

DRUNKS AND THIEVES 2018 Part 5 September 8, 2018



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VERY DRUNK DRIVER, 2X OVER THE LIMIT, GETS PROBATION FOR DWI. What else is new? Robin Lynn Wells, 23, of 10937 Big Bend in Kirkwood was driving her Nissan Pathfinder north on I-270 weaving in and out of lanes. It was Saturday night into Sunday morning on July 16, 2017 at 1:51AM when Town and Country Officer Doll she her and the car.

Officer Doll reported that Wells wasn't just weaving to the right or the left but was weaving out of her lane both into the right and the lanes. Officer Doll stopped her as she drove north of I-64.

Once stopped Officer Doll saw her face was flush, eyes bloodshot, her breath smelled of booze and her speech was slurred. Wells claimed the car smelled like booze because she had just taken her brother home who had been drinking. She eventually admitted drinking some beer but claims she stopped four hours earlier.



Robin Wells



Robin Wells' eyes

After failing field sobriety tests and a field breath test that showed she was drunk, she was arrested and taken to the Town and Country Police Station. There she agreed to take an official breath test. The results of that test were .178% BAC or more than double the limit.

This is from an interview at the police station:

INTERVIEW — RECORD PERSON'S RESPONSES			
WHAT TIME IS IT NOW? 1:30 MAYBE 2	WHAT IS THE DATE? 7/16/17	WHAT DAY OF THE WEEK IS IT? SUNDAY	WHAT CITY (COUNTY) ARE YOU IN NOW? NO IDEA/TOWN AND COUNTRY MAYBE
WHEN DID YOU LAST EAT? 1417		WHAT DID YOU LAST EAT? PIZZA	
WHAT WERE YOU DOING DURING THE LAST THREE HOURS PRIOR TO CONTACT WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT? GOT A JOB, CELEBRATED WITH FRIENDS AT A POOL. THAT'S WHY IM HALF FUCKING NAKED.			
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? COUPLE OF BEERS		
TIME STARTED COULD NOT TELL YOU		TIME STOPPED 9 O'CLOCK OR 9:30	
HOW MUCH? MAYBE 4	WHERE? AT A POOL	ARE YOU UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF AN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO I DON'T FEEL LIKE IT	

She was cited for DWI and Failure to Drive in A Single Lane.

OUTCOME: Her Clayton lawyer moved the case to Clayton MO. She pled guilty to DWI in front of Judge Mary Ott and was placed on a 2-year SIS No-Record, No-fine, No-Points probation. She was fined \$198 on the Lane Violation charge and will have 2-points on her record.

Town and Country Prosecutor Ed Sluys handled the case. I continue to be amazed that people who are more than double the limit or refuse to take a breath test get a deal. They should be prosecuted. Sluys appears to be more interested in the welfare of defense attorneys than the welfare of the public.

SIXTH DWI RESULTS IN ONE-YEAR PROBATION: On August 30, 2015 at 11 PM Town and Country Officer Yaakub was west on I-64 approaching Mason Road when he observed a red Ford Ranger pickup truck in front of him weaving from lane to lane.

Officer Yaakub was unable to get the truck stopped until the driver exited onto Clarkson Road at I-64 in Chesterfield.

Per the police report this is what Officer Yaakub immediately noticed when contacting the driver Donald Roden, 55, of Wildwood, MO.

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 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 E
PUPILS	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSTRICTED <input type="checkbox"/> SLOW REACTION TO LIGHT <input type="checkbox"/> DILATED
BALANCE AND WALKING	<input type="checkbox"/> UNCERTAIN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SWAYING <input type="checkbox"/> STAGGERING <input type="checkbox"/> STUMBLING <input type="checkbox"/> FALLING
SPEECH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SLURRED <input type="checkbox"/> CONFUSED <input type="checkbox"/> INCOHERENT <input type="checkbox"/> STUTTERING <input type="checkbox"/> MUMBLING



Donald Roden



The Donald's eyes

Roden failed sobriety field tests and a field breath test showed he was intoxicated. He was arrested. Prior to his truck being towed officers found a loaded Ruger .380 semi-automatic handgun in the front console. That was seized for safe keeping.

At the police station at first Roden agreed to take an official breath test. He then called his lawyer who advised him to refuse to take a breath test and not to answer any questions.

His license was seized and a temporary license was issued. Roden appealed the suspension of his driver's license. In July of 2017, almost two years after his arrest, the suspension of his license was upheld.

At police station he was issued a citation for DWI and for Improper Lane Use and released to a sober person.

However after his release, a dispatcher doing additional computer checks found that Roden had five prior DWIs. Officer Yaakub obtained state charges for Felony DWI.

HERE ARE WHERE HIS PRIOR DWIS WERE THAT WE COULD FIND: We could only find documents listing three prior DWIs. The five prior DWIs in the police report were redacted.

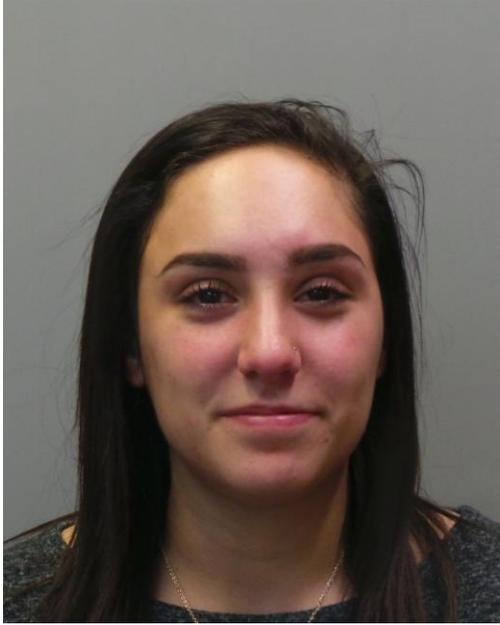
August 4, 2015 Pled Guilty to 2-Counts DWI Meade Co. South Dakota
November 10, 1983 Found Guilty of DWI in Travis County Texas

OUTCOME: You might think a SIXTH DWI or even a fourth would mean no deals. You would be wrong. On January 25, 2018, two-and-a-half years after his arrest the County Prosecutor's Office reduced the Felony DWI to a Misdemeanor DWI. Roden pled guilty and was placed on a 1-year SES probation that requires No Drinking and Driving and an alcohol-interlock system on his car. However by this time Roden had moved to Golden, Colorado (The home of Coors Beer). He had no fine and did not have to spend one day in jail for his sixth DWI.

LATE NIGHT LANE WEAVING DRUNK 19-YEAR-OLD DENIES DRINKING AND THEN CHANGES HER STORY: Town and Country Officer Steven Doll was westbound on I-64 on Thanksgiving morning November 24, 2016 at 3:15 AM when he noticed a silver Ford Focus weave four times from the curb lane into a middle lane from Mason Road to Timberlake Parkway. Thanksgiving Eve and Day have surpassed New Year's Eve and St. Patrick's Day for the most DWI arrests in American.

The vehicle was stopped and behind the wheel was 19-year-old Grace Sammarco of Lake St. Louis. Sammarco denied having anything to drink and said her lane weaving was when she was looking at her GPS. (If she lived in Lake St. Louis and was on I-64 which goes directly to Lake St. Louis I fail to see any need to look at a GPS.)

Officer Doll reported that Sammarco had a strong odor of booze on her breath and her eyes were bloodshot. She failed several field sobriety tests and despite claiming she had nothing to drink she refused to take a field breath test. She was arrested for DWI.



Grace Sammarco



Grace's eyes

At the police station she agreed to be interviewed and her story changed from how she had not been drinking to how she had been drinking from 11 PM to 1:30 AM on an empty stomach. This is from the police report.

WHAT WERE YOU DOING DURING THE LAST THREE HOURS PRIOR TO CONTACT WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT?		
DRINKING		
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?	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	MIKE'S HARD LEMONADE	
TIME STARTED	TIME STOPPED	
11:00	1:30 ISH	
HOW MUCH?	WHERE?	ARE YOU UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF AN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE?
4 TO 5 ISH	MAIN STREET IN SOMEWHERE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO I GUESS TECHNICALLY

At the police station she agreed to take an "official breath test." The results showed her BAC was at .103%.

She was cited for Improper Lane Use (Weaving) and DWI and released to a sober person.

OUTCOME: Town and Country prosecutor Ed Sluys reduced the Improper Lane Use to Illegal Parking. On 02/01/18 she pled guilty to Illegal Parking and was fined \$225. She also pled guilty to DWI. She was placed on a 2-year SIS No Record, No-Points, No-Fine probation term. I have no problem with the SIS on a first time DWI, but having the

lane weaving while drunk on a major American holiday reduced No-Points Illegal Parking is outrageous. Sammarco should have left the court room with 2-points on her license, but Ed Sluys and Judge Andrea Niehoff made sure that did not happen.



Sluys



Niehoff

GARAGE BURGLAR IN TOWN AND COUNTRY GETS 3-YEARS IN PRISON: In the overnight hours of September 20, 2016 Robert Burmeister 's daughter parked his 2009 Porsche in the garage at 129 Ballas Court and then left the car unlocked and did not put the garage door down. Later that early morning 49-year-old Andrew Jackson from Florissant was driving in the neighborhood and noticed the garage door being up.



129 Ballas Ct

Jackson, with a criminal record dating back over 20 years including periods serving jail and prison sentences, went into the garage and found a debit card in the unlocked Porsche.



Andrew Jackson

Jackson did not waste any time using the debit card before it was cancelled.

Here is where he rang up \$1,918.98 in bank withdraws on the card in Brentwood and Maplewood:

WalMart in the amount of \$1066.44
Home Depot in the amount of \$765.10
McDonald's in the amount of \$32.35
Quik Trip in the amount of \$55.39

Town and Country Police Detectives were able to get video of Jackson using the card and Jackson being in a black Chevrolet registered to him. Jackson learned police were looking for him and fled Missouri for a time. Meanwhile detectives took photo from store security cameras where Jackson was using the stolen credit card and had his sister and estranged wife positively identify him. Arrest warrants were obtained for burglary and credit card fraud.

Jackson was arrested on May 30, 2017. Here is part of his arrest record which does not show out of state or Federal convictions.

09/21/16	Burglary & Fraudulent Use of Credit Card	Town & Country PD
	02/09/18 Pled Guilty 3-years prison	
01/16/16	DWI	St. Louis CO
07/28/02	Domestic Assault, Harassment, Stalking 9 mos jail	St. Louis CO

09/07/02	Felony Stealing 5-years prison	St. Ann PD
11/28/02	Credit Card Fraud 1 year jail	Maryland Heights
12/17/02	Felony Forgery 6-years prison	St. John PD
10/15/01	Burglary 3 years probation with 4 probation violations	St. Louis PD
01/04/01	Domestic Assault 6-months jail	St. Louis PD
11/09/99	2-counts Assault 1-count Trespass 90 days jail	St. Louis PD
12/04/97	Harassment 90-Days Jail	St. Louis PD
09/10/97	Receiving Stolen Property	St. Louis CO PD
01/09/97	Burglary 5-years probation/prob revoked 3 years prison	Normandy PD
12/13/96	Receiving Stolen Property 71 days jail	St. Louis PD

OUTCOME: The St. Louis County Prosecutors Office dropped the Burglary charge and Jackson pled guilty to Fraudulent Use of a Credit Device and was sentenced to 3-years in prison.

20-YEAR-OLD DRUNK FROM CREVE COEUR DRIVES OFF OF LADUE ROAD AT HIGH SPEED HITTING FIVE FIXED OBJECTS AND TRIED TO TELL POLICE SHE WAS HIT HEAD-ON BY ANOTHER VEHICLE. 20-year-old Sabrina Cockerham was westbound on Ladue Road on Wednesday morning May 24, 2017 at 1:48 AM. She was going fast enough that she lost control, crossed the eastbound lane of traffic, ran off the road hitting two highway department signs, a utility pole and twice hitting the fence at Hunter’s Farm.

When Town and Country Officers Yaakub and York arrived at the scene, Cockerham was out of the car. She admitted driving, but said a car cross the center line and struck her 2016 Lexus head on forcing her off the road. It was clear that she had been drinking and Officer Yaakub immediately began building his DWI case by asking Cockerham if she had anything to drink AFTER the crash. She said she had not.

She stuck with the story of another car until a statement from someone found walking by Chesterfield police officers changed her story.

The Chesterfield officers found Carter Haas, 26, from St. Louis, walking west down Ladue Road with blood on his arm. He admitted being with Cockerham. He told officers there was no second car involved in the crash. This from the report:

Chesterfield Officers arrived on scene and advised us that

they located a male walking down Ladue with blood on his arm. I made contact with the male and he confirmed he was in the vehicle, however, he stated he was not the driver. The male was identified as Carter Haas and he stated he did not want to incriminate anyone. I asked him if they were hit by another car and he replied, “There was no other car.”

Cockerham had the unusual indicators of being drunk. Her breath had a strong smell of booze. Her eyes were bloodshot and glassy, her speech was slurred and her balance was unsure. She did admit having been drinking and later at the police station admitted that she was under the influence of intoxicates.

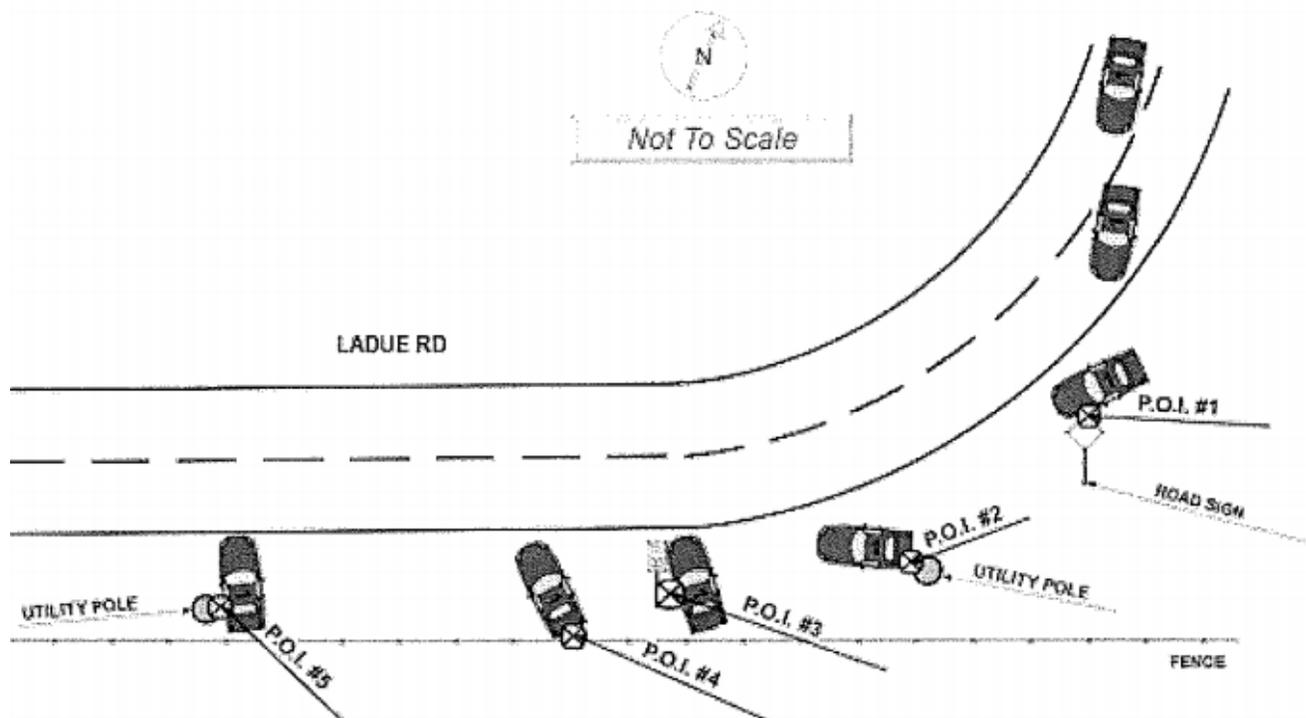
In one of her field sobriety tests she was asked to recite the alphabet starting with “F” and stopping at “Y.” Here is her response from the police report:

F, Y, 2, V, X, Z, W, Y AND Z.

She was also asked to count backwards from 60 to 53. Here is her response:

69 THRU 60, 55, 59...I'M SORRY, 60 THRU 55

She was arrested.



At the police station Cockerham agreed to take a breath test. That test showed her BAC level to be .15%.



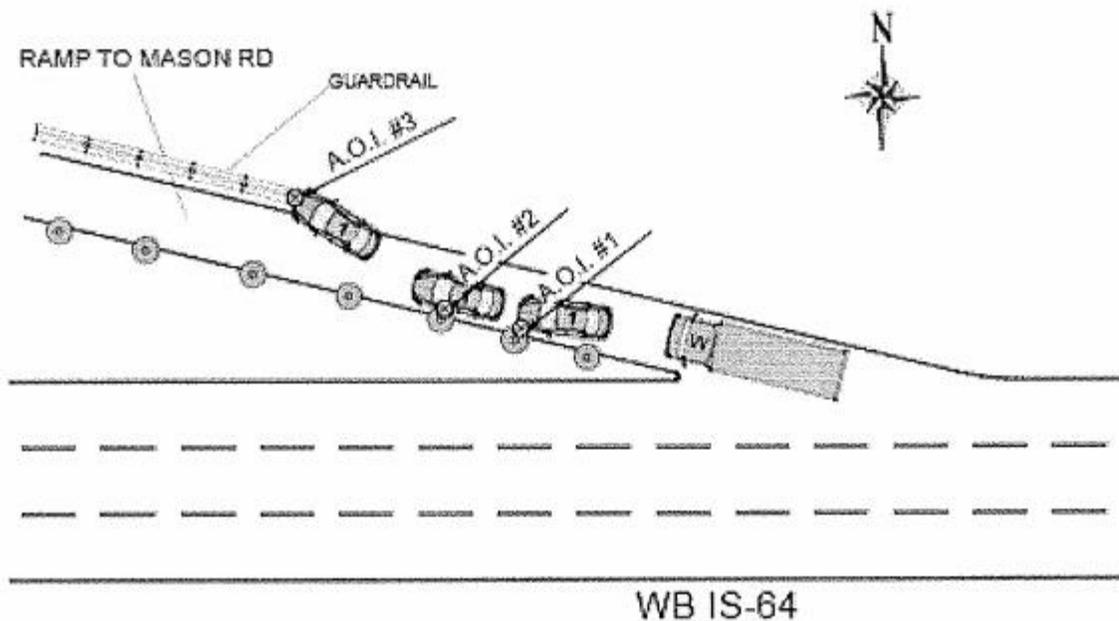
Sabrina Cockerham

OUTCOME: Cockerham pled guilty in Town and Country Municipal Court on 01/04/18. She was represented by Neil Bruntrager the long time partner of Charles H. Billings, the municipal judge in Des Peres and Valley Park. Despite the fact the Cockerham was driving at a high rate of speed, lied to the police and damaged private and public property Town and Country Judge Andrea Niehoff gave her a No-Points, No-Fine, No-Permanent Record SIS probation term.

Due to her BAC level of almost twice the legal limit, her drivers' license was suspended. She appealed that action and was represented by Charles W. Billings, the son of Charles H. Billings. A hearing officer ruled in favor of the Drivers' License Section of the Missouri department of Revenue and the suspension stood.

WITNESS CALLS POLICE AND FOLLOWS RECKLESS IMPAIRED DRIVER DOWN I-270 TO WB I-64 WHEN HE CRASHED AT MASON ROAD. Town and County Officers were dispatched to a call of a person driving recklessly and crashing on the Mason Road off-ramp from WB I-64 on May 6, 2016 at 6:14 PM. Witnesses in a truck called 911 when Robert V. Wiechel, 36, of Ballwin was badly weaving on I-270 and then on I-64.

When Wiechel exited at Mason Road he crashed his 1994 Accura into a guard rail.



When contacted by police Wiechel's speech was badly slurred and his balance was unsure. However, his breath did not smell of intoxicants and his eyes were constricted but not bloodshot.

Wiechel had two prior DWI convictions. One was in 2004 in St. Charles County. Another was by the Highway Patrol in 2013

A field breath test show Wiechel had no alcohol in his system.

Wiechel told officers he had been taking prescription medicine for high blood pressure. He had a Royal Crown liquor bag full of pill bottles when talking to officers. He said he had taken 10 pills during the day for high blood pressure and the pill bottles advised they could make him feel drowsy.

Paramedics arrived and determined that Wiechel's blood sugar levels were normal, but he had an accelerated heart rate. He was arrested for DWI-Drugs and taken to St. Johns Hospital where blood draws were made for evidence.

He was charged with DWI-D. It was a felony due to the prior two DWI convictions.



Robert Wiechel

OUTCOME: Wiechel pled guilty on 01/18/18. He was sentenced to 3-years in prison, but was immediately placed on a 5-year SES probation term.