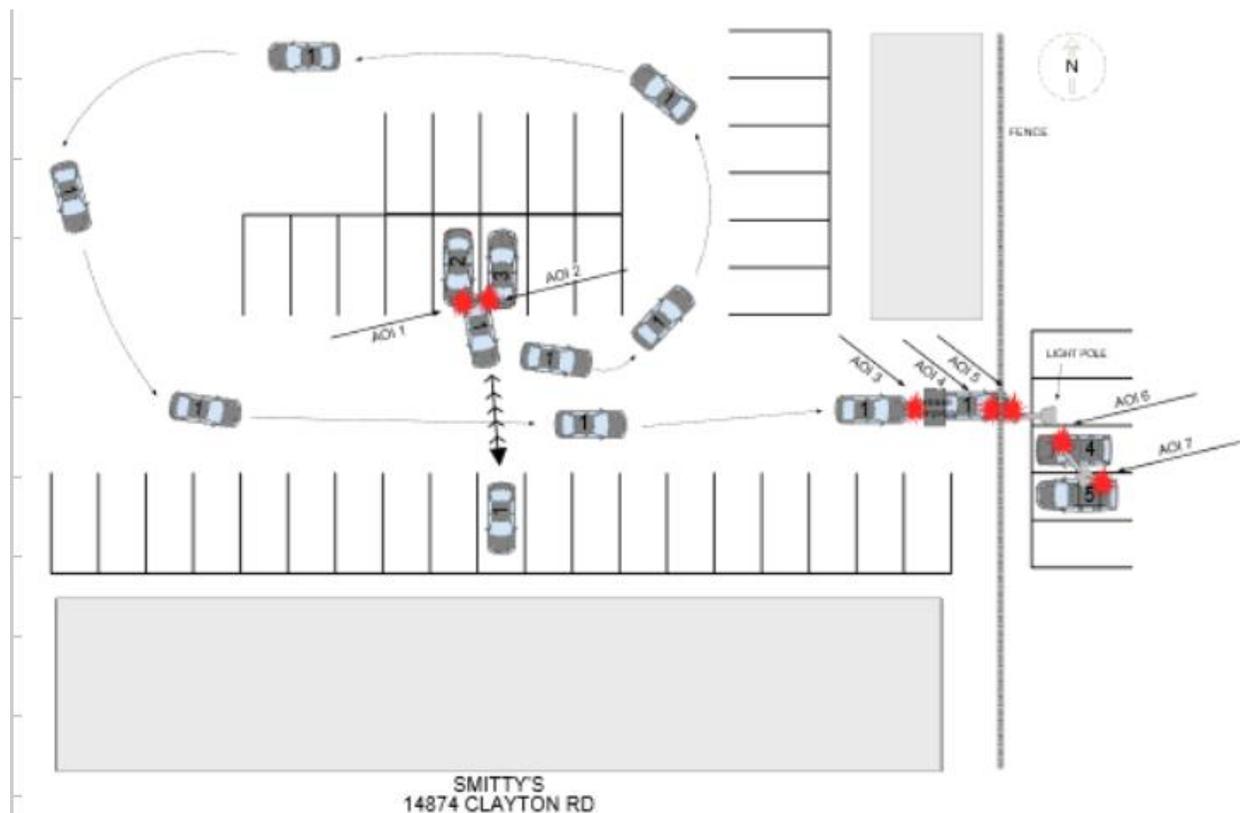
Officer Lantz contacted the 85-year-old driver, George Wuestling of Ballwin, and immediately noticed the following:

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EYES	ODOR OF MARIJUANA OR CHEMICAL: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO				
PUPILS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WATERY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BLOODSHOT	<input type="checkbox"/> GLASSY	<input type="checkbox"/> STARING	<input type="checkbox"/> ARTIFICIAL EYE
BALANCE AND WALKING	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> SLOW REACTION TO LIGHT	<input type="checkbox"/> DILATED		
SPEECH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNCERTAIN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SWAYING	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STAGGERING	<input type="checkbox"/> STUMBLING	<input type="checkbox"/> FALLING <input type="checkbox"/>
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SLURRED	<input type="checkbox"/> CONFUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> INCOHERENT	<input type="checkbox"/> STUTTERING	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MUMBLING <input type="checkbox"/>
UNUSUAL ACTIONS	DESCRIBE: Black Jacket, Jeans, Shoes SOILED BY: NA				
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When Officer Lantz asked what happened he got this reply with Wuestling blaming everything on his 2009 Toyota Corolla:

"I don't know. I just backed out. The damn car just went into gear or something. I couldn't hold it and then bang. I just started hitting cars. I then said "What the hell is going on. I don't know."" I asked him where he was coming from and he point to, Smitty's Bar. I asked him if he had his insurance card with him and he stated "What's my insurance card look like?" While talking to Wuestling, I could smell a strong odor of intoxicating beverage coming from his person. His speech was slurred. His eyes were watery and red. I noticed while talking to him, he was shuffling his feet, keeping his balance. I asked him how much he had to drink and he stated "About 2 drinks, maybe 3." I asked

Here is a diagram of what happened:



This description of events is from the crash report including a witness statement.

V1 was parked in the parking lot of Smitty's Bar facing SB. V1 backed up striking V2 and V3 which were parked behind it. V1 then continued circling the parking lot and was then travelling EB. V1 then struck a grease dumpster, fence and light pole

as it drove off the end of the parking lot which was an approximate 6 foot drop in elevation.

When V1 struck the light pole, it knocked the pole over and the pole struck V4 and V5.

D1 was unable to provide a statement to what happened.

A witness said he heard the initial crash where V1 backed up into V2 and V3. He then saw it circle the parking lot and strike the grease dumpster, fence and light pole before it fell off the edge of the parking lot onto the adjacent lot.

Due to his age, Officer Lantz did not have Wuestling do field sobriety tests. Wuestling did take a field breath test and that showed him to be drunk with a BAC level of .160%.

PRELIMINARY BREATH TEST (PBT) POSITIVE FOR ALCOHOL? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> REFUSED RESULT <u>.160</u> %
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He was arrested. At the police station he agreed to take an “official” breath test. The test was given approximate 90 minutes after the crashes. It showed the Wuestling’s BAC was dropping. At 6:18pm it was .138. At 6:18 back at Smitty’s there was a line out the door of people waiting for a table on “Fried Chicken Night.”

<b>BLOOD ALCOHOL CONCENTRATION BY WEIGHT</b>  <b>.138%</b>
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Wuestling agreed to be interviewed.

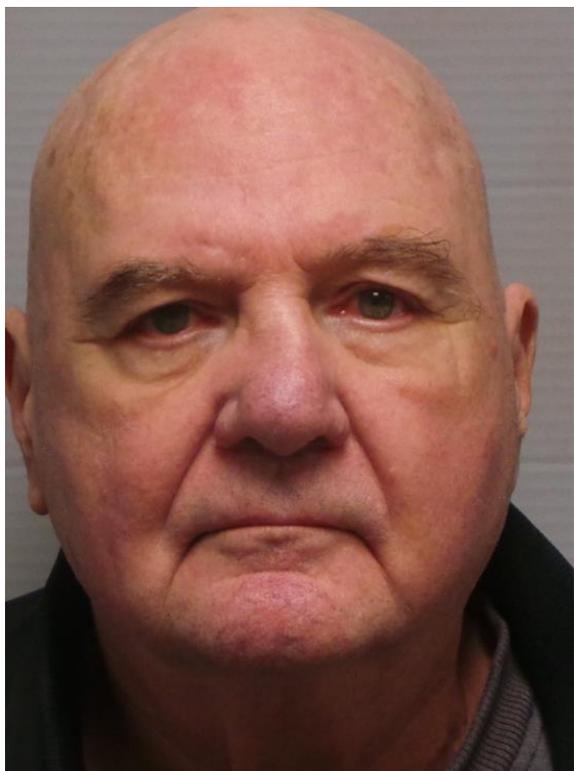
At first he said it was November, but then changed the answer to December. He said he started drinking wine at 12 noon or 1p and replied that he quit “at 2pm or 3pm I think.”

Wuestling, despite crashing into three cars, a dumpster and a light pole plus drove off an elevated parking lot, then tested drunk on two breath tests, stated he did not feel he was intoxicated

Wuestling is the son of George “Yats” Wuestling who had a long career as a professional baseball player in the minor leagues and briefly with the Detroit Tigers and New York Yankees.



Yats Wuestling



George Belmont Wuestling



Wuestling's eyes

**OUTCOME:** Okay this was an old man. You are not going to put him in jail, but...you should actually convict him for what he did and hopefully take away his car keys.

A year and a half after all the crashes that made Wuestling's Toyota look like a pinball, he appeared in Chesterfield Court before new judge Mark Gaetner on June 22, 2021. He pled guilty to DWI and was given a 2-year SIS "No-Points, No- fine, No-Permenent Record" probation term. Prosecutor Tim Engelmeyer reduced the Careless Driving citation to a Parking Violation with a \$191 fine. Of course this all happened because Wuestling hired a local attorney. Wuestling after driving drunk, crashing into three cars, a dumpster and a light pole before going airborne and landing on a parking lot six feet lower than the one he had been on...leaves with NO POINTS on his driving record.

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**SCHOOL BUS DRIVER GETS CREDIT FOR FELONY DRUG ARREST** It was Friday morning September 13, 2019 when a Rockwood School District school bus driver picking up students on Park Forest Drive in Chesterfield noticed a woman slumped over the wheel of a red Dodge Dakota pickup truck parked at the curb. The bus driver called this in.

Here is how the called was dispatched to Officers Ulrich and McGee

"TAKA RESIDENCE. FEMALE PASSED OUT IN RED DODGE DAKOTA. CALLED IN BY SCHOOL BUS DRIVER."

The officers found the woman in the drivers' seat slumped. Knocking on the door woke her up and she immediately said she was fine, just tired.

She was identified as **Sarah Beth Zalaudek**, 39, of St. Louis and formerly of Hannibal.

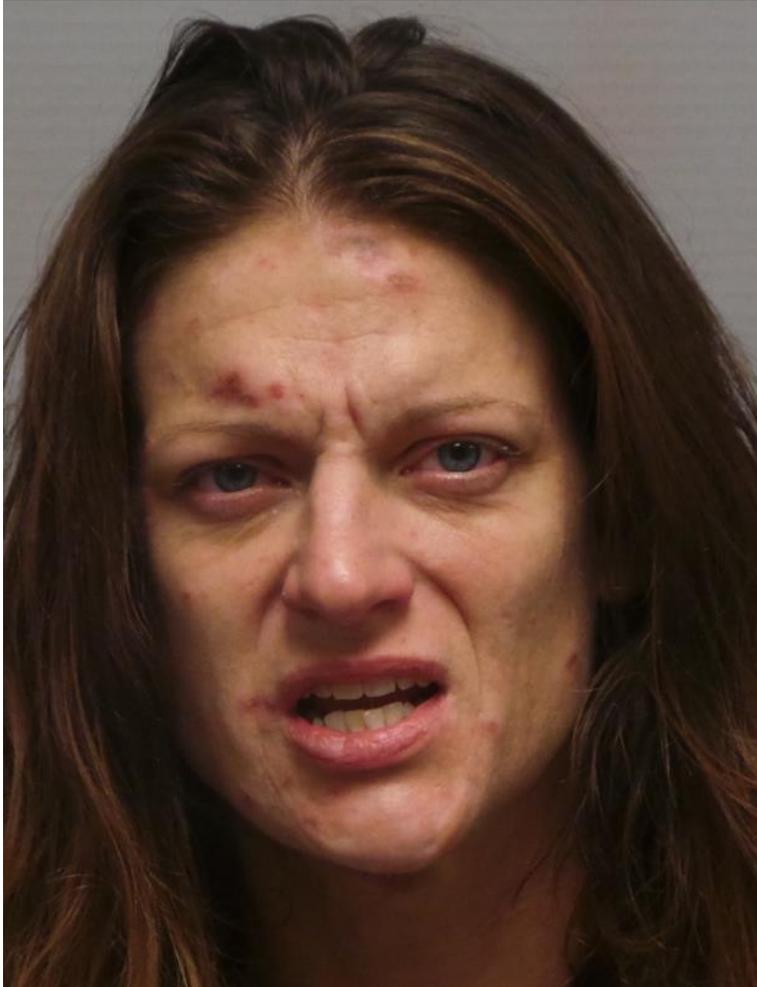
Zalaudek had scabs on her face commonly associated with heavy drug users. While talking with the officers she kept trying to put something in her purse.

Officers saw a clear plastic baggie in her lap. She was ordered out of the car at which time she handed Officer McKee s marijuana smoking pipe.

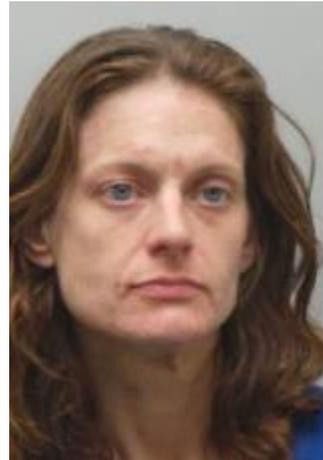
Officers then checked her purse and found two capsules that she told them contained Heroin and two empty syringes.

**Arrest record:**

05/05/21	Felony Drug Possession	Hannibal PD
10/04/19	Assault	St. Louis Co
09/16/19	Moving Violation reduced to Parking Violation \$191 fine	Sunset Hills PD
09/13/19	Possession of Heroin, Marijuana, Drug Paraphernalia	Chesterfield PD



September 13, 2019 Drug Arrest mugshot



10/04/19 assault mugshot

**OUTCOME:** On 12/09/21, two years after her arrest she pled guilty in Circuit Court to Felony Drug Possession and was placed on a 3-year SIS Probation Term.

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**DRUNK CHESTERFIELD WOMAN IN AN INFINITI REAR ENDS A TOYOTA COROLLA, SHE WON'T TAKE A BREATH TEST AND WON'T SHUT UP.** On Friday November 1, 2019 at 8:42pm Chesterfield Police Officer Matt Adams was dispatched to a traffic crash at Baxter Road and Country Ridge,



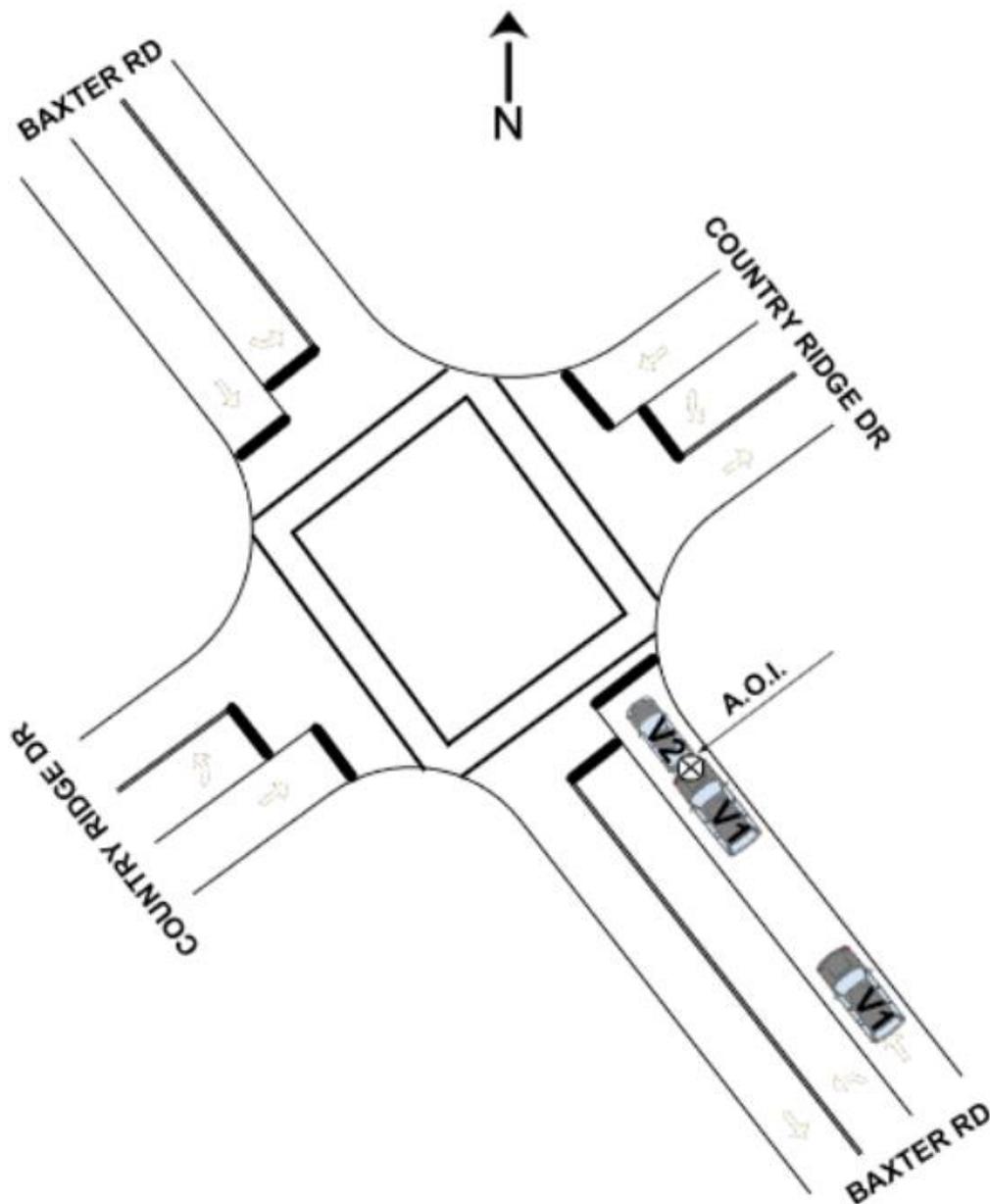
Officer Matt Adams



On arrival Officer Adams saw that a 2007 Toyota Corolla had been rear ended by Stephanie Weinman who was driving a 2015 Infiniti. Here is the diagram of the crash plus driver statements. Weinman is Driver #1,

D2 stated the following: "She hit us at that light. She came from the back and hit us while the light was red."

D1 stated the following: I guess I stopped and I was like I don't know. I know I stopped. He stopped fast and I was like stopped. I don't know. It just happened so fast. I was driving and they stopped short and I was like okay. Then I don't know. It was like a green light and he went then stopped." I verified with Weinman she said it was a green light and she replied "I, you know I don't know. I was like not on my phone. I was just driving and they slowed down. I can see red lights."



When Adams contacted Weinman he could smell booze on her breath, her balance was unsure as she constantly swayed back and forth, her eyes were bloodshot and her speech was confused and non-stopping.

During the test requiring her to follow his finger with her eyes, she stopped and looked straight at Officer Adams and said, "You are so cute."

She failed all the other field sobriety tests, several times losing her balance. She complained that being 50-year-old she thought she was getting MS. She was actually 45. Officer Adams reported that she talked continuously while he was trying to give instructions on how to perform the tests.

It was 44-degrees (according to weather records) at 8:30pm on 11/01/19. Weinman complained she was too cold to continue tests. While claiming not to have had anything to drink she refused to take a field breath test.

This is from the police report:

Weinman stated she was 50 years old. I advised Weinman she did not look 50. Weinman stated "I'm 45, 46, 47, something like that."

I attempted to administer a Preliminary Breath Test at which time Weinman refused by stating "I'm not blowing".

She was then arrested for Failure to Exercise the Highest Degree of Care While O/M/V and DWI. Weinman told Officer Adams that he didn't know if she was intoxicated.

When arriving at the police station she thought a female police officer was her attorney. Her attorney is a male.

She refused to take an "official" breath test but did agree to be interviewed.

In the interview she denied having anything to drink, but then immediately changed her answer. "I may have had one drinking this evening." She said she did not know when she started or stopped. But the interview stopped as she did not say where she had the "one drink."



Stephanie Weinman



Weinman's eyes

**OUTCOME:** Weinman had crashed into another Chesterfield resident who was stopped at a red light. Let's see how prosecutor Tim Engelmeyer and Judge Rick Brunk looked out from the public's safety and the victim of the crash.

Weinman, who had an attorney, on 11/30/20 pled guilty to DWI and Judge Brunk placed her on a 2-year SIS (No-fine, No-Points, No-permanent record) probation term.

On the Failure to Drive with Highest Degree of Care which involved her ramming into the rear of a Chesterfield resident that was stopped at a red light, Prosecutor Tim Engelmeyer reduced the charge to a non-traffic Health Code violation charge. Weinman pled guilty and was fined \$319. When all was said and done, Weinman, who caused a crash, was drunk, lied about drinking, refused to take breath tests, left court with no points on her drivers' license.

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**DRUNK WOMAN FROM FLORISSANT HAVING TROUBLE KEEPING HER HONDA ACCORD WITH EXPIRED TAGS IN A SINGLE LANE:** Town and Country Police Officer Dustin York was just entering WB I-64 from Ballas Road at 1:23am on a Saturday night into Sunday Morning August 30, 2020. That is when he noticed a 2007 Honda Accord with an expired temporary license that was over one month expired.

He observed the driver change lanes to the left and then go right and exiting onto NB I-270. The driver had the car partially on the road and partially on the shoulder for the entire ramp.



Dustin York

That was more than enough for Officer York. He pulled the Honda over on NB I-270 near Ladue Road. There he contacted the driver Chanelle Renee Roberts, 27, of Florissant.

On first contact Officer York immediately smelled the odor of liquor on Roberts' breath. Her eyes were bloodshot and when he had her get out of the car she lost her balance several times.

**Counting drinks:** At first when asked how much she had to drink, she said "two shots of Hennessy" five hours earlier.

She agreed to take a field breath test. That showed her BAC level to be at .172%.

PRELIMINARY BREATH TEST (PBT) POSITIVE FOR ALCOHOL?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> REFUSED
RESULT <u>.172</u> %

The amount of alcohol consumed then changed to 6 shots of Hennessy between 10 and 10:30. She also stated that she had smoked two blunts that morning (Saturday).

Officer York asked Roberts if there was anything in her car he should know about. She said she had some marijuana. Officer York then found a baggie of marijuana, two marijuana grinders and two bulbs of marijuana.

Roberts was arrested.

She agreed to take an “official” breath test at the station. That test showed her BAC level was at .151%.

Roberts was issued citations for DWI, Improper Lane Use, Possession of Marijuana and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. She was later released to a sober driver.



Chanelle Roberts



Roberts' eyes

**OUTCOME:** Roberts hired a defense attorney. On 05/19/21 Roberts pled guilty to DWI and Judge Andrea Niehoff placed her on a 2-year SIS (No-Fine, No-Points, No-Permanent Record) probation. She also pled guilty to the Improper Lane Use and was fined \$191 and got 2-points. The unregistered vehicle with expired temp tags was dropped. Prosecutor Keith Cheung turned the marijuana possession charge and drug paraphernalia into something Roberts did not do. She pled guilty to 2-counts of Littering and was fined \$166 on each count.

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**A MEMBER OF THE 100+ CLUBS GETS NO MERCY FROM TOWN AND COUNTRY JUDGE** On Wednesday May 26, 2021 Town and Country Officer Gowen was running radar on WB I-64 at Ballas. At 11:46pm he clocked a 2018 Kia at 107 MPH.

Even though it was late at night this was very dangerous due to cars entering the highway from Ballas and slowing to exit onto I-270. It can be hard to slow a car doing 107 MPH.

Officer Gowen got the car with Illinois plates stopped. He contacted the driver, Andrew Shane Rodriguez, who presented a valid Arizona driver's license, but verbally gave an address in Belleville, Illinois.

Rodriguez stated he was unaware he was speeding.

Town and Country Police always used to arrest anyone doing over 100 mph. However, during the pandemic local drivers were issued citations only. That was not the case with Rodriguez since he had an Arizona drivers' license and Illinois license plates.

He was arrested. His car was towed.



**OUTCOME:** Town and Country Judge Andrea Niehoff may have a reputation of being easy on marijuana defendants reducing charges to littering and DWIs by issuing no-points, no-fine probation sentences, but she has a very real reputation on being tough on 100 mph speeders.

Two years before his Town and Country citation he was cited by the Illinois State Police for speeding 15-20 over the limit and fined \$120.

On September 30, 2021 Rodriguez pled guilty to the 107 MPH in a 60 zone charge. Judge Niehoff fined him \$466.