

DRUNKS AND THIEVES 2023 PART 8

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DRIVING DRUNK AT 9:35 ON A NOVEMBER NIGHT IS A GOOD WAY TO VISIT A POLICE STATION. This is another story of Zero Justice from the Chesterfield Municipal Court while collecting money. Another tale of TO HELL WITH PUBLIC SAFETY!

It was dark, it was 9:35 on November 5, 2020 when Chesterfield Police Officer Todd Lantz spotted a yellow Nissan 370z sports coupe on Long Road with no headlights on. Officer Lantz unable to immediately stop the car was aware that Officers Matt Niemeier and Stephen Burgess were in the area. He notified them about the Nissan without headlights.

The Nissan was being driven by Jeromy Matthew Hale, 34, of O'Fallon, MO. Officers Niemeier and Burgess attempted to stop Hale using red lights and sirens after he had turned onto Chesterfield Airport Road. Hale would not pull over for a half-a-mile.

This is from Officer Burgess' police report:

On November 5th, 2020 at 2135 hours, I was notified by Officer Lantz DSN 256 of a yellow Nissan 370z traveling northbound on Long Road towards Chesterfield Airport Road without its headlights on. I located the vehicle stopped at the electric signal located at Long Road and Chesterfield Airport road. Once the vehicle made a left turn from Long Road onto westbound Chesterfield Airport Road, I activated my emergency lights and sirens.

After activating my emergency lights and sirens, the vehicle failed to yield by passing 5 safe locations in which the vehicle could have pulled over. The vehicle finally pulled over after traveling over a half of a mile after I activated my emergency lights and sirens.

Officers observed an airline bottle of American Honey Whiskey on the front section of the car and an empty bottle on Hale when he was patted down after his arrest.

Hale denied having had anything to drink two different times. After the whiskey bottles were brought to his attention he stated he had two drinks.

When asked for his drivers' license Hale produced car registration. When asked again he produced a Missouri ID card. It turned out his license was revoked.

Officers reported Hale had a strong odor of BOB (booze on the breath). He showed other signs of being highly intoxicated. This is from the police report:

BALANCE AND WALKING	<input type="checkbox"/> UNCERTAIN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SWAYING	<input type="checkbox"/> STAGGERING	<input type="checkbox"/> STUMBLING	<input type="checkbox"/> FALLING
SPEECH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SLURRED	<input type="checkbox"/> CONFUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> INCOHERENT	<input type="checkbox"/> STUTTERING	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MUMBLING
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	DESCRIBE: Jersey, Shorts, Tennis Shoes				SOILED BY:
UNUSUAL ACTIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> PROFANITY	<input type="checkbox"/> HICCUPS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BELCHING	<input type="checkbox"/> VOMITING	<input type="checkbox"/> FIGHTING

Hale failed all the field sobriety tests and then refused to take a field breath test.



Todd Lantz



Matt Niemeier



Stephen Burgess

At the station Hale refused to take the Official Breath Test. He agreed to an interview and a strange interview it was. This if from the police report:

INTERVIEW — RECORD PERSON'S RESPONSES			
WHAT TIME IS IT NOW? 1130 1100	WHAT IS THE DATE? Nov 5th	WHAT CITY (COUNTY) ARE YOU IN NOW? Chesterfield	
WHAT WERE YOU DOING DURING THE LAST THREE HOURS PRIOR TO CONTACT WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT? Parked in a parking lot			
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? I do not recall	TIME STARTED I do not recall	TIME STOPPED I do not recall
HOW MUCH? I do not recall	WHERE? I do not recall	ARE YOU UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF AN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGI <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
HOW MUCH? I do not recall	IF YES, WHEN?	WHERE?	HOW MUCH?
			IF YES, WHAT?



Jeromy Hale



Hale's eyes

08/12/21	Criminal Vo reduced to Health Code Vio \$276 fine	O'Fallon MO PD
06/17/21	No Op Lic \$178 fine, DWI 2-yr SIS Probation, Moving Vio reduced to Parking Vio \$193 fine	Cottleville PD
11/05/20	DWI, Driving While Revoked, No Headlights at night Fail to Yield for Police Car	Chesterfield PD
04/25/10	Criminal Vio reduced to Littering \$700 fine	St. Charles Co SO
01/15/10	Moving Vio reduced to Parking Vio \$150 fine	St. Charles Co SO

OUTCOME: This is the outrageous part and shows why Chesterfield City Prosecutor is the most dangerous man in Chesterfield. Hale pled guilty to DWI on 04/26/22. Despite the FACT the Hale was arrested for a second DWI on 06/17/21, City PD Tim Engelmeyer along with Judge Mark Gaertner placed him on a No-Points, No-Fine, No Permanent record SIS probation. Cottleville Court put him on another SIS Probation for DWI two weeks later.

Fail to Yield to an Emergency Vehicle was reduced to a Health Code Violation with a \$250 fine. Driving with No Headlight On at Night was reduced to a \$100 Parking Violation. Driving While Revoked was reduced to another \$100 Parking Violation.

Hale, arrested twice for DWI, who refused to take a breath test, did not have a valid drivers' license and had two serious violations reduced to parking tickets, walked out of the Chesterfield Municipal Court with no Points on his Driving Record.

AFTER HEAD-ON CRASH OFFICERS FIND DRUNK DRIVER UNDER TWO FRONT AIR BAGS. It was a Friday night into a Saturday morning at 12:30 on March 27, 2021. Christopher James Gonzalez was driving his Lexus NB on Clarkson Road when he crossed the centerline and crashed into a vehicle stopped waiting to make a left turn.

He made it to Clarkson and Country Ridge Drive where officers found him buried under two inflated airbags. Gonzalez claimed he was not hurt and denied having anything to drink. The officers thought otherwise on the drink part.

This is from the police report:

BREATH	ODOR OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FAINT <input type="checkbox"/> MODERATE <input type="checkbox"/> STRONG				
	ODOR OF MARIJUANA OR CHEMICAL: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO				
EYES	<input type="checkbox"/> WATERY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BLOODSHOT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GLASSY	<input type="checkbox"/> STARING	<input type="checkbox"/> ARTIFICIAL EY
PUPILS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CONSTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SLOW REACTION TO LIGHT	<input type="checkbox"/> DILATED		
BALANCE AND WALKING	<input type="checkbox"/> UNCERTAIN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SWAYING	<input type="checkbox"/> STAGGERING	<input type="checkbox"/> STUMBLING	<input type="checkbox"/> FALLING
SPEECH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SLURRED	<input type="checkbox"/> CONFUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> INCOHERENT	<input type="checkbox"/> STUTTERING	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MUMBLING

"Refused" was the word for Gonzalez. He refused to allow paramedics to check him for injuries. He would later refuse to take a field breath test, refused to do Field Sobriety Tests and then refused to take an official breath test at the police station.

He claimed he was NB on Clarkson Road when he was hit head-on. All evidence and the other driver's statement say he was the one hitting a car head on.

Gonzalez agreed to be interviewed. It turned out to be strange. From the Police Rpt:

Were you involved in a motor vehicle crash today? "I would rather not answer."

Were you operating the vehicle at the time of the crash? "I don't know."

Were you injured in the crash? "No."

Have you consumed any intoxicants since the crash? "No."

What time is it now? "I don't know. No clocks."

What is the date? "Not sure."

What City or County are you in now? "Probably St. Louis County."

What were you doing during the last three hours prior to contact with Law Enforcement? "I was at a friend's house."

Were you operating the vehicle at the time of the crash or stop? "I don't know."

Have you been drinking? "I don't know."

Are you under the influence of an alcoholic beverage? "I don't know."

Have you used marijuana or any other drug, legal or illegal in the last 72 hours? "No."

Gonzalez was issued citations for DWI, Improper Lane Use and No Proof of Insurance.



Chris Gonzalez



Gonzalez's eyes

OUTCOME: Gonzalez did not have any serious priors, but he did cross the centerline and hit a car stopped at a traffic light head on. He refused to take any breath tests. On 10/26/21 he pled guilty to DWI and was placed on a 2-year SIS (No-points, No-Fine, No-permanent record probation plus attend a Substance Abuse program and a Victim's Impact Panel. He was fined \$300 on the Improper Lane Use charge.

TWO CHESTERFIELD OFFICERS PUT DWI CASE TOGETHER ON REPEAT DRUNK DRIVER:

Officer #1 On Monday 09/13/21 Officer Timothy Schumacher was EB on I-64 east of Olive Blvd when he noticed a car approaching him at a high rate of speed. He turned on his moving radar and clocked the Nissan pickup truck at 102 MPH in the 60 MPH zone.



Officer Schumacher

He managed to stop the Nisland on the South 40 Service Road after it exited the highway. There he contacted Timothy Grindstaff, 32, of St. Charles. Grindstaff could not provide proof on car Insurance. During this time Officer Schumacher smelled heavy amount of BOB (booze on breath).

Officer #2 Officer Domenic Hoffmeister arrived to assist and got Grindstaff out of the car to do field sobriety tests, which he failed. When asked if he had been drinking, Grindstaff said he had couple of drinks but he did not remember what they were



Officer Hoffmeister

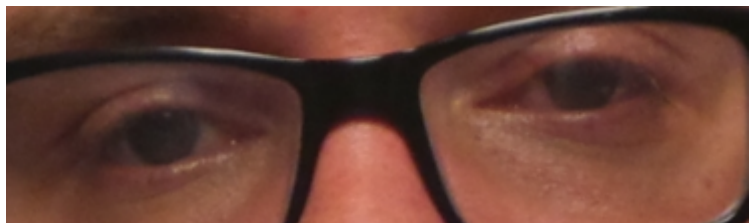
Grindstaff refused to take a field breath test and he was arrested. This is from Officer Hoffmeister's DWI report.

OFFICER'S OBSERVATION MADE PRIOR TO ARREST OR CUSTODY (Check appropriate box(es) and add any p					
BREATH	ODOR OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE: <input type="checkbox"/> FAINT <input type="checkbox"/> MODERATE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STRONG <input type="checkbox"/> N				
	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		
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CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	DESCRIBE: <i>pink top, shorts, tennis shoes</i>			SOILED BY:	
UNUSUAL ACTIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> PROFANITY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> HICCUPS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BELCHING	<input type="checkbox"/> VOMITING	<input type="checkbox"/> FIGHTING <input type="checkbox"/> O

At the police station Grindstaff refused to take the "Official Breath Test." He did agree to be interviewed. He said he had been at a concert at the Factory in Chesterfield Valley and he started drinking at 5pm. He said he did not know when he stopped. He admitted that he considered himself drunk.



Timothy Grindstaff



Grindstaff's eyes

06/28/22	Expired Lic Plates, No Vehicle Insurance	Winfield PD
05/09/22	Poss of Marijuana \$67 fine, Unreg Vehicle \$50 fine	St. Louis Co PD
09/13/21	Fel DWI, Speeding 102 MPH Refused Breath Test	Chesterfield PD
09/03/21	DWI Breath Test refused	St. Louis Co
03/24/21	Expired Lic Plates \$50 fine	St. Charles City PD
08/04/20	Disobeyed Stop Sign \$50 fine	Dellwood PD
02/03/17	Moving Vio reduced to Loud Muffler \$100 fine	St. Charles City PD
	Moving Vio reduced to Loud Muffler \$200 fine	
03/19/14	Felony Poss of Marijuana 4-yr SES Probation	St. Peters PD

	Improper Lane Use \$100 fine, No Taillights \$20 fine	
02/19/13	Disobeyed Stop Sign \$30 fine	MO Hwy Patrol
08/26/09	Distribute, Sell or Deliver Illegal Drugs 7-yrs Probation	St. Peters PD
12/05/08	Moving Vio reduced to Parking Vio \$200 fine	St. Charles Co OS
	Criminal Offense reduced to Littering \$600 fine	
	Criminal Offense reduced to Littering \$400 fine	
11/04/06	DWI 120-days jail, Fel Leaving Scene of Injury Crash	St. Peters PD
	Felony Assault 7-years SES Probation	

OUTCOME: On 09/09/22 Grindstaff pled guilty to Felony DWI in State Court. He was placed on a 3-year SES probation. The SES probation means the DWI stays on his record along with the points. In Chesterfield Court he pled guilty to 102 MPH in a 60 zone and was fined \$300.

39-YEAR-OLD DRUNK FEMALE DRIVER CAUSED CRASH IN ST. CHARLES, FLED SCENE AND FOUND PASSED OUT BEHIND WHEEL ON CHESTERFIELD

PARKWAY AT I-64...AT 12 NOON: It was a little before 12 noon on Saturday June 3, 2022. Chesterfield Police officers had just received a **Be on The Look For** broadcast for a Mazda that had caused a crash in St. Charles County and fled the scene.

Officer Smith found the Mazda at 11:57am blocking the intersection of Chesterfield Parkway and I-64 with the driver, **Elaine Gove**, 39, of Wentzville slumped and passed out behind the wheel. Officer Smith turned off the running car as Officer Joseph Brewer arrived to assist.



Officer Brewer

Gove admitted to Officer Smith that she had been drinking. Later in an interview at the police station she denied having anything to drink, but also stated “Not enough.” She denied driving an automobile or being drunk.

Her balance was so bad that both the officers helped her out of the car. Due to inability to stand no field sobriety tests were given. Gove refused to take a Field Breath test.

This is from Officer Smith’s DWI Report:

OFFICER'S OBSERVATION MADE PRIOR TO ARREST OR CUSTODY (Check appropriate box(es) and add any pertinent information)				
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> CONSTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> SLOW REACTION TO LIGHT	<input type="checkbox"/> DILATED	<input type="checkbox"/> ARTIFICIAL EYES
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 type="checkbox"/> SLURRED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CONFUSED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INCOHERENT	<input type="checkbox"/> STUTTERING
			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MUMBLING	
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	DESCRIBE: Blue sweatshirt, gray pants, athletic shoes			SOILED BY:
UNUSUAL ACTIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> PROFANITY	<input type="checkbox"/> HICCUPS	<input type="checkbox"/> BELCHING	<input type="checkbox"/> VOMITING
			<input type="checkbox"/> FIGHTING	
ATTITUDE	DESCRIBE: bizarre behavior			

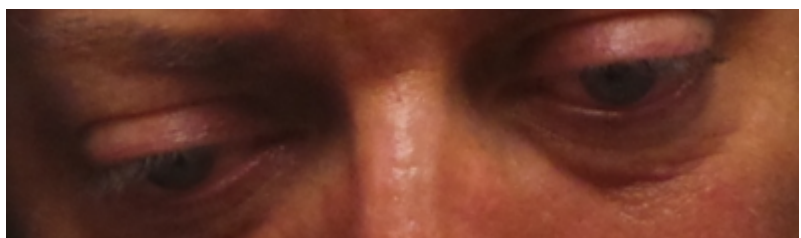
A check of Gove before placing her in the police car revealed:

A white plastic bag marked Blueberry Marijuana Muffin and a marijuana cigarette in her hoodie pocket.

After her arrest, before her car was towed Officer Brewer found an open bottle of Vodka on the front floor and a container with 20 white tablets.



Elaine Gove



Gove's eyes

06/04/22	DWI, Open Container, No Auto Ins, Parked Blocking Road, Fugitive St. Charles PD Hit & Run Drug Possession	Chesterfield PD
10/11/18	Moving Vio reduced to Parking Vio \$150 fine	Louisiana PD
11/02/17	Speeding 16-19 MPH over limit \$148 fine	MO Hwy Patrol
08/16/17	Moving Vio reduced to Parking Vio \$186 fine	Louisiana PD
07/13/16	Unreg Veh \$175 fine, Exp Lic Plates \$125 fine	Louisiana PD

01/25/14	Speeding 11-15 over limit \$55 fine	MO Hwy Patrol
10/26/09	Expired License Plates \$30 fine	St. Charles Co SO
11/20/07	Operated Motor Veh w/o Valid Op License	St. Charles Co SO
02/08/03	Moving Vio reduced to Loud Muffler \$80 fine	St. Charles Co SO
02/24/02	Speeding Guilty \$75 fine	MO Hwy Patrol
04/17/01	Disobeyed Stop Sign \$75 fine	Highland IL PD
11/08/00	Speeding 26-30 above limit \$225 fine	Illinois State Police

OUTCOME: On 12/13/22 Gove pled guilty to DWI in Chesterfield Municipal Court with no probation and was fined \$415. I think we can explain this...Gove did not hire a defense attorney. All other charges in Chesterfield were dropped.

40-YEAR-OLD LEAVES CARDINAL GAME DRUNK AND THEN SMOKES SOME WEED WHILE SPEEDING ON I-64

On June 25, 2022, 40-year-old Kelly Hamilton was going west on I-64 approaching Long Road after attending a late afternoon Cardinal-Cub game. She was doing 93 MPH on I-64 in Chesterfield after smoking some marijuana in the car after the game where she had five 16oz beers in a private suite.

Besides being drunk and high, her other mistake was driving 93 mph while approaching a Chesterfield Police Car driven by traffic officer Todd Lantz, a repeat MADD award winner for arresting drunk drivers.



Officer Lantz

Officer Lantz was able to pull her 2021 Chrysler over and contacted Hamilton, who told him she thought she was going with the flow of traffic. Officer Lantz immediately smelled burnt marijuana from inside the car, but then he noticed BOB (Booze on Breath) when Hamilton spoke.

He asked her if she had anything to drink and she lied saying she had a “couple of beers” at the baseball game.

After his assist officer, Austin Lowe, arrived Officer Lantz had Hamilton get out of the car. It was then he saw the marijuana smoking pipe in her lap as she quickly put it in her purse before exiting the car.



Officer Lowe

Hamilton failed all six field sobriety tests. This is from Officer Lantz's DWI report:

OFFICER'S OBSERVATION MADE PRIOR TO ARREST OR CUSTODY (Check appropriate box(es) 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO			
EYES PUPILS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WATERY <input type="checkbox"/> CONSTRICTED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BLOODSHOT <input type="checkbox"/> SLOW REACTION TO LIGHT	<input type="checkbox"/> GLASSY <input type="checkbox"/> DILATED	<input type="checkbox"/> STARING <input type="checkbox"/> ARTIFICIAL EY
BALANCE AND WALKING	<input type="checkbox"/> UNCERTAIN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SWAYING <input type="checkbox"/> STAGGERING <input type="checkbox"/> STUMBLING <input type="checkbox"/> FALLING			
SPEECH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SLURRED <input type="checkbox"/> CONFUSED <input type="checkbox"/> INCOHERENT <input type="checkbox"/> STUTTERING <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MUMBLING			
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	DESCRIBE: Red t-shirt, jean shorts, tennis shoes			SOILED BY: NA
UNUSUAL ACTIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PROFANITY <input type="checkbox"/> HICCUPS <input type="checkbox"/> BELCHING <input type="checkbox"/> VOMITING <input type="checkbox"/> FIGHTING			

She agreed to take a field breath test that showed she was more the double the limit at .186% BAC.

PRELIMINARY BREATH TEST (PBT)
POSITIVE FOR ALCOHOL?

☒ YES ☐ NO ☐ REFUSED

RESULT .186 %

Needless to say, she was arrested and it was off to the Chesterfield Police Station. There she agreed to take an "Official" breath test, that showed her BAC level had dropped to .181%.

**BLOOD ALCOHOL
CONCENTRATION
BY WEIGHT**

.181%

Here is the interview section of Officer Lantz's report:

INTERVIEW — RECORD PERSON'S RESPONSES				
WHAT TIME IS IT NOW?	WHAT IS THE DATE?	WHAT CITY (COUNTY) ARE YOU IN NOW?		
5, 6 shit	20 uh, shit.	I don't know on a regular day, Chesterfield according to your badge		
WHAT WERE YOU DOING DURING THE LAST THREE HOURS PRIOR TO CONTACT WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT?				
At the ball park watch the game.				
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?	IF YES, WHAT WERE YOU DRINKING?	TIME STARTED	TIME STOPPED	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	Beer	2:30	3:45	
HOW MUCH?	WHERE?	ARE YOU UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF AN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE?		
4 or 5 16oz beers	Ballpark in a suite	<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?	IF YES, WHEN?	WHERE?	HOW MUCH?	IF YES, WHAT?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	Hour ago	Leaving the ballpark	Pinch hit	Marijuana

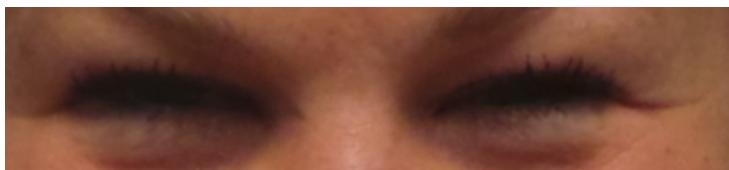
After her arrest, three baggies of marijuana and Vape pens with a THC liquid were found all in her purse along with the pipe.

Hamilton's traffic citations and arrests:

06/25/22	DWI, Speeding 93-in-60 zone	Chesterfield PD
01/10/21	Uninsured Auto	Godfrey IL PD
08/01/20	Uninsured Auto	Alton PD
05/10/20	Uninsured Auto	Alton IL PD
07/24/03	Trespassing	Alton PD
08/14/02	Give Alcohol Beverage to Minor	Illinois State Police
07/31/98	Speeding	Alton PD
07/04/98	Improper Turn	Alton PD



Kelly Hamilton

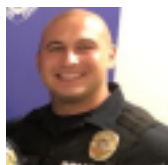


Hamilton's eyes

OUTCOME: On 06/25/22 Hamilton appeared in Chesterfield Municipal Court. She pled guilty to DWI and received a 2-year SIS (No fine, No Points, No permanent record) probation). She pled straight up to Speeding 91-95 over the limit and was fined \$220. The Possession of Marijuana was reduced to a Health Code Violation with a \$300 fine and the Marijuana Pipe and Vape Pens were also Health Code Violation with a \$200 fine. She did have a defense attorney from Chesterfield.

WHAT? WAS THE DRUNK 18-YEAR-OLD'S RESPONSE TO OFFICER ASKING, "HOW MUCH HAVE YOU HAD TO DRINK" Turns out it was a lot.

Town and Country Officer Alex Pflueger was westbound on the I-64 (North Forty) Service Road on Sunday May 16, 2021 at about 10:30pm when he saw a speeding car on I-64 going west. Officer Pflueger turned on the moving radar and clocked the Buick doing 84 MPH in the 60 zone.



It turned out the driver of the Buick exited I-64 onto the North Forty Service Road and Officer Pflueger was stopping it when the driver turned into a church entrance and drove up on the curb.

Officer Pflueger contacted the driver, 18-year-old Dominic Patrico, and immediately smelled BOB (Booze on Breath). Patrico said he was coming from bowling and going to a friend's house in Des Peres for a small party, unfortunately Patrico from Melville was going west on I-64 away from Des Peres.

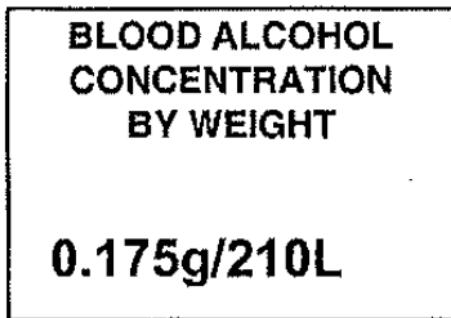
Officer Pflueger had Patrico step from the and asked how much he had to drink, Patrico's response was "WHAT/" Officer Pflueger asked again and Patrico said, "not much." This fact would dramatically change a short time later.

This is from the DWI report:

OFFICER'S OBSERVATION MADE PRIOR TO ARREST OR CUSTODY (Check appropriate box(es) and add					
BREATH	ODOR OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE: <input type="checkbox"/> FAINT <input type="checkbox"/> MODERATE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STRONG				
	ODOR OF MARIJUANA OR CHEMICAL: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO				
EYES	<input type="checkbox"/> WATERY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BLOODSHOT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GLASSY	<input type="checkbox"/> STARING	<input type="checkbox"/> ARTIFICIAL
PUPILS	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> SLOW REACTION TO LIGHT	<input type="checkbox"/> DILATED		
BALANCE AND WALKING	<input type="checkbox"/> UNCERTAIN	<input 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

Patrico failed the field sobriety tests and refused to take a field breath test. He was arrested and taken to the Town and Country Police station.

Patrico agreed to take an "Official" breath test that showed his BAC level to be .175 % BAC.



He agreed to be interviewed. When asked how much he had to drink "Not Much" changed to "6 or 7 or 8 beers" all while he was at the Concord Bowl. He now admitted that he thought he was intoxicated. This is from the DWI report:

WHAT WERE YOU DOING DURING THE LAST THREE HOURS PRIOR TO CONTACT WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT?			
I WAS BOWLING			
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?	IF YES, WHAT WERE YOU DRINKING?	TIME STARTED	TIME STOPPED
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	JUST BEERS	1930 OR 2000	2230 HOURS
HOW MUCH?	WHERE?	ARE YOU UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF AN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE?	
6 OR 7 OR 8 BEERS	CONCORD BOWLING ALLEY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	



Dominic Patrico



Patrice's eyes

OUTCOME: Patrico had no prior citations or arrests. He (his family, I'm sure) hired a defense lawyer. On 01/21/22 he pled guilty in Town and Country city court to DWI and was placed on a 2-year SIS (No points, No fine, No Permanent record) probation. He also pled guilty to the 82mph in a 60 zone speeding charge and was fine \$316 and got the points.

21-YEAR-OLD DRUNK DRIVER FROM FESTUS CRASHES HER CAR INTO A MEDIAN WALL WHILE BEING PULLED OVER FOR DWI.

On Friday March 11, 2022 at 11:34pm Town and Country Officer Dustin York was east on I-64 when he saw a vehicle approaching his police car well over the speed limit. As the 2012 Ford Focus passed him his moving radar unit showed the car doing 84 mph.

Officer York turned on the flashing lights and tried to stop the car only to see the driver lose control swerving across all lanes and then hitting a concrete median wall, flattening one tire and shredding another.



Officer Dustin York

He contacted the driver, 21-year-old, **Jaclyn Pelton**, of Festus, the near totaled Ford was registered to her mother Joyce. Jaclyn stated she was not injured. Officer York could clearly see that she had been drinking starting with BOB (Booze on Breath) to slurred speech and glassy eyes.

Once assisting officers arrived I-64 was shut down and the Ford with two flat tires was moved to the Ballas Road exit ramp.

Pelton denied hitting the median wall and stated she was having problems keeping air in her tires. When asked if she had been drinking Pelton said she started 30-minutes earlier and had 3 Vodka Red Bull. That would later change to "roughly 6 drinks" between 7pm and 10:30.

She then promptly failed all field sobriety tests asked of her to perform. She agreed to take a field breath test that showed she was well over double the legal limit.

PRELIMINARY BREATH TEST (PBT) POSITIVE FOR ALCOHOL?	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> REFUSED	
RESULT <u>.183</u> %	

This is from the police report:

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	ODOR OF MARIJUANA OR CHEMICAL: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO			
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She was arrested for Speeding and DWI and another charge was soon to follow.

After her arrest Pelton told Officer York there was some marijuana and a pipe in the front seat area of her car. Officer York seized a plastic bag of marijuana, a vial of marijuana and a smoking pipe.

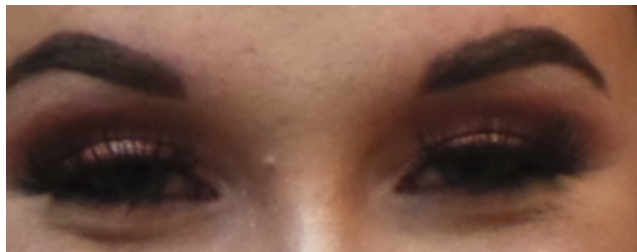
At the police station Pelton agreed to take an "Official" breath test. At 1am, 1-hour 25-minutes after being stopped her BAC level was **.145%**. In an interview at the police station, she added that she had "a bowl" of marijuana over the last nine hours. I am guessing since there was a smoking pipe with when she was arrested that she smoked "the bowl of marijuana" and did not eat it like a bowl of Captain Crunch.

From the police report:

INTERVIEW — RECORD PERSON'S RESPONSES				
WHAT TIME IS IT NOW? MAYBE 1120	WHAT IS THE DATE? THE 12TH	WHAT CITY (COUNTY) ARE YOU IN NOW? I AM IN ST LOUIS COUNTY, CHEST		
WHAT WERE YOU DOING DURING THE LAST THREE HOURS PRIOR TO CONTACT WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT? I WAS AT A WORK EVENT, HOLIDAY EVENT FOR A WORK , MEETING				
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? CROWN APPLE/ REDBULL	TIME STARTED 7 O'CLOCK	TIME STOPPED ABOUT 10:30	
HOW MUCH? ROUGHLY 6 DRINKS	WHERE? MAIN EVENT CHESTERFIELD	ARE YOU UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF AN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" 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? LAST 9 HOURS	WHERE? IN FESTUS	HOW MUCH? A BOWL	IF YES, WHAT? MARIJUANA
IF YES, EXPLAIN:				



Jaclyn Pelton

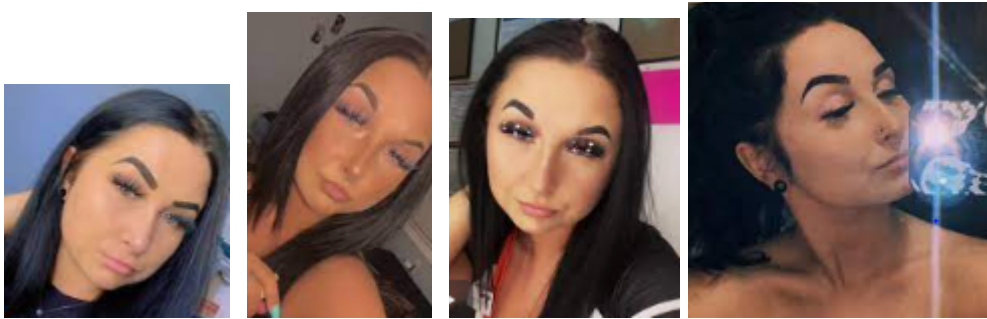


Pelton's eyes

Pelton's record:

05/06/23	Speeding 11-15 mph over limit	St. Louis Co PD
04/26/23	Unregistered Vehicle	St. Louis Co PD
06/14/22	Speeding 16-19 over limit \$100 fine	Jefferson Co SO
03/11/22	DWI, Speeding, Poss of Marijuana (see outcome)	Town & Country PD
07/28/20	No Veh Ins \$300 fine, Drivers' Lic Vio \$200 fine	MO Hwy Patrol

Here are some of the photos of herself that Pelton posted on the internet:



OUTCOME: Pelton appeared in Town & Country Court on 12/15/22 with a defense attorney from Festus. She pled guilty to DWI and was placed on a 2-year SIS (No-Fine, No-Points, No-Permanent Record) probation. The marijuana charge was reduced to Littering with a \$366 fine. The Speeding charge was reduced to a Parking Violation with a \$191 fine.

Pelton who was speeding, drunk, high on marijuana and crashed her car walked out of the Town and Country Court with NO POINTS on her driving record. This is another good example of city prosecutor Keith Cheung and Judge Andrea Niehoff ignoring the public safety of citizens, but collecting dollars for the city. They were also ignoring hard work of the police. Pelton should have at least gotten 2-Points on a straight up Speeding Charge.



PA Chueng



Judge Niehoff

40-YEAR-OLD WINCHESTER MAN STILL LIVING WITH HIS MOM, TOOK HER CAR AND THEN REFUSED TO STOP FOR TOWN AND COUNTRY POLICE ON I-64.

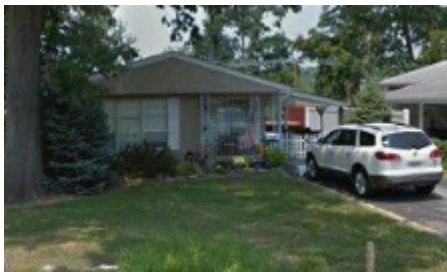
Jonathan Penn, 40, found the keys to his mother's Pontiac Vibe that she had tried to hide. He left the house in the car on Tuesday December 22, 2020. After midnight on December 23 Town and Country Police Officer Dustin York was west on I-64 before Mason Road and observed the Pontiac weaving while approaching his police car.

Officer York let the Pontiac pass and then followed it observing that it was still weaving from lane to lane. He attempted to pull over the driver, but Penn increased his speed exiting I-64 at Woods Mill Road. Officer York saw the license plate. He decided to discontinue trying to stop Penn for safety reasons.

Officer York continued south on Woods Mill/141 to Manchester Road going to the address the vehicle checked to in Winchester, MO (patrolled by Ballwin PD) . The Pontiac was registered to Penn's mother Elizabeth. 72-years-old.

Officer York saw the car turn west onto Manchester Road from Baxter Rd. Penn drove behind some business and beat Officer York to his house.

At the house on Lakeside Drive Officer York saw the Pontiac in the driveway with a hot hood. Officer York knocked on the door and woke Penn's mother, who thought her car was in the driveway said she tried to hide the keys to the car so Jonathan with a Revoked Drivers' license would not take it.



A friend of Penn's had his tractor-trailer cab in the driveway and was sleeping in the truck. Penn was not with him, but he called Penn's cellphone and learned he was at a house several doors away.

Penn was arrested when he left the neighbor's house. At first he said he was not driving the car. Next he admitted driving the car but didn't want to stop fearful the car would be towed due to his revoked license.

He was transported to the Town and Country Police Station.

He was issued citations for Driving While Revoked, Fleeing to Elude Police and Improper Lane Use.



Jonathan Penn

Penn's record:

12/23/20	Driving While Revoked, Imp Lane Use, Fleeing Police	Town & Country PD
02/12/15	Drug Violation \$200 fine	Pine Lawn OD
11/03/11	Felony Drug Poss Probation Revoked 5-yrs prison	St. Louis Co PD
01/16/03	Disobeyed Stop Sign \$255 fine, Fail to Display Lic Plate	Pacific PD
	Following Too Closely \$60 fine	

OUTCOME: 03/27/23 Pled Guilty to Improper Lane Use, Driving While Revoked, Fleeing and Eluding Police Bond Forfeited as fine

DRIVER SAYS, "I'M NOT INTOXICATED" DESPITE A BAC LEVEL OF .23%.

It was a Thursday night into Friday just after midnight on November 12, 2021. Town & Country Police Cpl. Steve Doll was on patrol south on I-270 at Clayton Road when he observed a vehicle (Chevy Malibu) approaching him at high speed with the bright lights on. As it reached Doll's patrol car Cpl. Doll's radar showed the Chevy was doing 85mph in the 60mph zone.



Cpl. Steve Doll

Cpl. Doll pulled the Chevy over on I-270 at the south T&C city limits. He found the car occupied by the driver and a front seat passenger. It was clear they both had been drinking and had BOB (booze on breath).

The driver MASON PERKINS, 21, admitted speeding saying he was "trying to get home to his parents' house too fast." When asked how much he had to drink he denied that he and his passenger had not been drinking.

When an assist officer arrived, Perkins exited the car for field sobriety tests. This is from the police report:

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He failed field sobriety tests including a counting backwards test...this from the police report:

COUNTING (83-68) start 83,82,81,80,79,78,79,77,76,75,74,73,72,71,70,60 (pause) 9,68,60 ah 7, 66,65,64,63,62,61,60 stopped.

He agreed to take a field breath test. The results showed his BAC at .237%, almost three times over the limit.

PRELIMINARY BREATH TEST (PBT)
POSITIVE FOR ALCOHOL?

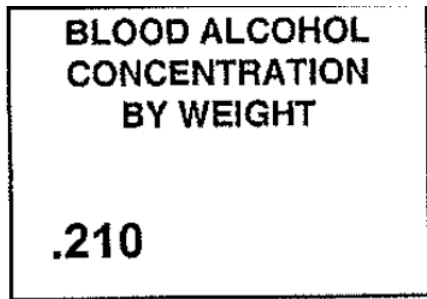
☒ YES ☐ NO ☐ REFUSED

RESULT .237 %

Once out of the car, Cpl. Doll immediately noticed a full glass of beer on the driver's floorboard and a 12oz can of Voo Doo beer in a cupholder on the driver's door.

Before the car was towed a plastic baggie of marijuana was found in a box between the front seats.

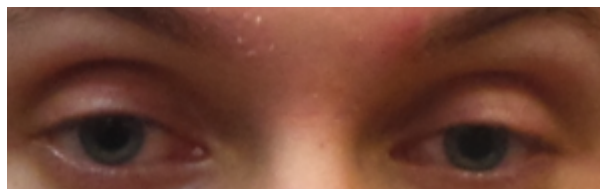
After his arrest he agreed to take an “official;” breath test at the police station. The result was .210% BAC.



In an interview after the breath test Perkins continued to claim he just had two beers and he did not consider himself intoxicated, despite all the evidence to the contrary. He also denied having smoked any marijuana in the last three days, despite admitting the marijuana found in the car was his.



Mason Perkins



Perkiins' eyes

10/03/19 Defective Equipment \$30 fine, Exp Lic Plates \$40 fine Creve Coeur PD
08/21/18 Moving Vio reduced to Defective Brakes \$350 fine MO Hwy Patrol

OUTCOME: On 10/21/22 Perkins pled guilty in T&C Court to DWI and was given 2-year SIS (no-points, no-fine, no-permanent record) 2-year probation term. The speeding charge was reduced to a Parking Violation with a \$191 fine. The headlight violation was dropped and the marijuana charge was reduced to Littering with a \$216 fine.

So a drunk driver 3x over the limit, speeding with marijuana (when it was still illegal) walked out of Town and Country court with NO POINTS on his driving record. Another example of prosecutor Keith Cheung and Judge Andrea Niehoff more interested in helping a Clayton defense lawyer than public safety.



PA Cheung



Judge Niehoff