

## **DRUNKS AND THIEVES 2020 PART 5**

**September 5, 2020**

By John Hoffmann

### **DRUNK DRIVER STOPPED AT GREEN LIGHTS AND THEN WAS SO DRUNK FELL OUT OF CAR. OF COURSE HE WAS NOT PROSECUTED FOR DRUNK DRIVING.**

On Saturday night into Sunday morning September 22, 2019 at 1:58AM while on patrol Chesterfield Police Officer Kyle Tyndell pulled up behind a 2004 Silver Chrysler that was stopped on SB Olive Blvd waiting to make a left turn onto Chesterfield Parkway East.



Officer Tyndell

What got Officer Tyndell's attention was that the car had a green left turn arrow and did not move. Officer Tyndell watched as the car sat motionless through two more left turn green arrow cycles. The third time was a charm and the driver made a rapid left turn and went south on Chesterfield Parkway East swerving between lanes and then coming to an abrupt full and complete stop for a solid green traffic light at Swingley Ridge Parkway.

Officer Tyndell had seen enough and pulled the driver over.

The driver was identified as Charles Vallejo of 1374 Westmeade Drive (Apartments) in Chesterfield, he did not have a Missouri driver's license and the car had Illinois license plates.

Vallejo attempted to get out of the car, but was so drunk he fell only to be caught by Officer Tyndell.

Vallejo was so drunk that every major drunk/intoxicated indicator was checked on Officer Tyndell's report.

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In fact Vallejo was so drunk that Officer Tyndell and the assisting officers did attempt to have Vallejo do any field sobriety tests for fear he would fall on the pavement and injure himself.

He was arrested and taken to the police station. At the police station he did not know what time or day it was. When asked if he knew where he was, he refused to answer any more questions.

He was asked to take a breath test and flatly refused.



Charles Juan Vallejo



Vallejo's eyes

Vallejo was cited for DWI, Improper Lanes Use and No Drivers License.

**OUTCOME:** Apparently having an excellent witness, police car and officer body cam video wasn't enough for crack Chesterfield prosecutor Tim Engelmeyer to get a conviction.

On November 12, 2019 Engelmeyer reduced the DWI charge to Careless Driving. Vallejo pled guilty and was fined \$191. He also pled guilty to Improper Lane Use with a \$191 fine and No Driver's License that resulted in a \$165 fine. All this proves is that it is very hard to get convicted of Drunk Driving in Chesterfield Municipal Court even if you are FALLING DOWN DRUNK.

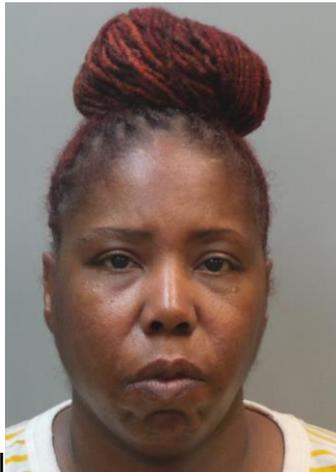


Tim "don't convict" Engelmeyer

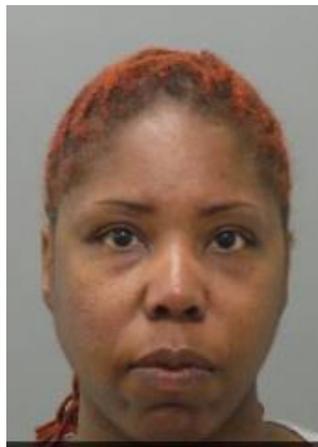
**A REPEAT PERFORMER ARRESTED AT THE TOWN AND COUNTRY TARGET STORE.** On Monday September 23, 2019 around 5:15, the Town and Country Target Store security manager recognized a woman who entered the store as a past shoplifter and a known shoplifter at area Target Stores.

The woman was Erika L. Lewis.43, of St. Louis. Lewis is hard to miss. She is 5-foot-2 and 220 pounds. The manager followed Lewis at a distance and watched her place two bottles of Tequila (\$64) in her cart and later place them in her shoulder bag. She continued and placed a black dress (\$28) and a jacket (\$23) into her shoulder purse after removing security tags.

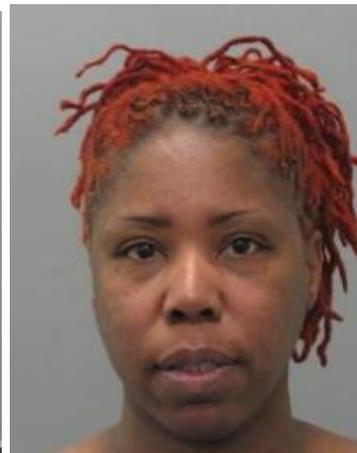
The security manager was right on her as she walked out of the store without purchasing anything. She complied with his request for her to return to the security office. Town and Country Police Officer Messmer responded and Lewis admitted to stealing the items in front of the security manager and Officer Messmer.



Erika Lewis 2019



2015



2014

**Lewis Record**

09/23/19	Stealing	Guilty	Fined \$300 not yet paid	Town & Country PD
07/26/17	Stealing	Guilty		University City PD
07/15/15	Stealing	Guilty		Maplewood PD
01/05/15	Driving While Revoked, No Ins, Speeding	pending		Normandy PD
08/05/14	Driving While Revoked	warrant		Bellefontaine Neig
09/06/12	Driving While Revoked, No Ins	Guilty		Florissant PD
04/16/07	Driving While Revoked	Guilty	2-days jail	St. Louis City PD
07/27/04	Driving While Revoked, Mo Ins	Guilty	Unpaid fine	Woodson Terr PD
03/14/04	Driving While Revoked	Guilty	Prob in Lieu of jail	St. Louis City PD
12/11/01	Stealing	Guilty	90 days jail	St. Peters PD

**OUTCOME:** On 12/05/19 Lewis pled guilty in Town and Country Municipal Court and was fined \$300.

**SLEEPY DRUNK DECIDES TO NAP AT ELECTRIC SIGNAL ON LONG ROAD AT CHESTERFIELD AIRPORT ROAD:** 54-year-old Kevin Keith Hampton was driving his 2007 Chevrolet pickup truck north on Long Road at Chesterfield Airport Road around 11:35pm pm on Saturday night December 29, 2018. Hampton, of the unincorporated area of Maryland Heights had stopped at the red light. Northbound Long Road traffic would then enter a ramp for EB I-64 that would make sense if Hampton was headed to his house on Featherwood Drive



Hampton's home

However, Hampton decided to take a nap, with his truck running and his foot on the brake at a major intersection. Passing motorists called the Chesterfield Police and Officers Greg Rupp and Officer Colten Brown responded.



Rupp



Brown

Officer Brown arrived first and found Hampton asleep behind the wheel of the running truck that was in gear with Hampton's foot on the brake. Brown hit on the side window and woke Hampton up. This is from Officer Rupp's report:

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seat. He knocked on the window and Hampton turned to look at him and then tried to open the driver side door and the truck starting moving forward. He yelled for him to put it in park and Hampton opened the door while truck was still moving. Officer Brown then yelled at him to hit the brake, Hampton slammed on the brake and Officer Brown put the truck in park and took the keys. Shortly after I arrived on scene.

Once the vehicle was off and not moving, Hampton told the officers not to worry that he had called Uber. Apparently Uber was going to arrive and Hampton was going to leave his truck in the middle of the street. Of course in reality Hampton had never called Uber. He also had signs of being drunk. This is from Officer Rupp's report:

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Hampton admitted drinking at the nearby tap room and later stated he had been drinking there from 6pm to 11 o'clock. He refused to take a field breath test. He did take field sobriety tests which he failed, especially the walking in a straight line heel-to-toe test.

Hampton was arrested and saved an Uber fare as Officer Rupp gave him a ride with no immediate charge to the police station.

At the police station Hampton agreed to take a breath test. That test showed Hampton's BAC level was .143%. In a interview at the police station despite drinking at a nearby bar for 5 hours, falling asleep at a red light, unable to walk a straight line and blowing a .143% BAC, Hampton stated that he did not consider himself intoxicated.

HAVE YOU BEEN DRINKING? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES · <input type="checkbox"/> NO	IF YES, WHAT WERE YOU DRINKING? <i>Beer</i>	TIME STARTED <i>Not Sure About 6</i>	TIME STOPPED <i>Probably 11</i>
HOW MUCH? <i>Don't Know</i>	WHERE? <i>ITAP</i>	ARE YOU UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF AN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	

Hampton was only charged with DWI.

Hampton's driver's license was suspended based on the BAC level in connection with a DWI arrest. He would later appeal the suspension and lose the appeal.

We could not find a recent arrest or traffic violation record on Hampton.



Kevin Hampton



Hampton's eyes

**OUTCOME:** This should not surprise you at all. This Drunk driver who passed out into la-la land at a red light of a major intersection before entering the nearby interstate highway, left the fantasy world of the Chesterfield Municipal Court with no permanent conviction and no points. On 06/11/19 Hampton pled guilty in Chesterfield Municipal Court and Judge Ric “Let’m Loose if They Hire a Lawyer” Brunk placed Hampton on a 2-year SIS probation term with no-fine and no-points.

**DRUNK DRIVER FROM TOP GOLF RAMS CAR AT RED LIGHT.** On Sunday August 12, 2018 at about 5:30 PM Diya Spann left Top Golf where he had been drinking. He made it west from Top Golf to the first intersection where he crashed into the rear of an auto stopped at a red light at North Outer Forty Rd and Boone’s Crossing.

Chesterfield officers Don Schlemmer and Taylor Wissmann were dispatched to the crash.

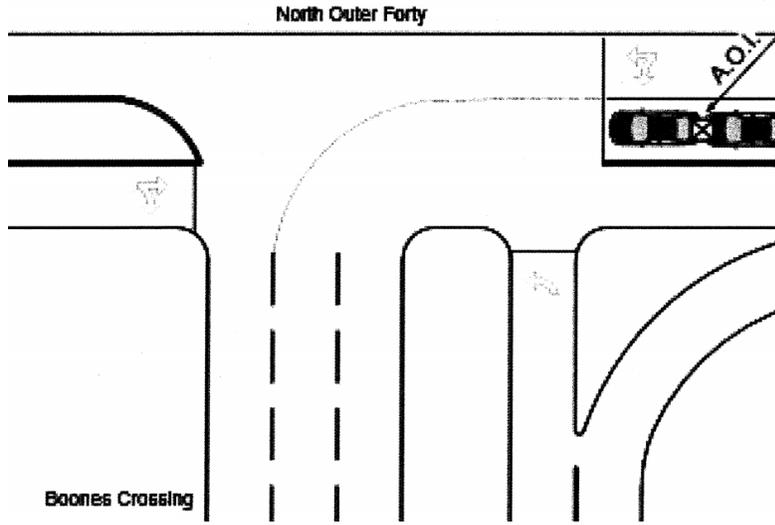


Off. Schlemmer



Officer Wissmann

Once there they found Diya Spann with his 2011 Cadillac with front end damage.



This is from Officer Schlemmer's police report concerning the condition of Spann:

Once on scene P.O. Wissman advised that the driver of the striking vehicle in the crash, suspect Spann, appeared to be intoxicated. I contacted Spann and could smell a strong odor of what I associate to be an intoxicating beverage on his breath. His eyes were bloodshot and watery and his pupils were dilated. Spann's speech was slurred.

I asked Spann if he had consumed any alcoholic beverages prior to driving his vehicle. Spann stated that he had one beer while at Top Golf.

Spann failed a number of field sobriety tests and agreed to take a field breath test. That showed his BAC level to be .140%. At the police station Spann refused to take the official breath test.

He was arrested. According to Officer Schlemmer his encounter with Spann had been a bit creepy. This is from his report.

Spann was transported to the Chesterfield station. During the transport Spann did not sit properly in his seat. He continued to lean over towards me and stared at me the entire time in what appeared to me as if he was trying to antagonize or intimidate me.



Diya Spann



Spann's eyes

Spann's local Missouri driving records includes:

08/12/18	DWI, Following Too Closely, View Obstruction Tint	Chesterfield PD
06/20/13	Fail to Reg Veh, No Ins. Warrant	Maplewood PD
07/14/11	Fail to Reg Veh, No Ins. Warrant	Bellefontaine Neigh

**OUTCOME:** On 10/08/19 Spann pled guilty in Chesterfield Municipal Court. Judge Brunk was not overly concerned that Spann was drunk, lied about how much he had to drink, refused to take a breath test and rammed into a car stopped at a red light with three occupants. Brunk handed out the No-Fine, No-Points SIS probation for DWI and fined Spann \$198 for Following Too Closely.

**CONCERT GOER STUCK AROUND AFTER THE MUSIC AND GOT REALLY DRUNK AND THEN HIT THE ROAD:** On Thursday 08/22/19 Holly Ann Quayle, 31, had gone to the Fubar on Locust in St. Louis to see the band Pathology with Narcotic Wasteland in concert. The doors opened at 6pm. When the music was over Quayle stuck around and had some more drinks. She didn't leave until the bar closed at 1:30.



It was now 2:00 AM on Friday morning 09/23/19 and Quayle was in her 2019 Ford Fiesta on I-64 head home to La Grange, MO when Town and Country Police Officer York saw her swerving to the left and then to the far right. He stopped her on I-64 at Timberlake Parkway and immediately found her to be really drunk.

This is from his police report:

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Quayle failed a number of field sobriety tests including counting backwards. She took a field Breath Test that showed her BAC level to be .225%.

PRELIMINARY BREATH TEST (PBT)  
POSITIVE FOR ALCOHOL?

YES  NO  REFUSED

RESULT .225 %



She was arrested. At the police station, despite getting in and out of a Town and Country Police car and badges and shoulder patches saying Town and Country Police, Quayle said she did not know where she was. She said she had been at the Fubar in EAST St. Louis. The Fubar is not in East St. Louis, Illinois, but mid-town St. Louis, MO.

She stated that she had been drinking from 7:30 to 12:30 having 5 or 6 beers and did not consider herself drunk.

She took an official breath test at the police station at 3:17AM. That test showed her BAC to be .203%.

Quayle was cited for DWI and Improper Lane Use.

Quayle had a prior DWI on 10/12/12, having been arrested by Marion County Sheriff deputies. She pled guilty a month later.



Holly Quayle and Holly's ears



Holly's eyes

**OUTCOME:** On 02/07/20 Quayle pled guilty to DWI. The improper Lane use was dropped. She was sentenced to 90 days in jail by Town and Country Judge Andrea Niehoff. However the judge immediately placed her on a 2-year probation. She was also fined \$300 and the DWI along with points goes on her driving record.

**STEALING IN CHESTERFIELD IS BASICALLY LIKE GOING TO WORK FOR THESE FOLKS:** This is a long story that I will try and shorten.

Saturday November 25, 2017 was the start of the busy Christmas shopping Season and the equally busy Christmas Stealing Season, India Idleburg AKA Cleshay Idelburg, 21 was back in Chesterfield to steal. At the time she had an outstanding Stealing Arrest Warrant on file with Chesterfield for a prior offense.

Joining Idleburg was Iesha Mona Shockley, 20, of Jennings.

They were first seen at Sak's Off 5<sup>th</sup> store in the Chesterfield Outlet Mall at about 4pm by a security officer who saw the pair place clothing in large should bags and kept looking around for store sales staff.

The store security agent went into her office and watched the pair on video. They turned down an offer of assistance from a saleswoman in the shoe department and both placed a pair of Uggs in their cart and went into a corner. The Uggs were no longer in the cart the next time it was in camera view. The police were called. Before the arrival of the police the pair left the store and were seen going to the Oshkosh B’Gosh store.

Chesterfield officers Jason Bromwich, David Krumm, Sgt. Laura Obermeyer, Matt Pousson and Howe all eventually responded.



Bromwich



Krumm



Obermeyer



Pousson

First to arrive was Officer Jason Bromwich and he was shown where the suspects were now in the Nike store having left Oshkosh B’Gosh.

Officer Bromwich contacted both woman and said he needed to talk to them. They tried to keep a rack of clothes between themselves and Bromwich. Shockley then attempted to run and Officer Bromwich grabbed her and handcuffed her. Idelburg had thrown some stolen clothes under a rack and tried to make a run for it but ran into an Outlet Mall security manager.

It turned out the pair were suspicious of being watched by security at the Sak’s store and hid their loot in the store. However, officers found children’s clothes and boots from the Oshkosh store on them or thrown under the rack in the Nike store.

Here is what was recovered stole from Oshkosh B’Gosh from the pair after their arrest.

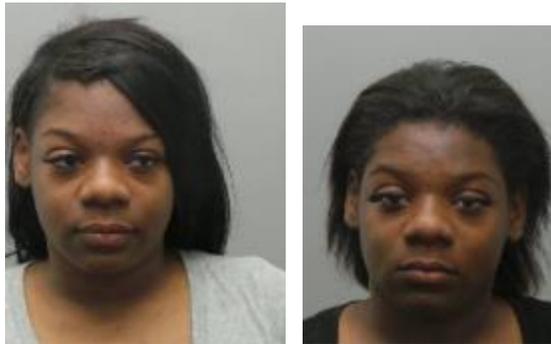
- Girls Woven Bottoms; SKU: 190795942842; \$18.00**
- Girls Knit Top; SKU: 190795940459; \$11.00**
- Girls Layering; SKU: 190795942798; \$25.00**

**Boys Denim Bottoms; SKU: 190796022239; \$7.95**  
**Boys Denim Bottoms; SKU: 190796025711; \$9.95**  
**Boys Denim Bottoms; SKU: 190796022406; \$9.95**

Idleburg told Officer Krumm, who transported her to the police station that she had purchased the items for \$10 from someone else who had stolen them and was at the Okash B'Gosh to "exchange them" for different items. This eventually led to Idleberg being charged with Possession of Stolen Property.

**The suspects:**

India Idleburg



01/14/20	2- counts Stealing, Make False Statement pending	Richmond Hts PD
07/29/19	OMV Without a Lic, No Ins pending	University City PD
12/29/18	Felony Assault, Armed Criminal Action pending	Overland PD
12/20/18	Stealing Walmart	Chesterfield PD
12/10/18	Stealing pending	Arnold PD
02/28/18	Stealing pending	Bridgeton PD
11/25/17	Stealing 3-FTA warrants Guilty on 2/18/20 \$200 fine	Chesterfield PD
03/22/17	Stealing Guilty 2-year SES probation	Richmond Hts PD
10/07/16	Trespassing warrant	St. Louis City PD
10/23/14	Stealing Guilty \$200 fine	Richmond Hts PD

In December of 2019 India returned to Chesterfield with her older sister Markiesha to shoplift from Walmart on 12/20/18. They were both arrested for stealing at Walmart.

Idleburg does not like coming to court.

After not appearing the Chesterfield Court a warrant was issued. On December 10, 2018 she was arrested for Stealing in Arnold MO. The Arnold PD also booked her as a Fugitive from Chesterfield. She was picked up on December 11 by Chesterfield PD officers. She was later released on summons.

She again failed to appear in Chesterfield Court and another Failure to Appear warrant was issued. On January 17, 2020 after her arrest for stealing in Richmond Heights and then being turned over to University City PD on an outstanding FTA warrant she was then released by U. City PD to Chesterfield on the Chesterfield Warrant.

At the Chesterfield Police Station she posted a \$237 bond and was released on a summons returnable on 02/18/20 in Chesterfield Court. On 02/18/20 she pled guilty to Possession of Stolen Property and was fined \$200.

**Ilesha Shockley**



11/25/17 **Stealing Guilty \$250 fine** **Chesterfield PD**  
03/04/17 Robbery Guilty 5-year SIS Probation term on 03/2018 **Brentwood PD**  
There are 7 traffic charges now in FTA warrant from St. Louis City and Bellefontaine Neighbors.

**INDIA AND MARKIESHA IDLEBURG'S CHRISTMAS TIME TRIP TO THE CHESTERFIELD WALMART:** As we mentioned above India returned to Chesterfield to steal again this time with her older sister (by one year) Markiesha on December 20, 2018 at 5:30. Despite having pending Chesterfield theft charges against her India had a new plan.

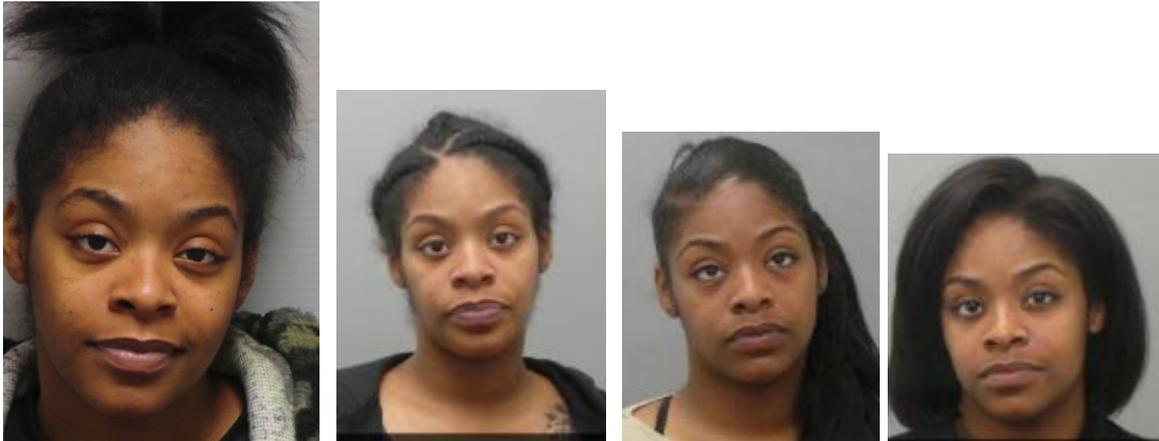
The sisters arrived at the busy Walmart store, just five days before Christmas. First, they took a cart and filled it with items including being in the Christmas spirit, toys and wrapping paper. Next, they went to the housewares aisle and took folding dividers valued at 98-cents each and removed the UPC stickers (Universal Price Code) and place the stickers on \$360 worth of items in their cart. There was one exception. India stole a fit bit watch the old fashion way by placing it in her purse.

They headed to a self checkout lane and scanned the switched 98-cent stickers making it appear they were buying the loot. They were then stopped by store security, taken to the security office while the Chesterfield Police were called.

Neither of the sisters claimed to have any identification and gave false names. A search of their purses located their Missouri ID cards along with the fit bit.

A check of the Walmart security data base showed that the sisters tried a similar tag switch in 2018 at the Bridgeton Walmart where they were arrested. At the time of her arrest Markiesha had arrest warrants from Park Hills, Ferguson and St. Louis City.

**Markiesha Idleburg**



- 11/23/19 Drive While Suspended, No Ins, Child Seat Vio pending Hazelwood PD
- 01/01/19 Fail to Obey Lawful Police Order pending Bel Ridge PD
- 12/20/18 Stealing Guilty 2-yr SIS Probation No-Fine or record Chesterfield PD
- 02/28/18 Stealing Bridgeton PD
- 08/08/17 2-Moving Violations reduced to Illegal Parking \$400 fine Woodson Terr PD
- 05/11/17 3-Moving Vio all reduced to Excessive Noise \$300 fines St. Louis City PD
- 03/15/17 Moving Violation reduced to Excessive Noise \$150 fine St. Louis City PD
- 10/16/15 Leaving the Scene of Auto Acc Guilty 2-yr SIS prob St. Louis Co PD

05/22/15 Felony Resisting Arrest by Fleeing Guilty 3-yr SIS St. Louis City PD  
Moving Violation reduced to Excessive Noise \$115 fine

**OUTCOME:** With seven prior charge reductions and two No-Record, No-Fine SIS probations Markeisha Idelberg clearly should not be getting more No-Record Probations, unless of course she was in Chesterfield municipal court. Prosecutor Tim Engelmeyer recommended a No-Record, No-Fine Suspended Imposition of Sentence and it was fine with Judge Rick Brunk. With India Idleburg agreeing to plead guilty to a stealing charge a year earlier at Target, Engelmeyer dropped the price tag switch theft case against India.

### **ROOMMATE TURNED GETAWAY DRIVER TURNS IN SUSPECT IN WALMART**

**SHOPLIFTING:** On the 8<sup>th</sup> Day of Christmas, December 21, 2018 at about noon there were not any maids a milking. Instead William Chad Donaldson, 29, and his roommate Daniel Hackmeyer were at the Chesterfield Valley Walmart store. They were both in the electronic department.

They exited the store buying a charging pad. However, once outside in Hackmeyer's orange Camaro with black stripes (a terrible getaway car, unless you want people to notice you) Donaldson decided he had more to do in the store. The Camaro pulled back to the store and Donaldson got out and went back into the store and back to the electronics department. There security using video saw him stick another charging unit under his hoodie and then leave the store.

A security agent stopped him and told him he had to come with him to the security office. Donaldson walked back into the store but then ran through the store with the security officer in pursuit. Finally Donaldson stopped, turned and threw the charger at the security officer saying he "didn't want it anyway" and ran out of the store.

The security officer lost sight on him. Chesterfield Police Officer Matt Pousson arrived. Officer Pousson saw the Camaro driving in circles and stopped Hackmeyer, who said he was waiting to pick up his roommate (and his sister's boyfriend) who went back into the store. Hackmeyer provided Officer Pousson with Donaldson full name, age and where they lived.

At 8 o'clock that night Hackmeyer drove Donaldson to the Chesterfield Police Department where Donaldson turned himself in. Donaldson told Officer Pousson that he did not know why he stole the charger as he had the money to pay for it. He also said he was on parole and did not want any more trouble. (We could not find the charge he was on parole for meaning it is no longer a public record.)



William Chad Donaldson

12/21/18	Stealing	Guilty of Health Code Vio	Chesterfield PD
07/31/18	Speeding 48/35, Drive W/	Suspended pending	Creve Coeur PD
10/24/09	Minor Purchase Intox		Columbia PD

**OUTCOME:** On 11/14/19 Donaldson appeared in Chesterfield Municipal Court. Prosecutor Tim Engelmeyer reduced the charge to a Misc. Health Code Violation and Donaldson was fined \$307. There was a video of the theft and the security manager was involved, plus a confession. There is absolutely no reason in the world to amend this case. So much for the City of Chesterfield backing their revenue sources (retail stores) and their police officers! It was interesting that when Engelmeyer amended to charge to pure fiction (Health code violation that never occurred) as the Chesterfield prosecutor, Donaldson had two cases in front of Tim Engelmeyer the Creve Coeur judge. This is clearly an ethics issue and is why city judges and prosecutors should not work in other cities.

**LONG DISTANCE CONFESSIONS.** Darin B. Wood, 21, who has lived in Lake St. Louis and St. Louis was arrested in O'Fallon, MO on Thursday September 6, 2018 attempting to steal a TV from the O'Fallon Target store. Wood not only confessed to stealing a TV at the O'Fallon Target but one at the Chesterfield Target and two at the Chesterfield Walmart.

Security agents at the Target in O'Fallon notified the security department of the Chesterfield Target, who called the cops.

Review of Chesterfield store video showed Wood place a Samsung TV in a cart and pushed it out of the store without paying for it. The Chesterfield Walmart security video showed Wood place two TVs in a cart and leave the store without paying.

Chesterfield officers Jason Bromwich and Matt Pousson drove to the O'Fallon PD where they interviewed Wood. The TV from Target was valued at about \$235 each, plus a pair of headphones. The two Phillips TVs from Walmart were valued at about \$100 each. Wood told the officers he was stealing the items to get enough money to get an apartment.

**Darin Wood**



03/26/19	DWI, No Valid Driver's Lic	pending	St. Charles Co PD
09/06/18	2-Counts Stealing	Guilty 2-yr SIS No record/No Fine	Chesterfield PD
		Probation	
09/06/18	Felony Stealing	Guilty 5-years SIS Probation term	O'Fallon PD
02/25/18	Assault Misd.	Guilty 2 year SES probation term	St. Charles Co PD
02/25/18	Trespassing, Property Damage	2-yr SES probation	St. Charles Co PD
01/14/18	Attempted Stealing	Guilty 2-yr SES Probation term	Manchester PD

**OUTCOME:** PLEAD GUILTY BOTH COUNTS ON 11/8/19, SIS WITH 2 YEAR PROBATION, ATTEND THEFT OFFENDERS PROGRAM, PAID COURT COSTS OF \$26.50 ON EACH.

In other words, Wood has no permanent record at the end of the probation period and has no jail time or fine. Once again the Chesterfield MUNI Court has done very little to keep thieves from returning to Chesterfield or protecting the retail stores that provide Chesterfield with money. In this case not only did officers have a video of the theft, they had a verbal and written confession.

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**OUT OF CONTROL CHESTERFIELD RESIDENT AND REPEAT DRUNK/DRUGGED DRIVER, NARROWLY MISSES MOTORISTS ON CLARKSON ROAD AT NOON, THEN SLAMS INTO A VEHICLE STOPPED AT A RED LIGHT. HE PLED GUILTY A MONTH LATER AND GOT A NO DWI CONVICTION DEAL AND DIED THREE MONTHS AFTER THAT.**

On Wednesday 09/04/19 before NOON, at 11:48 AM, Chesterfield Officers were dispatched to an injury car crash on Clarkson Road just north of Baxter Road at the electric signal in front of the Mobile Gas Station.

Officer Mike Clymer along with paramedics from Monarch FPD arrived first and found the driver of a 2009 white VW Jetta was unconscious behind the wheel of the heavily damaged car. The driver, Robert "Bobby" Hoyt Baker had been taken to Mercy Hospital by paramedics before Officer Greg Rupp arrived. Rupp would do the investigation.



Officer Michael Clymer Officer Greg Rupp

The driver's airbag had deployed. A check of the car before it was towed revealed Baker's drivers license, Progressive Insurance coverage card plus three empty airline bottles of vodka apparently that had been poured into a thermos.

Baker's girlfriend, Alicia Bower of Chesterfield, drove by and recognized Baker's car. She stopped and inquired what happened of Officer Clymer and then provide some information on Baker. This is from the police report.

arrival. When I asked if he was known to use drugs, she stated he had been sober from consuming Heroin for 8 months now but he still drinks.

She was informed there was a bottle of Prednizone in the car but that was it. She then stated her boyfriend has been known to self medicate and apparently was getting scripts he did not need filled by some doctor.

The driver of the truck that was rear ended by Baker stated he had been in the left turn lane stopped. When the light changed to green he moved forward and stopped for oncoming traffic when Baker rear ended his truck.

A Chesterfield resident was a witness to the crash and was almost sideswiped by Baker. Holly Bishop said she was on Clarkson Road south of Baxter. This is from Officer Rupp's report:

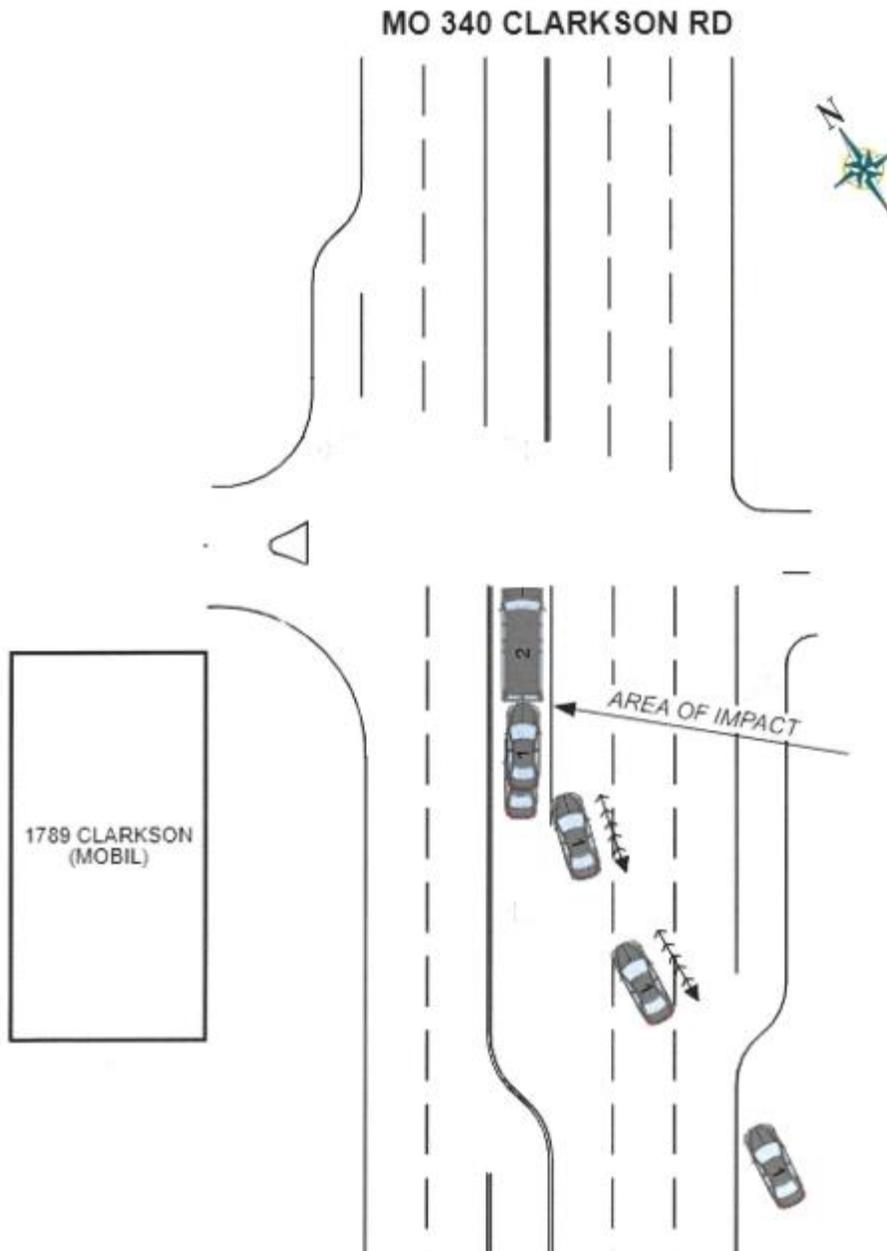
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related that she had witnessed the crash and the erratic driving before the crash. She continued stating that she had pulled out onto MO 340 Clarkson Rd from Clarkson Woods traveling eastbound on MO 340 Clarkson Rd. The white VW Jetta being driven by Robert Baker had passed her, almost sideswiped her continuing on eastbound on MO 340 Clarkson Rd. He was moving side-to-side and passing cars. He passed a vehicle just before Baxter Rd and crossed over Baxter Rd on a red light. He then made one large lane change from the far right lane to the left turn lane to go into the parking lot of Mobil (1789 Clarkson Rd) stopping behind a white cargo van in the left turn lane. Bishop was still stopped at the electric signal at Baxter and saw the white van move forward slightly, stop and then the white VW accelerated quickly and struck the rear of the van.

After the collision with Baker slumped over the wheel and air bag, the Jetta rolled backwards off the right side of the road.



Baker was a CBC High School grad.



At the Mercy ER Officer Rupp found Baker conscious and appearing to be under the influence of drugs. His eyes were dilated and his speech was slurred. He refused to provide a breath sample in a Portable Breath Tester and also refused to allow the hospital to draw blood for a police sample.

Officer Rupp issued citations for DWI-Drugs, Open Container Alcohol, Disobey Red Electric Signal, Fail to Exercise Highest Degree of Care while OMV.

Here is his prior driving record, including a DWI arrest 10 months before the Chesterfield crash.

09/04/19	DWI/Crash, Disobey Elec Sig, Inattentive Driver Open Container	Chesterfield PD
11/29/18	DWI (no disposition listed,) 2-cts Moving Violation amended to Illegal Parking \$193 fine and \$118 fine Property Violation \$193 fine	Moline Acres PD

**OUTCOME:** On October 15, 2019 less than six weeks after the crash and being cited Baker appeared in Chesterfield Municipal Court. Despite being charged with his second DWI in 10 months, Baker was given a SIS No-fine, No-Points probation on his DWID. He was also given a No-Fine SIS probation on the Open Container charge. For disobeying a Red Light he was fined \$191. The Failure to Exercise the Highest Degree of Care charge was reduced to a non-traffic Health Code violation with a \$343 fine.

**VERY FINAL OUTCOME:** 10 weeks after pleading guilty, on January 2, 2020 Baker died. He died of a heroin overdose. Chesterfield Police officers and Monarch paramedics rushed to the family's apartment on Westmeade Drive. They tried to administer Norcan which will often quickly combat heroin overdoses. It was unsuccessful.

The police and medical examiner's office are currently listing the death as a drug overdose.