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18-YEAR-OLD FROM NORTH ST. LOUIS TAKES THE RAP FOR \$1,119 WORTH OF STOLEN GOODS IN HER CAR AND CLAIMS THE OTHER THREE YOUNG WOMAN HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH IT. The Chesterfield Police have a special unit that patrols and answers calls in retail stores from Chesterfield Mall to all the stores in the Chesterfield Valley. Merchants have direct cell phone numbers to the officers on the special squad.

On Friday July 31, 2015 the security manager of the Target store in Chesterfield Valley confronted several black females who were seen shoplifting items. The store security officers recovered the stolen items. Rather than hold the women, they released them and watched them drive off in a yellow Chevrolet Monte Carlo with Illinois license plates.

INCREDIBLE LUCK: The next day on Saturday August 1, 2015 the security manager called the Chesterfield Police Retail Unit and spoke with Officer Dammrich to pass along the information about the females in the yellow Monte Carlo he had caught shoplifting. At the exact same time around 6 o'clock on Saturday afternoon Chesterfield officers reported on the police radio pulling over a yellow Monte Carlo with Illinois license plates occupied by three African-American women after a peace disturbance at a retail shop. Officer Dammrich radioed that he was responding and for the car and women not to be released.

Officer Dammrich arrived on Chesterfield Airport Road and contacted the driver of the car, April Harvey, 18 of North St. Louis. Officer Dammrich told Harvey that he knew what had happened the day before and asked if she had any stolen items in the car or the trunk. She admitted there were stolen goods from Target in the trunk.

She stated that she and others the day before (who she refused to name) had stolen the items in the trunk and the three passengers had just been picked up to go shopping and had not stolen anything.

In the back seat were two "booster bags" consisting of large bags lined with aluminum foil wrap to defeat security sensors along with numerous stolen items of apparel. One passenger Unautica Thomas told an officer that she knew the car was full of stolen items.

At the scene April Harvey wrote the following statement:

"That all stolen merchandise was mines and the 3 in car I just picked up today to go shop not steal but stuff was in my trunk and got pull over by cops. Target, Saint Clair Squars in Illinciois & Chesterfield was where everything was believe to be taken from".

This is from Officer Dammrich's report:

After reviewing Harvey's statement, I asked what had been stolen from Chesterfield. She stated a majority of the items besides those from Target were stolen from stores located inside of Chesterfield Mall. She stated some miscellaneous items were taken from St. Clair Square in Fairview Heights Illinois.



Unautice Thomas

Police located 73 stolen items. They are listed as the following with the first 10 from Target. :

Item#

1. Carter's brand baby clothing set - UPC 8851073595 - \$15.99
2. Carter's brand baby clothing set - UPC 8851073603 - \$15.99
3. Carter's brand baby clothing set - UPC 8851078706 - \$15.99
4. Carter's brand baby clothing set - UPC 8851074512 - \$10.99
5. Carter's brand baby clothing set - UPC 8851074480 - \$10.99
6. Carter's brand baby clothing set - UPC 8851074719 - \$ 12.99
7. Carter's brand baby clothing set - No UPC or price
8. Carter's brand baby clothing set - UPC 8851078661 - \$15.99
9. Carter's brand baby clothing set - No UPC or price
10. Carter's brand baby clothing set - UPC 8851074703 \$12.99

11. Victoria Secret "Pink" tote bag - No UPC or price
12. Victoria Secret "Pink" tote bag - No UPC or price
13. Victoria Secret woman's shirt - UPC 0667539523624 - \$24.99
14. Victoria Secret woman's yoga pant - UPC 0667539424327 - \$56.95
15. Victoria Secret woman's shirt - UPC 0667539451392 - \$25.95
16. Victoria Secret woman's shirt - UPC 0667539811004 - \$26.95
17. Victoria Secret woman's "Pink" tank top - No tag or UPC
18. Victoria Secret woman's shirt - UPC 0667539200617 - \$26.95
19. Victoria Secret woman's yoga pant - UPC 0667540036205 - \$56.95
20. Victoria Secret "Love Spell body lotion - UPC 0667534419670 - \$14.00
21. Victoria Secret "Pink" cell phone case UPC 0667539739407 - \$19.95
22. Victoria Secret woman's yoga pant - UPC 0667540035123 - \$59.95
23. Victoria Secret woman's yoga pant - UPC 0667540119403 - \$39.95
24. Victoria Secret woman's yoga pant - UPC 0667540048963 - \$56.95
25. Victoria Secret woman's yoga shorts - UPC 0667536869404 - \$25.95
26. Victoria Secret navy blue panties size XS - no price tag
27. Black headband - unknown brand - no tag
28. Brown fabric cap - unknown brand - no tag
29. Young & Reckless brand grey shorts - UPC 400041852291 - \$44.95
30. Young & Reckless brand grey shorts - UPC 400041852116 - \$44.95

31. Young & Reckless brand grey shorts - UPC 400041852291 - \$44.95
32. Kendall & Kylie brand maroon tank top - UPC 400042632816 - \$34.95
33. Forever 21 brand hunter green hand bag set - UPC 00154432021 - \$27.90
34. Forever 21 brand gold in color necklace - UPC 000130495021 - \$9.90
35. Forever 21 brand denim pants - UPC 00116321011 - \$7.90
36. Forever 21 blue shirt - UPC 00078200262 - \$3.90
37. Forever 21 white tank top - UPC 00081705022 - \$1.90
38. Forever 21 brand blue shirt UPC 00051160082 - \$3.80
39. Forever 21 brand white tank top - UPC 0008170522 - \$1.90
40. Forever 21 brand orange shirt - UPC 00078200282 - \$3.90
41. Forever 21 brand necklace gold in color - UPC 000130495021 - \$9.90
42. Forever 21 brand bracelet pink in color - UPC 00091076031 - \$2.99
43. Forever 21 brand white and pink hair brush - UPC 00183602021 - \$4.90

44. Rimmel brand eye definer - UPC 607347887003 - no price
45. "Dr. Miracle's" brand holding gel - No UPC or price
46. Express brand gold in color bracelet - UPC 08136882 - \$26.90
47. Unknown brand bracelet gold in color - UPC 301737153 - \$1.99
48. Fossil brand black bracelet - UPC 796483123168 - \$28.00
49. Fossil brand black bracelet - UPC 796483123168 - \$28.00
50. "Tech & Go" brand pink and purple charging and sync cord - UPC 826341020343 - no price
51. Fossil brand red and gold colored bracelet - UPC 796483165816 - \$38.00
52. Fossil brand brown bracelet - UPC 796483064348 - \$48.00
53. Fossil brand teal watch - UPC 796483165847 - \$38.00
54. Fossil brand yellow and pink bracelet - UPC 796483064423 - \$1.99

55. Unknown brand brown and green bracelet - no UPC or price
56. Unknown brand silver in color bracelet - no UPC or price
57. Victoria Secret body oil - no UPC or price
58. Cover Girl brand lip gloss - no UPC or price
59. Rimmel brand lip contouring pencil - UPC 5012874027743 - no price
- 60 Francesca's brand watch - no price or UPC
61. Remington brand multi-color cloth - no UPC or price
62. Fossil brand blue bracelet - UPC 9648313588 - \$29.99
63. Fossil brand black bracelet - UPC 9648312316 - \$12.99
64. Francesca's brand grey watch - UPC 505259 - \$20.00
65. Unknown brand silver in color bracelet - no UPC or price
66. Unknown brand pink charging cable - no UPC or price
67. H&M brand pair of black shoes - no UPC or price
68. Unknown brand patterned scarf - no UPC or price
69. Unknown brand white laced shirt - no UPC or price
70. Unknown brand scarf - no UPC or price
71. Charlotte Russe black tank top - UPC 301864810 - \$17.99
72. L.A. Hearts brand pants - no UPC or price
73. Express brand black and blue dress - no UPC or price
74. Unknown brand black panties - no UPC or price
75. Unknown brand white tank top - no UPC or price
76. L.A. Hearts brand grey shorts - no UPC or price
77. Children's Place brand blue denim pants - UPC 440000563998 - \$24.95
78. Sonia Kashuk brand gel liner - UPC 1300701061 - no price
79. Green H&M brand purse - no UPC or price
80. Pre-paid Visa debt card 4941 5901 8002 9708
81. 10 Piece set of hair weave - no price or UPC
82. Claires' brand clips - UPC 888711478642 - \$9.50
83. Claires' brand clips (1 is missing) - UPC 888711603310 - \$9.50

Per instructions from a supervisor Harvey and Turner were released on citations and not booked nor were mug shots taken, despite having \$1,119 in stolen property in their possession. They could still have been released on summons, but common sense says to take their mug shots and fingerprints in case they return or other police department need them in connection with other theft investigations.

RECORDS: April Harvey's record of citations and arrests shows few serious charges:

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| 08/19/14 | Riding Metro Rail w/o a fare card | St. Louis County PD |
| 01/03/15 | Disorderly Conduct | Pine Lawn |
| 08/01/15 | Stealing U/\$500 | Chesterfield PD |
| 08/11/15 | Disobeyed Red Light | St. Louis City PD |
| 11/28/15 | Riding Metro Rail W/O a Fare Card | St. Louis City PD |
| 03/15/17 | No Proof of Insurance | St. Louis City PD |

Unautica Thomas

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| 05/01/15 | Stealing U/\$500 | Ballwin PD |
| | 04/01/16 PG 2-year SES Probation plus 80 hours Community Service | |
| | 02/14/17 Probation Suspended | |
| 08/01/15 | Receiving Stolen Property | Chesterfield PD |
| | Reduced to Trespassing PG 8/11/16 Fined \$250 | |
| 06/07/16 | No Operator's Lic/Unlic Motor Vehicle | Crestwood PD |
| 08/18/16 | No Operator's License/No Insurance | St. Louis City PD |

OUTCOME: Unautica Thomas Pled Guilty after her lawyer moved the case to St. Louis County Associate Circuit Court. on 08/11/16. Chesterfield prosecutor Tim Engelmeyer had reduced the charge of Receiving Stolen Property to Trespassing. She was fined \$250.

April Harvey: Harvey pled guilty on April 12, 2016 and was fined \$300.50. She has not paid the fine and a warrant for her arrest was issued on April 18, 2017. (This originally appeared in the May 29, 2017 Ex-Alderman's Newsletter #279)

PAIR COMBINED FRAUDULENT RETURN AND STRAIGHT UP

SHOPLIFTING AT WALMART. On Saturday January 2, 2016 at about 3:39 in the afternoon a pair of thieves from St. Charles County decided to hit the Chesterfield Wal Mart twice. First they came to the store with a receipt and then picked up some of the items listed on the receipt from shelves and racks and went to the return desk. Secondly after making a very small amount on the return scam that was witnessed by store security, the female did some old school shoplifting.

Sarah Sohaib, 24, of O'Fallon, Missouri and John Matreci, 22, of St. Charles were both arrested.

Chesterfield Officer McBride was on the scene at the time of the thefts and made the arrest. This is from his report.

Once inside the office, both were handcuffed, searched for weapons or contraband, and placed on a bench inside the office. A search of the male revealed the receipt and the cash, both were seized and the money was returned to Wal-Mart. A search of the female revealed 5 Xbox games in her purse, and she removed 1 Xbox game from her sweatshirt and a Xbox controller.

Total Value recovered including the Xbox games, controller, and cash was \$199.01.

Sohaib had given Officer McBride a false name. After her release on a summons to court he checked a mug shot data base and found a mug shot of the person under the name given by Sohaib and it was a different person. At the time of their arrests McBride also noticed two keys to the America's Best Value Inn in Lake St. Louis. Officer McBride notified Lake St. Louis PD that the couple was staying there and committing shoplifting thefts.

The following is from a supplemental report by Officer McBride concerning of he arrest of Sohaib's arrest by lake St. Louis PD.

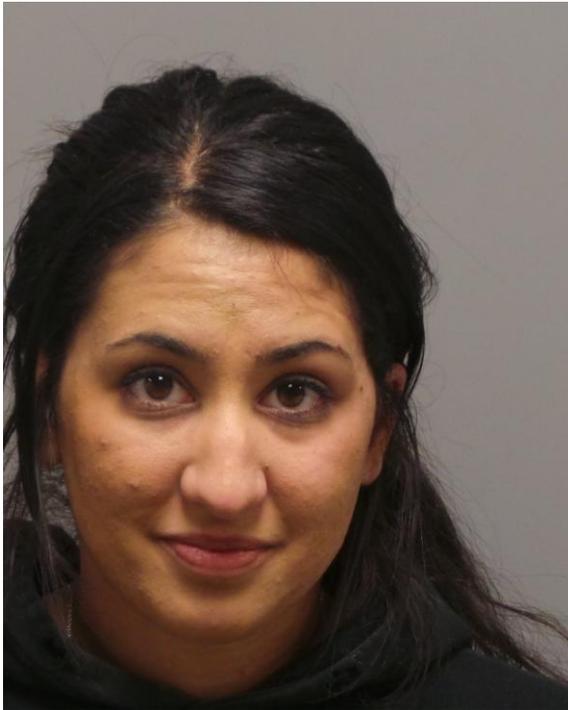
I was later contacted by a Lake St. Louis supervisor and informed that the female had been taken into custody after a brief foot chase. She had been in possession of heroin and drug paraphernalia at the time of their arrest. The supervisor also explained that they found a felony warrant out of St. Charles County on Sarah Sohaib and she was going to be transferred to them soon.

Sarah Sohaib's arrest record.

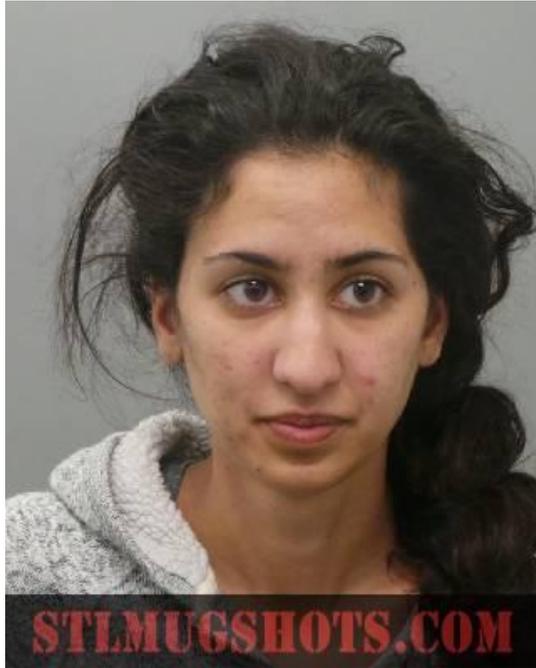
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| 07/23/14 | Driving While Revoked | O'Fallon MO PD |
| 10/31/14 | Misdemeanor Stealing | St. Charles CO PD |
| | 02/23/16 Pled Guilty 2 years SIS probation term | |
| 03/07/15 | Felony Stealing Over \$500 | Maryland Heights PD |
| 04/23/15 | Felony Possession of Controlled Sub | O'Fallon MO PD |
| | Driving While Revoked 10 days jail | |
| | 02/23/16 Pled Guilty to Drugs charge and placed on SIS probation | |
| | 01/23/17 Violated probation sentenced to 4 yrs prison but placed on SES Probation | |
| | 03/02/17 and 05/04/17 new probation violations filed | |
| 01/02/16 | Stealing | Chesterfiled PD |
| | Possession of Theft Device | |
| | Gave False Identiy (see below for disposition) | |
| 01/02/16 | Felony Possession of Controlled Substance | Lake St. Louis PD |
| | Felony Resisting Arrest | |
| | 01/23/17 PG sentenced to 7 years prison but placed on SES probation for 5-years | |
| | 05/04/17 Probation Violation noticed filed | |

John Matrieci's arrest record:

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| 06/25/11 | Prior Offender DWI Misdemeanor | O'Fallon MO PD |
| | 05/22/12 Pled Guilty SES probation term | |
| 01/02/16 | Stealing (Ord Violation) | Chesterfield PD |



2016 Mug Shot for stealing



2014 mug shot for drugs

OUTCOME: Sohaib After her attorney moved the cases to the Associate Circuit Court in Clayton, something unusual happened She pled guilty to all the original charges. Tim Engelmeyer did not give her any amended charges. She was fined \$150 for stealing, \$75 for Possession of Theft Device and \$50 for Providing False Identiy. At the time of the plea she did have the felony stealing (amended to felony Receiving Stolen Property) pending against her. The no reduction move was easy for Engelmeyer in this case since Sohaib was going to prison on other charges.

OUTCOME: Matreci On October 18, 2016 Tim Engelmeyer did amend the charge against Materci, who pled guilty to Littering and was fined \$350. (Originally appeared on June 12, 2017 in Ex Alderman's Newsletter 281)

SUSPECT IS GREEDY AND BREAKS RULE OF STEALING "IF AT FIRST YOU SUCCEED STAY THE HELL AWAY AND DON'T COME BACK FOR CELL PHONES." On February 5, 2016 at about 6:16pm Ayesha Bulgin and another young woman were in the Burlington Store in the Premium Outlet Mall. Bulgin was carrying a

baby car seat, which did not contain a baby but was covered with a baby blanket. When they exited the store the car seat with a blanket over it was carrying \$355 of stolen merchandise from the store and set off the security alarm.

One of the suspects dropped a white cell phone on the way out of the store that was recovered by a Burlington employee. An hour later a suspect called the store and asked if they had found a phone she had left at the store.

Officer Flushing responded and took information for a theft report and also viewed video of the event.

A short time after that the stolen items were being offered on a Facebook site under the name of Ayesha Marie.

The next day at 5pm a car with a female driver and a female in the backseat with a baby's car seat arrived at the Outlet Malls. The driver went in and recovered the cell phone and returned to the car. As she pulled away she was stopped by Officer Flushing.

He recognized the woman in the backseat as the same woman on the store video carrying the baby's car seat loaded with stolen items and whose photo was on the Facebook page offering the stolen items for sale.

The woman from the theft video in the backseat had no ID, but identified herself as Ayesha Bulgin, 17 from 2448 Trooper in unincorporated St. Louis County just west of Overland. She confessed to committing the theft.

NEXT IS HAD TO BELIEVE: Officer Flushing then issued Bulgin a summons for theft and released her on the street. Theft is a graduated felony in Missouri. The third time it's a felony. Officer Flushing did not document the arrest with a mug shot and fingerprints, especially since Bulgin had no ID on her. There is a police facial recognition computer data base, but you have to enter a photo to get results. Flushing could still have released Bulgin on a summons with no bond from the police station after a photo and fingerprints were obtained.

OUTCOME: Bulgin got an attorney and the case was moved to Clayton, but still had Chesterfield City Prosecutor Tim Engelmeyer listed as the prosecuting attorney. On March 23, 2017 Engelmeyer amended the theft charge to "Littering" despite there being video evidence of the theft. There was no mention of any restitution to Burlington, but

people pleading guilty to “Littering” are not usually ordered to make restitution. (First appeared in the June 19, 2017 Ex Aldermen’s Newsletter.)

JUST WHAT A STORE OWNER NEEDS AT THE START OF THE CHRISTMAS SEASON; TWO EMPLOYEES STEALING \$4,000 WORTH OF CLOTHING. It was November 29, 2015, the Sunday after Thanksgiving as the Christmas shopping season was taking off. Mr. Revah the owner of the Lindbergh Shop and the former 4Ever Men store both in the Chesterfield Mall. He reported to Chesterfield Police that while he was working at the 4Ever Men store, employees Bailey Bryson, 20, of South St. Louis and Aundre Altnether, of West Pine in St. Louis, were working at the Lindbergh Shop.



Bryson



Altnether

He reported that he tried to reach them by a two-way radio and no one answered from between 1 o'clock and 2:15. He said he went to the store and found no employees there. Both Bryson and Altnether were gone. He also stated that four high dollar jackets were missing. He said he then looked at the video and saw where Altnether and Bryson are trying the jackets on. Meanwhile Altnether's boyfriend arrives. Altnether places the four jackets on the checkout counter, places them in a bag and leaves the store with his boyfriend.

Mr. Revah then states that 15 minutes later Altnether returns and goes back to work.

Here is what was stolen and their price:

Two (2) Lindbergh Sample Production leather jackets, Bomber style, valued at \$1000 each
One (1) Lindbergh Sample Production leather jacket, black in color, valued at \$1000
One (1) Lindbergh Sample Production Windbreaker, white in color, valued at \$1000

Yes that is four jackets for \$4,000. Here is what happened next according to Officer Paubel's police report:

R█████ stated he spoke to Bryson on the morning of 11/30/2015 and asked her to return the jackets and she stated she would not speak to him without a lawyer present and left the store. R█████ stated Altnether was supposed to be at work at 1115 on 11/30/2015 but failed to show up for his shift.

Both Bryson and Altnether came to the Chesterfield Police station and gave statements that were not consistent with each other or the facts provided by Mr. Revah. They both did state that they were not being paid enough and were going to quit.

At one point Altnether claimed he put the jackets in a bag and was going to take them to Mr. Revah at the 4Ever Men Store, but got distracted and accidentally took them out to his car and drove home with them.

Altnether also tried to trick everyone by returning two jackets to the 4Ever Men store. However, they were not any of the ones stolen on 11/29/15. They had apparently been stolen on another day.

Felony theft warrants were issued against both former store employees.

OUTCOME: Bryson: She pled guilty to Felony Theft on 7/22/16 and was placed on a 5-year SIS No-Permanent Record probation term.

Altnether pled guilty on 02/06/17 to a reduced charge of Misdemeanor Stealing and was fined \$500. On 08/26/16 Altnether was arrested in Warren County by the Highway Patrol for passing a vehicle on the right shoulder. There was also an outstanding felony warrant from Colorado that he was held on. (First appeared in Ex-Alderman Newsletter #287 on July 24, 2017)

ENGELMEYER TURNS ANOTHER DANGEROUS DRIVER INTO A PARKING VIOLATOR: Here is 36-year-old Maryland Heights' resident Ras Brantely's driving record:

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| 05/26/04 | Sued over Injury Auto Crash | St. Louis County |
| 07/04/07 | Moving Violation reduced to Loud Muffler | St. Charles Co. SO |
| 06/24/11 | Speeding 25 MPH over limit St. L. Co. \$100 fine | Missouri Highway Patrol |
| 04/26/12 | Moving Violation reduced to Loud Muffler \$200 fine | Missouri Highway Patrol |

On 10/26/16 at 7:06 AM in morning rush hour Chesterfield Police Officer Lantz cited Brantley was speeding 92 MPH in a 60 MPH zone on Westbound I-64 at Spirit of St. Louis Airport Exit.



Despite Brantley's prior record of causing an injury crash, excessive speeding and receiving two moving violations that were amended to Non-Moving, No-Points, No-Record violations and despite the fact that Brantley was driving 32 MPH over the limit during rush hour, Chesterfield Prosecutor Tim Engelmeyer thought he was a good

candidate for a No-point amended charge. Engelmeyer reduced the charge to Illegal Parking.

This is one of 1,423 moving violations that Engelmeyer reduced to Illegal Parking in 2016. There is no doubt that Engelmeyer is the MOST DANGEROUS MAN IN CHESTERFIELD who clearly puts residents at great risks on a daily basis. (This originally appeared in the May 22, 2017 newsletter.)

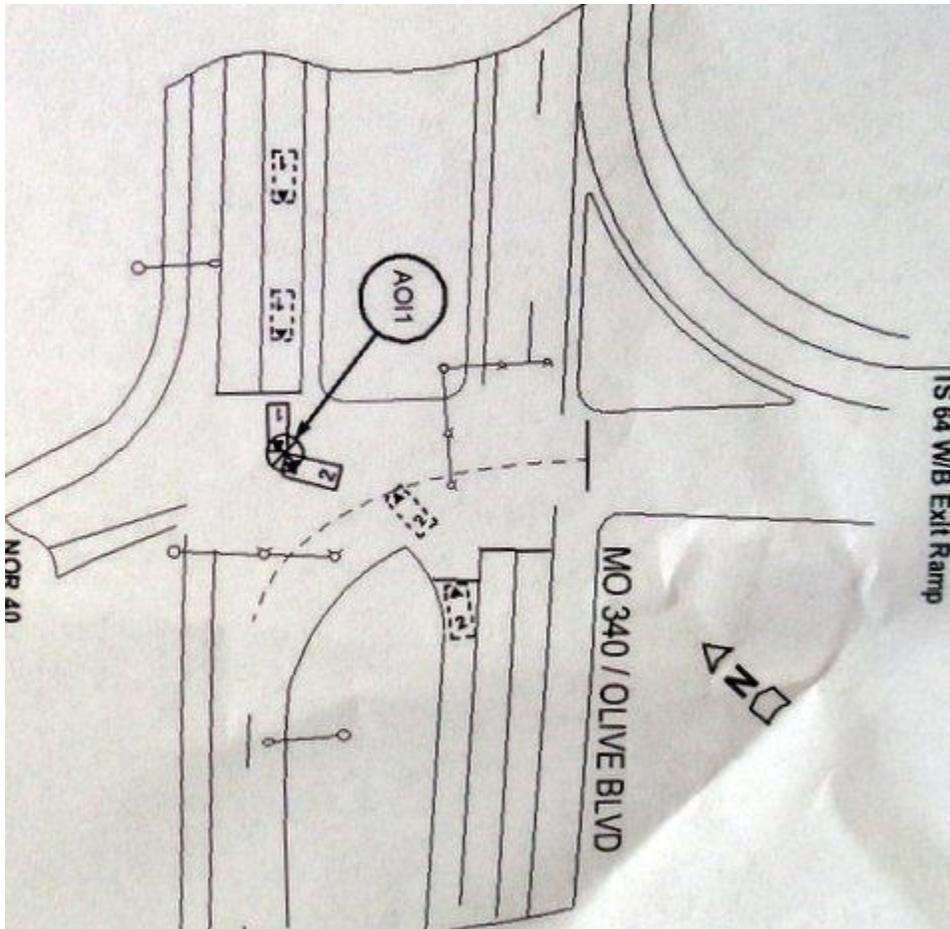
LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT ANOTHER CHESTERFIELD CASE: Michael E. Clark, 39, of 1118 Savonner Ct in Chesterfield is another recipient of an amended charge from Engelmeyer.

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| 09/05/07 | Moving Violation Reduced to Illegal Parking | Mo. Highway Patrol |
| 09/01/14 | Speeding (amended to 1 MPH over limit) \$250 fine Webster Co Court | Mo. Highway Patrol |
| 04/23/15 | Moving Violations Reduced to Illegal Parking \$311 fine | St. Ann PD |
| 03/26/16 | Speeding 76/60 reduced to Illegal Parking \$300 fine | Chesterfield PD |
| 02/08/17 | Moving Violation reduced to Loud Muffler \$180 fine | Missouri Highway Patrol |

Driving 16 MPH over the speed limit after having three other amended moving traffic charges was just up Engelmeyer's alley. No problem he has only had three prior breaks; why actually convict the guy of a moving violations after his fourth citation? On 07/28/16 Engelmeyer reduced the charge to Illegal Parking, on 1,413 moving violations in 2016. (This originally appeared in the May 22, 2017 newsletter.)

VERY VERY DRUNK DRIVER CAUSES ACCIDENT. CHESTERFIELD POLICE KEEP CASE AWAY FROM ENGELMEYER: It was 12 noon on Saturday July 16. That is not a time police officers are accustomed to collecting highly intoxicated drivers. That was about to change for Chesterfield Police officers Nathaniel Woodrum and Rupp. Who responded to an injury car crash on Clarkson/Olive at I-64/Hwy 40.

It was Smith vs. Smith. Stacey Smith was driving her 2010 Toyota Sienna Mini-Van. She had the left turn arrow and was making the turn from NB 340 (Clarkson Rd/Olive Blvd) onto Westbound I-64. That is when Mark Christian Smith, 31, driving a 2009 Toyota Camry was SB on Olive and ran the red light striking the Toyota Van in the right front of the vehicle. Stacy Smith suffered an ankle injury and injuries to her arms when the air bag went off.



Mark Christian Smith had been arrested for DWI on April 28 by the Monroe City Police. (Monroe City is 16 miles west of Hannibal.)

Officer Woodrum was about to work past his 3 o'clock shift change. When he arrived on the scene Mark Smith couldn't tell him what happened or even what lane he had been driving in. He did admit that he might have run a red light.

He gave the usual signs of having been drinking.

Rather than have Mark Smith drive his car to the shoulder, Officer Rupp did it. At that time he could smell the lingering strong odor of booze inside the car. Smith at first denied having anything to drink despite his breath smelling of booze, his eyes were bloodshot, glassy while he was staring, he was swaying and stumbling and his speech was slurred and confused.

This is from Officer Rupp's report:

I asked Smith again if he was injured, to which he replied no. I asked if he could explain to me what happened in the vehicle crash. He made several attempts to explain what had happened but could not tell me what lane he was in or where he was in the intersection before the crash. He stated that he was really nervous. I was eventually able to calm him down to where he could tell me that he was driving, he had no passengers in the vehicle, and stated that he might have "ran a light." While speaking with him, I could smell a moderate smell of what I associate as an alcoholic beverage coming from his breath.



Mark C. Smith, does this guy look drunk to you?

Smith agreed to take a field breath test, but could not blow hard enough for the instrument to provide a reading of his BAC. He was given a battery of field sobriety tests which he failed. He was arrested and handcuffed. (As a side note: Contents of his pockets had been placed on the hood of the police car. Officer Rupp began to drive away and Smith's cell phone slide off the hood and landed on the pavement. The screen cracked.)

At the police station Smith did take an official breath test and provided enough of a breath sample. The test results showed that Smith's BAC was .349%. That is more than four times over the legal limit.

He was booked for DWI and Assault (due to the injuries suffered by Stacey Smith). Due to Mark Smith's extremely high BAC level he was transported to St. Luke's Hospital for evaluation where he was admitted.

On August 25th a member of the St. Louis County Prosecuting Attorney's Office issued a misdemeanor DWI arrest warrant against Smith. The Assault charge was not issued.

Partial record of Mark Christian Smith

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| 04/28/16 | DWI (Marian County) | Monroe City PD |
| 07/14/16 | DWI (Accident-Ran Red Light resulted in crash) | Chesterfield PD |
| 10/02/16 | Domestic Assault | St. Peters PD |

OUTCOME: On March 20, 2017 Smith pled guilty to DWI before Associated Circuit Judge Mary Ott. He was sentenced to 6-months in jail and then immediately placed on a 2-year SES probation term. (Originally appeared in Ex Alderman's Newsletter 286 on July 17, 2017)

NOT REALLY SURE WHO THE VICTIM IS ON THIS CASE, BUT IT WAS A HUGE WASTE OF TAXPAYER MONEY: A former employee, Mustafa Meqbil, 20, used a discount card for a purchase at the former 4Ever Men store in Chesterfield Mall. He used an 80% discount card instead of a 60% card. He apparently got \$13.44 too much of a discount. This Crime of the Century happened on 12/15/15. Rather than explain it, I'll let Officer flushing's police report do that.

Upon arrival, I contacted T [REDACTED] C [REDACTED], who stated that a former employee had stolen from the store. C [REDACTED] stated that former employee, Mustafa Meqbil, was employed with 4Ever Men and purchased some merchandise. Employees are allotted a 60% discount on any merchandise purchased. Meqbil, however, purchased an item using an 80% discount which was not permitted, and this discount resulted in a store loss of \$13.44. An inventory of the store was conducted and this purchase was discovered, but Meqbil was no longer employed.

C [REDACTED] contacted Meqbil via text messages and confronted him regarding the purchase. Meqbil stated that he did not care, and that the purchase was made months ago and it wasn't "his problem." C [REDACTED] gave him an ultimatum to either pay the remaining amount or bring back the merchandise, which Meqbil refused.

I contacted Meqbil and stated that the police were aware of this situation, and that the ultimatum still was valid and that he had until Wed 02/04/2016.

Now when I was a cop in the 1970s I would regularly reach into my pocket and take out up to \$5 and give it to the merchant in cases like this. At the time I was only making \$13,500 a year. Due to inflation I would think that I would now go as high as \$20.

This case never should have been prosecuted. It is clearly a "civil matter." Let the merchant sue Mustafa for the \$13.44. But the time officers were out of service writing this up and then arresting Mr. Meqbil and then the city prosecuting him the bill would be in the hundreds of dollars.

An arrest order was placed in the police computer system and Meqbil was arrested on June 13, 2016 and held at the St. Louis County Jail in Clayton for Chesterfield to pick up. Officer Hahn responded to the jail and took Meqbil into custody and transported him back to Chesterfield, where he was booked and placed in a holding cell.

Officer Krumm then interviewed Meqbil. This is from his report:

I advised Meqbil of his constitutional rights per the Miranda decision. Meqbil indicated he understood his rights and signed a Chesterfield Police Department Notification and Waiver of Rights form to indicate as such. During the interview, I asked Meqbil if he knew why he was here. Meqbil said he was told it was a fraud case. I told Meqbil he was here because he had used an 80% discount when he was only supposed to use at 60% discount. Meqbil stated "it was 70%." Meqbil did not deny taking the extra discount. Meqbil further stated another employee had given him the discount after he had asked for it.



Meqbil

Next Meqbil hired lawyer William Meehan of University City. Meehan moved the case from Chesterfield Muni court to the Associate Circuit Court in Clayton. This cost the Muni court staff time and money to transfer the case documents to Clayton. Next City Prosecutor Tim Engelmeyer gets to bill the city on top of his normal salary for cases in Clayton.

OUTCOME: On 03/23/17 Engelmeyer amended the charge from Stealing/Fraud to "Littering." He never should have prosecuted this case in the first place. Meqbil pled guilty and was fined \$250, which goes to Chesterfield for something that never should have been considered a crime. (Originally appeared in the July 31, 2017 Ex-Alderman Newsletter #288)

24-YEAR-OLD FROM JEFFERSON COUNTY SPEEDING AND JUST OVER THE DWI LIMIT: On Monday night into Tuesday morning at 12:33 AM Nicole Phegley, 24, of Brynes Mill was driving south on Hwy 141 at the same time Officer Yaakub was running radar. Her red Dodge Avenger was clocked at 65 MPH in the 50 MPH zone.

After pulling her over Officer Yaakub immediately noticed the usual signs of intoxication, smell of booze on the breath, blood shoot eyes and slurred speech.

After passing some sobriety tests and failing others, Phegley refused to take a field breath test. She was then arrested for DWI and transported to the police station. There she agreed to take an official breath test. The results were .087% BAC. The legal limit is anything under .08.

She agreed to be interviewed and stated that she had just one 8-oz drink at YA-YA's in Chesterfield. I have to say she does appear to be drunk in her mug shot.



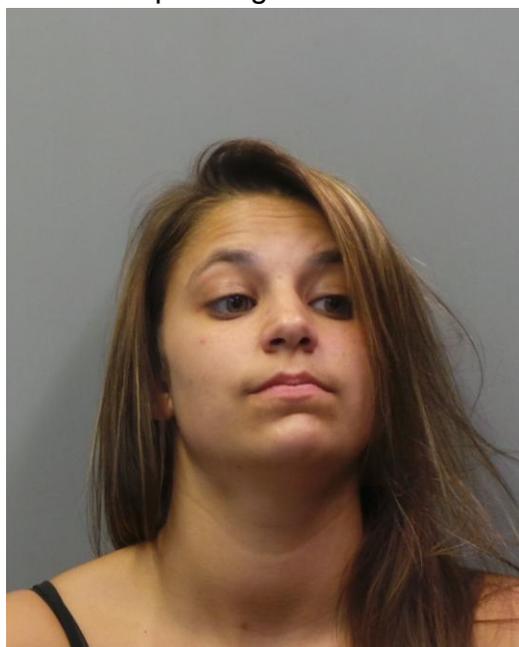
OUTCOME: On February 16, 2017 Plegley with no priors Pled Guilty to both charges. She was given a 2-year NO-Fine, NO-Record, NO-Points SIS probation on the DWI and was fined \$225 with 2-points for Speeding. Unlike cases in Chesterfield, Plegley did end up with 2-points on her driving record from the Town and Country case. (Orig appeared in Ex Alderman Newsletter 299 on Oct. 16, 2017)

TOWN AND COUNTRY OFFICERS CATCHES DRUNK DRIVER IN CHESTERFIELD:

On Monday night into Tuesday morning June 14, 2016 Town and Country Officer Beck had just checked the westbound lanes of I-64 in Town and Country and was going to exit at Timberlake Manor in Chesterfield and either check the east bound lanes and come back on the South Forty Outer Road and check businesses.

However his attention was diverted when he saw a red 1999 Pontiac Gran Prix driving on the shoulder of I-64 at a high rate of speed. He watched as the driver swerved back onto the road at which time he turned on his radar and clocked the car doing 85 MPH in the 60 MPH Limit Zone.

Officer Beck got the car stopped on WB I-64 at Chesterfield Parkway West where he contacted the driver Shelby Hoermann, 19, of Florissant. Hoermann showed the usual signs of being a drunk driver, slurred speech, smell of booze on the breath, unsure balance and glassy eyes. She passed some field tests but failed others and failed a field breath test. There was an open bottle of rum on the front floor board and she admitted having two rum and cokes earlier. She was arrested for DWI, Improper lane Use and Speeding.



Shelby Hoermann

At the police station she refused to take an official Breath Test.
Here is some of Hoermann's record that we could find.

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| 02/27/17 | Driving While Revoked No Proof of Insurance Arrest Warrants issued for Fail to Appear | Florissant PD |
| 11/03/16 | No Brake Lights Driving While Revoked Arrest warrants Issued for Failure to Appear | Florissant PD |
| 09/03/16 | Driving While Revoked Possession of Narcotic Paraphernalia 11/21/16 Arrest Warrant Failure to Appear | Missouri Highway Patrol |
| 06/14/16 | DWI, Speeding, Imp Lane Use | Town and Country PD |
| 05/29/16 | Speeding 16-19 MPH over | Vinita Park PD |
| 04/25/16 | Speeding 16-19 MPH over limit in school zone 06/07/16 Pled Guilty \$167 fine | St. Ann PD |
| 03/21/16 | No Valid Operator's License No Proof of Insurance Arrest Warrants issued Fail to Appear | Florissant PD |
| 02/18/15 | Disobeyed Stop Sign No Valid License Arrest Warrant Issued Failure to Appear | Florissant PD |

OUTCOME : Since Officer Becker didn't see Hoermann driving in Town and Country he filed the charges in State Court in Clayton. On May 7, 2017 Hoermann Pled Guilty before Judge Rob Heggie, the former city attorney of Chesterfield to DWI. She was placed on a 2-year NO-FINE, NO-Points, No-Public Record probation. The Improper Lane Charge for driving at about 75 MPH on the shoulder was amended to Illegal Parking. She was fined \$50. However, Hoermann pled guilty to the 85 MPH in a 60 Zone speeding charge and was fined \$250. (Orig appeared in Ex Alderman Newsletter 299 on Oct. 16, 2017)

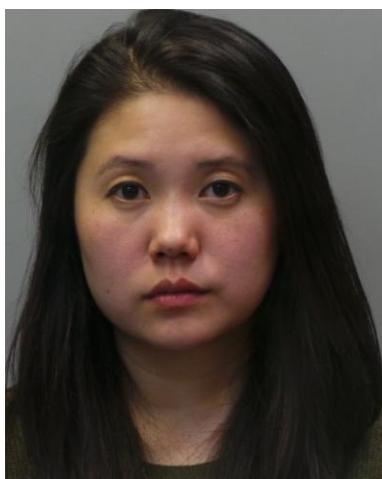
30-YEAR-OLD WOMAN DOING 75 MPH ON HIGHWAY 141 ON A FLAT TIRE: On Saturday night into Sunday morning May 15, 2016 Town and Country Officer McPherson was running radar on NB Highway 141 near Clayton Road. At 1:31 AM he clocked a 2013 white Mercedes Benz doing 74 MPH in a 50 MPH zone.

After getting the car stopped Officer McPherson noticed that the right front tire was flat and the wheel was broken causing the tire to deflate.

He identified the driver as Rebecca Kim, 30, of Lake St. Louis. Officer McPherson asked Kim if she know her tire was flat and if she had hit anything.

She replied that it was “just low on air.” She showed the usual signs of being a drunk driver, booze on the breath, slurred speech, bloodshot and glassy eyes and unsure balance. Kim stated that she had 2 beers at the Circle 7 Ranch Sports Bar on Clayton Road.

Kim failed several field sobriety tests and a field breath test. She was arrested for speeding and DWI and transported to the police station.



Rebecca Kim

At the police station she took an official breath test that showed her BAC level to be .192%.

She was cited for DWI and Speeding.

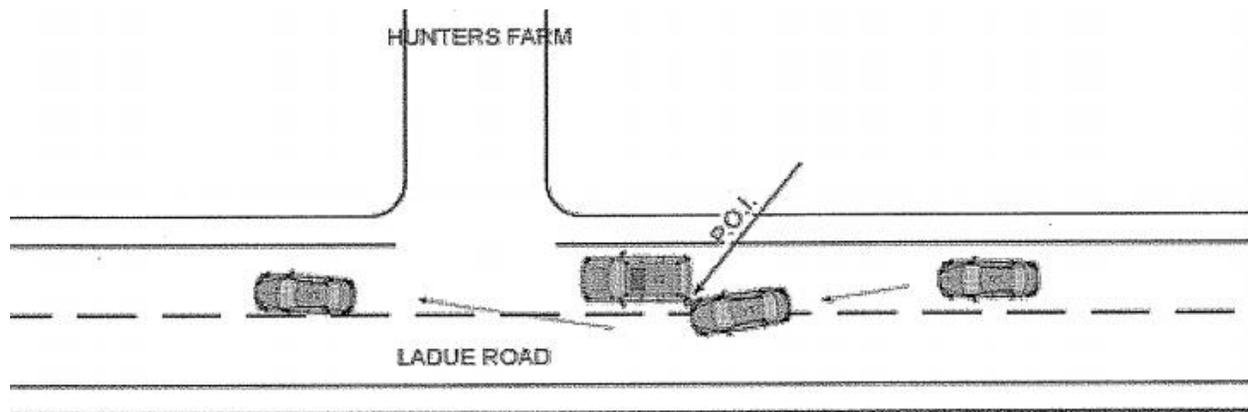
Kim has a history of receiving moving violation traffic citations and getting a lawyer and then having the charges amended to no-moving and no-point violations.

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| 03/10/17 | Amended to Illegal Parking \$225 fine | Creve Coeur |
| 03/10/17 | Amended to Illegal Parking \$155 fine | Creve Coeur |
| 02/10/16 | Amended to Illegal Parking | St, Ann |
| 09/15/14 | Amended to Loud Muffler \$250 fine | Missouri Highway Patrol |
| 12/30/08 | Amended to Loud Muffler \$241 fine | Missouri Highway Patrol |
| 11/25/03 | Amended to Loud Muffler | Missouri Highway Patrol |

OUTCOME: Kim, a former Chesterfield resident, pled guilty to DWI on 04/06/17 in Town and Country Municipal Court before Judge Dean Waldemer. He gave her a 2-year SIS No-Fine, No-Public Record, No-Points probation term. On the Speeding Charge Judge Waldemer fined her \$400 plus she got 2-points. (Orig appeared in Ex Alderman Newsletter 300 on October 23, 2017)

The ENGELMEYER EFFECT: Despite a DWI conviction and a Speeding 24 MPH over the limit and four other moving violations reduced to non-moving, no-points violations, Creve Coeur Judge Tim Engelmeyer who in 2016 accepted 2,024 amended cases reduced from serious moving violations to Illegal Parking (as the Chesterfield prosecutor in 2016 reduced 1,413 moving violations to Illegal Parking) accepted two amended charges to non-moving violations against Kim despite the 2016 DWI and speeding arrest.

SPEEDING CHESTERFIELD DRUNK DRIVER REAR ENDS CAR ON LADUE ROAD, KEEPS GOING. DRIVER CLAIMED SHE WAS UNAWARE SHE WAS IN AN ACCIDENT. On Saturday evening May 7, 2016 still in the daylight hours at 7:20pm a very drunk Karena Kaufmann, 24, behind the wheel of a 2008 Mercedes Benz violated the stop sign at the Bellerieve Country Club Grounds, turned right and at high speed approached a 2012 Honda CRV occupied by Craig Marr and his wife Ann of Clayton, MO. Kaufmann, at about the entrance to Hunter Farms, hit the left rear end of the Marr vehicle and then passed it in the “NO Passing Zone.”



Marr followed the Mercedes and called 9-1-1 telling the operator their direction of travel.

Kaufmann was stopped by Chesterfield Police on Highway 141 and held for Town and Country Police.

This is from Town and Country Officer Jason Sapienza, where Kaufmann claims she was unaware of being in an auto accident:

Driver of vehicle 1, Karena Kaufmann, who was detained by Chesterfield Police on northbound 141 south of Ladue Road stated she did not remember being involved in a vehicle crash. Kaufmann stated she only remembered leaving Bellerive Country Club Drive. Kaufmann was arrested at the scene for Leaving the Scene of an Accident.

Kaufmann's car had damage that matched the description of Mr. and Mrs. Marr and the damage on the Marr's CRV.

Kaufmann failed a number of field sobriety test and a field breath test. She was arrested and transported to the Town and Country Police Station. At the police station she agreed to an interview and denied having anything to drink. She agreed to take the official breath test that revealed her BAC to be .203%.



Officer Sapienza then made an administrative mistake. He issued Kaufmann citations for DWI and Leaving the scene of an Accident, 8 and 12 point violations. He did not also issue a 2-point citation for Following too Closely or Illegal Passing.

OUTCOME: Kaufmann was represented by Daniel Bruntrager, a Clayton lawyer. On 04/06/17 She pled guilty to both Leaving the Scene and DWI and on each charge she was given a No-Record, NO-Fine, NO-Points SIS probation term. Had Officer Sapienza issued a 2-point citation she might have gotten a moving violation on her driving record plus 2-points. However, she left the Town and Country courtroom with

NO-POINTS on her driving record. (Originally appeared in Ex Alderman Newsletter 301 on October 30, 2017)

A VERY DRUNK DRIVER INVADES THE WESTMINSTER HIGH SCHOOL CAMPUS AT 5:54 ON A MONDAY SCHOOL DAY: Keith Kropp, 53, of 650 Henry Drive in Manchester, who had a DWI arrest in 2004 in Glendale, MO and another one in 2009 by the St. Louis County Police, told police he had gone to the bank, McDonalds and then spent almost three hours drinking at Hot Shots bar. His beverages of choice were bourbon and Budweiser.

On August 29, 2016 at 5:54 PM Kropp overshot getting to his house by a couple of miles when he turned onto the driveway of the Westminster Christian Academy, while some outdoor afterschool activities were in progress.

Kropp had driven off the road onto the grass near the tennis courts and school staff was trying to detain him when the Town and Country Police arrived.

This is from Cpl. McNutt's DWI arrest report.

Upon my arrival I observed the suspects vehicle off the roadway, in the grass facing east. I made contact with a subject outside of the vehicle identified as: KROPP, KIETH C W/M 06/10/1963. I asked Kropp what was going on and he stated he had too much to drink. I asked Kropp if the vehicle in the grass belonged to him and he stated it did. Kropp stated he made a wrong turn and ended up here. While speaking to Kropp I detected a strong odor of alcohol emitting from his breath. Kropp stated he just left Hotshots Sports Bar. Kropp advised he had several shots and beers while he was there. Kropp stated he had nothing to drink after leaving the bar.



Keith Kropp

Here is the statement of the Westminster Tennis Coach about contacting Kropp after he drove off the road,

I made contact with the witness Elizabeth Barker, a tennis coach at Westminster High School. Barker stated she heard Kropp drive over the curb and into the grass. She stated when she approached Kropp he was still seated in the driver seat of the vehicle and the vehicle was running. Barker stated Kropp told her he was drunk and was going too fast around the turn, which caused him to drive over the curb and into the grass. Barker stated Kropp exited the vehicle and another staff member turned off the vehicle.

Kropp had the usual of a breath that reek of booze, glassy and bloodshot eyes, slurred and mumbling speech plus he badly staggered when he tried to walk.

When asked if there was any reason why he could not perform the walk and turn test, Kropp said there was one, the fact that he was drunk.

He was arrested and transported to the Town and Country Police Station where he took a breath test. The results showed his BAC level to be .338% or more than 4-times over the legal limit.

OUTCOME: ON 04/17/17 Kropp pled guilty to misdemeanor DWI before Associate Circuit Judge Mary Ott. He was sentenced to six months in jail, but immediately placed on probation and required to have an interlock device on his car, wear a SCAM ankle bracelet and attend AA meeting.

10 days after being sentenced Kropp was arrested by police in Overland for Driving While Suspended.

16 days after his sentence Judge Ott ordered his probation revoked and an arrest warrant was issued. (Orig appeared in Newsletter 301 on October 30, 2017)

SECURITY AT TOWN AND COUNTRY TARGET STORE AND T&C POLICE CAPTURE LONG TIME DRUG ADDICT THEIF AND RECOVER STOLEN

PROPERTY: Jeremy Waters had been a drug addict for over 20 years according to his mother. On Friday May 20, 2016 he was shoplifting at the Target Store in Town and Country Crossing.

The security manager of the store reviewed video of Waters after an employee found empty boxes of products from the electronic departments in a changing room. She saw Waters arrive in a pickup truck enter the store, gather items in a shopping cart, go into a dressing room, later check out only buying a few items and hiding other items in the

cart. She was able to determine that at least \$754 worth of items were stolen and possibly more.

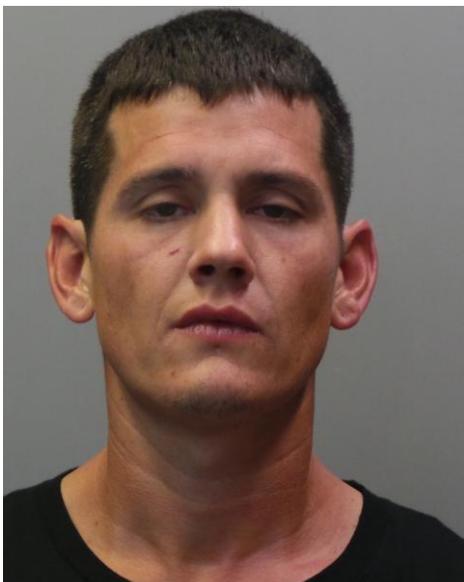
Det. Hunt of the Town and Country Police was also able to determine that Waters was seen stealing or attempting to steal at the Wal Mart in St. Charles, MO. The regional security office for Lowes Stores also had video of Waters stealing from their stores.

Det. Hunt obtained a telephone number for the 35-year-old Waters' mother. She told Det. Hunt that her son had been a drug addict for about 20 years. The last she had heard he was living out of his truck or at inexpensive motels.

A wanted was issued for Waters that including the license number and description of his truck. Officers of the Bridgeton PD found the truck and Waters on May 24, 2016 at the Economy Inn and Suites on St. Charles Rock Road. Waters was arrested.

Town and Country Officers responded to the motel and towed Waters pickup truck back to the T&C police station. They also got a search warrant for the truck and the motel room.

They recovered \$1,602 of stolen items.



Here are some of the items recovered from the motel room per the police report:

- (1) Beats by Dr. Dre Headphone (Over the Ear) - Serial #: FL6QK0ATG8PT
- (2) Beats by Dr. Dre Headphone (Ear Bud) - Green In Color
- (3) Beats by Dr. Dre Headphone (Ear Bud) - Red In Color
- (4) 16 Casio Watches (Various colors, styles, and models)
- (5) Swiss Legend Watch
- (6) Skagen Watch
- (7) A-Line Watch
- (8) LG Watch (No Band)
- (9) Akribos Watch
- (10) Edifice Watch
- (11) 11 Pairs of Sunglasses (Brands: Bolle, Nike, Under Armour)
- (12) 9 Pawn Receipts
- (13) Harmon Kardon Blue Tooth Speaker (Black in Color)
- (14) HMDX Blue Tooth Speaker - Model #: HX-P230E (Black in Color)
- (15) Phillips Blue Tooth Speaker - Serial #: KX1A1602668497 (Black in Color)
- (16) Black Web Wireless Speaker - Model #: BWA15AV110
- (17) Garmin GPS (Black in Color)
- (18) Under Armour Backpack (Green/Black in Color)
- (19) Adidas Backpack (Red/Black in Color)

NOTE: Items 1 - 17, with the exception of (1) Casio watch (which was found attached to a tool belt) were found inside Items 18 - 19. Items 18 - 19 were resting on the floor of the motel room, approximately (5) five feet apart from one another.

- (20) Titan Impact Paint Sprayer 640 - Serial #: 1228801161 (Red in Color) with Sprayer Wand and Cords
- (21) DeWalt Radio (Black/Yellow in Color)

Motel management was notified at the completion of the search and the room was subsequently secured.

Here is a portion of Waters' arrest record that we could find.

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| 06/03/16 | Burglary and Stealing | St. Louis PD |
| | 02/16/17 Sentenced to 7 years prison | |
| 05/31/16 | Felony Receiving Stolen Property | St. Ann PD |
| | 04/24/17 Sentenced to 7 years prison | |
| 05/20/16 | Fel Stealing amended to Fel Rec Stolen Prop Town and Country PD | |
| | 04/24/17 Sentenced to 7 years prison | |
| 08/23/12 | Leaving the Scene of Accident | St. Louis PD |
| | Driving While Revoked | |
| 05/15/12 | Leaving the Scene of Accident | St. Charles CO Sheriff's Office |
| | 09/18/13 sentenced to 10 days County Jail | |
| 04/14/12 | Felony Stealing Over \$500 | Manchester PD |

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| | Felony Property Damage | |
| | Felony Resisting Arrest | |
| | 04/02/14 Probation revoked sentenced to 4 years prison | |
| 03/22/12 | Felony Stealing Over \$500 | Bridgeton PD |
| | 03/31/14 Probation revoked sentenced to 5 years prison | |
| 12/27/11 | Felony Stealing Over \$500 | St. Louis CO PD |
| | 3/31/14 Probation revoked sentenced to 5 years prison | |
| 07/15/06 | Assault Law Enf Officer/Resisting arrest | St. Peters PD |
| | 06/16/08 Fined \$500 on each charge | |
| 03/02/01 | Unlawful Use of Drug Paraphernalia | St. Charles CO Sheriff's Office |
| | 06/26/02 fined \$200 | |

OUTCOME: On April 24, 2017 Waters pled guilty to the Town and Country charge and other charges. He was sentenced to seven-years in prison. (Orig appeared in Ex Alderman's Newsletter #302 on November 6, 2017)