

DRUNKS AND THIEVES 2019 Part 7 November 30, 2019

A FAMILIAR FACE! CHESTERFIELD WOMAN'S (A REPEAT OFFENDER) LANE WEAVING WAS ADVERTISING SHE MIGHT BE A GOOD ONE TO STOP: On Friday night into Saturday November 18, 2017 at 1:58 Officer Dan Duddleston of the Town and Country Police was west bound on I-64 before Hwy 141, when he observed the driver of Chevrolet Aero lane weaving then exiting to South Forty Outer road and then suddenly changing her direction and cutting across lanes to reenter WB I-64. Her actions were pretty confusing and I had to reread the police report to understand what she had done.

Needless to say Officer Daniel Duddleston stopped the small Chevrolet and contacted the driver, Angela Devasto, 25, of Amisk Court in Chesterfield. He immediately noticed that Devasto seemed to be drunk. Devasto was a familiar face as she had been arrested by the Town and Country Police twice before for DWI.

This is from his police report:

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2017 arrest



2016 arrest



2018 DWI warrant arrest

When asked if she had anything to drink she replied, "Not Much." She added she had just a couple of beers.

She agreed to take field sobriety tests and was allowed to change from her nigh-heel boots to tennis shoes she had in the car. The shoe change did not help as she failed the tests.

She also failed a field breath test and was arrested.

She agreed to take an official breath test which showed her to be drunk with a BAC level of .121% BAC.

At the police station it was determined that Devasto had two prior DWI convictions arrests in Town and Country, both filed in Municipal Court and now this third one filed in State Court as a felony. She also has an alcohol related arrest in Chesterfield in connection with a bar fight and a Drug arrest in Chesterfield. .

10/29/16	DWI I-64 at Ballas Pled Guilty 8/3/17 sentenced to 90 days jail but jail Stayed for 2-year SES probation and a \$678 fine. In this case she was found to be drunk after the Police investigated a single car crash where Devasto hit four fixed objects.	Town & Country PD
03//05/17	Cited for being drunk and fighting her 20-year-old sister on the parking lot of Harpo's where her sister was illegally consuming booze. Chesterfield Prosecutor Tim "Hire A Lawyer I'll drop the Charges" Engelmeyer dropped charges.	Chesterfield PD
06/19/17	DWI License Suspension upheld in Court Ref 10/29/16 arrest	Mo. Dept. of Revenue Drivers Lic Division
11/18/17	Felony DWI (see below) Op a Veh Without Court Required Alcohol Interlock Device	Town & Country PD
07/22/18	Driving While Lic Revoked & No Ins	St. Charles CO PD
09/11/18	DWI License Suspension upheld in Court Ref 11/18/17 DWI arrest	Mo. Dept. of Revnue Drivers Lic Division
10/11/18	Felony Possession of Controlled Substance An arrest warrant was issued in June 2019 when DeVasto failed to appear on the drug charge	Chesterfield PD

OUTCOME OF 11/18/17 DWI ARREST: On 05/03/19 Devasto pled guilty in Assoc. Circuit Court to a reduced charge of Misdemeanor DWI. She was sentenced to 180 days in jail, but was immediately placed on a 2-year SES probation term and required to enter a treatment program.

Being on probation for a 2-year period from 08/03/17 to 08/03/19 she did have a probation violation hearing and was sentenced to two days in jail by the Town and Country judge.

Concerning Devasto's first DWI arrest, she apparently completed a SIS probation and those records are closed to the public.

DRUNK DRIVER REFUSED TO GET OUT OF CAR, THEN RESISTED SEVERAL OFFICERS BEFORE BEING TASED. Six weeks later Officer Dan Duddleston had another high intensity DWI arrest.



Duddleston 2018 Employee of the Year

It was the morning of New Years Eve at 12:52 AM or better put "New Years Eve Eve." Officer Duddleston was WB on I-64 near Mason Road when he observed the driver of a black Chevrolet in the Mason Road exit, suddenly veer left and go back on I-64. The driver began making erratic lane change, eventually going onto the fast lane and then the fast lane shoulder before striking the concrete wall.

Duddleston then stopped the Impala with Texas license plates on I-64 before Highway 141. He contacted the driver, Donald Keeper, Jr. 30, of unincorporated North St. Louis County just east of Ferguson. Officer Duddleston reported he immediately detected the smell of a strong odor of booze coming from the car, plus Keeper's eyes were bloodshot and his speech was slurred. This is from the police report:

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SPEECH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SLURRED <input type="checkbox"/> CONFUSED <input type="checkbox"/> INCOHERENT <input type="checkbox"/> STUTTERING <input type="checkbox"/> MUMBLING
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	DESCRIBE: HOODED SWEATSHIRT, SWEAT PANTS, BOOTS SOILED BY: N
UNUSUAL ACTIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PROFANITY <input type="checkbox"/> HICCUPS <input type="checkbox"/> BELCHING <input type="checkbox"/> VOMITING <input type="checkbox"/> FIGHTING
ATTITUDE	DESCRIBE: UNCOOPERATIVE, ARGUMENTATIVE, AND BELLIGERENT.

Keeper could not produce a drivers' license but did produce a Veterans Affairs Medical ID card. (Officer Duddleston is an Air Force veteran) Keeper denied having been drinking. When asked to take a field sobriety breath test Keeper said, "That is something I'm not interested in."

He eventually agreed to do two verbal sobriety tests (counting backwards and alphabet) and he failed both. Now came trouble.

Keeper started reaching around the car and under seats. He was ordered not to but continued. Duddleston and assisting officers were fearful he could be raching for a weapon.



Keeper



Keeper's bloodshot eyes

This from the police report:

Upon my lawful request for Keeper to exit his vehicle, he became increasingly belligerent and he began to search for something inside of his vehicle. I instructed Keeper to stop reaching around the inside of his vehicle because I feared for the safety of Officer York, Officer McPherson, and myself. I told Keeper he was under arrest for Driving While Intoxicated. Keeper still refused to exit his vehicle. Keeper then reached behind the front passenger's seat with his right hand. Officer York and I grabbed Keeper by the sweatshirt and attempted to forcefully remove him from the vehicle. Keeper tensed up and pulled away from our grip. As a result, our control over Keeper was diminished. I released Keeper and pulled out my Taser. I informed Keeper I would have to deploy my Taser if he did not comply with my lawful demand to exit his vehicle.

When told he would be pulled from the car by the three officers, Keeper said "Do what you got to do."

This from the police report:

At this point, due to Keeper's defensive physical resistance, I felt as if the safest option for Keeper and the officers on scene was to deploy my Taser. I had previously conversed with Officer York and Officer McPherson about the possibility of a Taser deployment and they were in agreement. I released my grip on Keeper's clothing and pulled out my Taser. I ensured the other officers were clear before deploying the Taser and announced, "Taser, Taser, Taser." I deployed the Taser and the taser probes struck Keeper's upper and lower left front torso. Keeper went temporarily limp as a result of being tased and Officer McPherson and Officer York quickly removed Keeper from his vehicle and secured him in double-locked handcuffs. Neither Keeper nor the other officers were injured, and Keeper was now safely in my custody.

Paramedics responded and removed the taser dart from Keeper's chest. He declined any other medical attention. At the police station he refused to answer any questions by denying that he understood the Miranda Warning given to him or take the official Breath Test.

He was charged with DWI, Resisting Arrest, Improper Lane Use, Fail to Register Vehicle and No Insurance. This should not have been a big surprise. In 2016 Keeper was sentenced to 15 days in jail for Assaulting a Police Officer.

OUTCOME: On May 11, 2018 Keeper pled guilty to DWI and Resisting Arrest and was placed on a 2-year probation term. Since then arrest warrants has been issued for him in both cases. He also pled guilty to Improper Lane Use and was fined \$225. The No Registration was reduced to Illegal Parking with a \$100 fine.

ANOTHER SPEEDING AND LANE WEAVING DRUNK DRIVER LEAVES TOWN AND COUNTRY COURTROOM WITH NO POINTS ON HIS RECORD: On January 2, 2018 at about 9:05 PM Town and Country Officer Schlarger clocked a weaving 2006 blue

Ford Focus SB on I-270 at Clayton Road doing 76 MPH in the 60 MPH zone. Officer Schlarger stopped the car on I-270 at the South Town and Country city limits. There he contacted the driver, Erwin Schirmer, 46, of Arnold.

Officer Schlarger immediately notice signs that Schirmer was drunk. This is from his report:

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Schirmer at first denied having anything to drink and then changed the story to one-beer.

He failed verbal and physical field sobriety test and a field breath test. He was arrested and taken to the Town and Country police station.

At the police station Schirmer stated he had been at Dave & Busters playing video games and had just a 16 oz of beer. He took an official breath test that said otherwise. He tested at .135%. He was charged with DWI, Speeding and Improper Lane Use.



Erwin Schirmer



Schirmer's eyes

OUTCOME: On May 3, 2018 pled guilty to DWI and Town and Country Judge Niehoff placed him on a 2-year No-Record, No-Fine and No-Points probation. The speeding and lane weaving charges were reduced to Illegal Parking with fines of \$150 and \$225. Schirmer, a speeding, lane weaving drunk driver left the Town and Country courtroom with ZERO points on his driving record.



Enemy of safe roads, friend of drunk drivers with lawyers, Town and Country Judge Andrea Niehoff.

A HIGHLY DRUGGED DRIVER CRASHES INTO MEDIAN WALL ON I-64 ON A SUNDAY AFTERNOON: On Sunday August 12, 2018 at 2:38pm Chesterfield Police Officer Risley responded to a reported crash of a vehicle into the median wall on WB I-64 at Chesterfield Parkway (east).



On arrival at the crash scene Officer Risley discovered that the driver of a 2003 Nissan Maxima had driven across all lanes of traffic and crashed into the median wall, then crossed the lanes again coming to rest on the right shoulder. The hazard lights were flashing and the driver was passed out behind the wheel with the engine running.

The driver. Kyle Grigery, 30, of Troy, Missouri, would not respond to Officer Risley repeatedly knocking on the window. Chesterfield Officer Brown was assisting on the call and entered the car from the passenger door and turned off the car and removed the keys.

They woke up the driver who seemed to be “extremely disoriented.” Grigery removed his wallet to get his drivers’ license and insurance card. However, once removing his wallet from his pants he fell asleep or passed out. They woke him up again and this time he got his drivers’ license in his hand when he passed out again.

An ambulance was then requested. Before the ambulance arrived Grigery was awakened and he stated that he had gone to Jefferson County to buy “dope” and he last used “dope” (sorted heroin) in the last two hours.

Due to Grigery being unable to stay awake or stand, no standard sobriety tests were given. After being asked twice Grigery agreed to have his blood drawn for a drug/alcohol test.

Officer Risley attempted to interview Grigery, but he kept passing out. He was awakened and asked a question and then passed out again over a half-dozen times.

Grigery has a prior Marijuana arrest by the Missouri Water Patrol in 2008 and a Driving While Intoxicated or Drugged charge in 2010 in Wentzville.

The blood sample was sent to the Missouri Highway Patrol Lab. Despite Grigery believing he had just snorted heroin, the test showed he had Alprazolam (Xanax) and Diphenhydramine (Benadryl/Unisom/Sominex) in his blood system. Both drugs will cause drowsiness, slurred speech and memory problems.

Grigery was charged with Driving While Intoxicated/Drugged, No Proof of Insurance and Failure to Exercise the Highest Degree of Care While Driving.

OUTCOME: On December 11, 2018 Grigery was in Chesterfield Municipal Court and pled guilty to the DWID. He was fined \$1,000 and sentenced to 90 days in jail. But he was then immediately placed on a SES probation and had the \$1000 fine cut in half (if there was no probation violation) by Judge Rick Brunk. The Failure to Exercise the Highest Degree of Care charge resulted in a guilty plea with a \$325 fine.

DRUNK DRIVER PASSED OUT BEHIND WHEEL AT 5:40 ON A THURSDAY MORNING. Despite having two passengers in his red 2018 Chevrolet Camaro, former St. Louis area resident John Buck, 55 (then 53) was passed out at the traffic light on SB Mason Road near I-64 long enough that a passing motorist called the Town and Country Police.

When Officer Scott Schlager arrived the driver was slumped over the wheel at a green light., However as Officer Schlager drove past the car to turn around and get behind the Camaro, the driver came to and drove off going EB on I-64.

As Officer Schlager was getting ready to pull the car over the driver pulled onto the right shoulder before I-270. That is where Officer Schlager contacted him. Schlager knows drunk drivers. In 22 years at Town and Country he has made over 1000 DWI arrests, (and I thought my 375 DWI arrests were a lot.)



Officer Schlager

Officer Schlager smelled booze on the Buck's breath. Buck said he had a couple pitchers of beer with friends. Buck's eyes were bloodshot and he staggered when walking.

Officer Schlager then started with verbal sobriety tests. Here are the results:

**ALPHABET TEST E-T THE DRIVER SAID E, F, & T
COUNTING TEST 45 TO 30 DRIVER SAID 45, 44, 43, 45, 44, 43, 42, 42, 41, 40, 39, & 38**

Buck refused to take a field breath test. He was then arrested for DWI. Buck's car had Missouri License plates and Buck presented a Missouri drivers' license but he said he was a resident of Rochester, NY.

At the police station it was determined that Buck had prior DWI arrests and convictions.



Buck's eyes

At the police station Buck refused to answer interview questions. When he was told if he refused to take a breath test, Officer Schlager would get a warrant to draw blood. Buck said he was not going to let anyone take blood from him. He then said he wanted to call an attorney. He was given a phone and had 20 minutes to call a lawyer. He made no attempt to call anyone and then agreed to take a breath test.

The results of the breath test, taken 1-hour 12 minutes after first contacted by the police showed Buck's BAC level to be .095% BAC.

OUTCOME: Due to prior DWI arrests Buck was booked for Felony DWI. He was release pending warrant applications. There was a wait in obtaining the prior DWI conviction records. Then four months after the Buck arrest Officer Schlager applied for a felony arrest warrant at the County Prosecutor's Office. A misdemeanor warrant/charge was issued instead.

On September 26, 2018 Buck pled guilty to Misdemeanor DWI and was fined \$250.

A VERY DRUNK 21-YEAR-OLD DRIVER WAS PASSED OUT IN THE MIDDLE OF CLAYTON ROAD AND BAXTER ROAD: On Friday night/ Saturday morning 11/10/18 at 12:57AM Katelyn Marie Breece, 21, of Ballwin was driving her 2013 Chevrolet Sonic when she stopped in the middle of the Clayton Road-Baxter Road intersection and passed out behind the wheel.



Breece in the middle with 2 friends at a bar Tyler Johnson

Tyler Johnson, a Navy Aviation mechanic from Wesley Chapel, Florida was a passing motorist and stopped behind Breece's car. When it did not move for sometime Johnson got out of his car and walked up to the car to find the car in drive and Breece's foot on the brake. Johnson tried several times to wake up Breece. When he finally did she agreed to get into the back seat and let him drive the car to a nearby bank parking lot.

Johnson had also called the police. When officers arrived Breece was clearly intoxicated. She reeked of the smell of intoxicants, her eyes were bloodshot and glassy, her speech was confused and slurred and her balance was unsure even sitting in the backseat as she would fall to one side.

She had trouble exiting the car as she could not get her leg out from under the bottom of the front seat. Once out of the car she was falling down.

Of course when asked if she had anything to drink, with a slurred response said she had nothing to drink. Inside Breece's car officers found five opened and empty miniature bottles of American Honey Whisky on the front floor along with two empty cans of beer.

Her mother, Jacki Breece, arrived at the scene and asked her if she had been taking prescription meds and drinking again. Her condition was so bad no field sobriety tests were given for her own safety. Also an ambulance was called from the Metro West Fire Protection District and Breece was transported to Mercy Hospital for treatment.

At the hospital she was advised she was under arrest for DWI. She declined to make any statement and refused to allow a blood draw. There was no attempt to obtain a warrant for a blood draw.

It was also noted that that Breece became “increasingly incoherent” and belligerent with the officer and ER staff. She was issued a citation for DWI and left in the care of the ER staff.

This was not her first DWI in West County. On August 16, 2017 at 3:04 AM she was arrested at 14520 Manchester Road for DWI. She pled guilty on 01/09/18 in Ballwin Municipal Court in a case prosecuted by Ballwin PA and Chesterfield City Attorney Chris Graville. She was given a 2-year SIS probation. She was arrested 10 months later for DWI in Chesterfield and then pled guilty to the second DWI a year after being placed on probation in Ballwin.

As of November 22, 2019 Ballwin has not revoked Breece’s probation. Apparently “probation” in Ballwin doesn’t mean “don’t do that again!”

OUTCOME: In Chesterfield Breece pled guilty on 01/08/19. With the history of the Ballwin conviction she was fined \$1,000 and sentenced to 90-days in jail, but the jail time was suspended and she was placed on a 2-year SES probation.

WAL MART EMPLOYEE GETS BOOT AND CRIMINAL CITATION FOR STEALING: Marqus Brown of St. Louis was just 18 and had a job at the Walmart store in Chesterfield Valley. The store’s security manager had suspected Brown was stealing.

On Thursday July 26, 2018 security manager, Justin Martinez, watched Brown take an \$89 Roku computer streaming stick. Brown took the streaming stick to the self checkout registers on the grocery store side of the Walmart. He asked a clerk watching the self checkout registers to remove the security device on the streaming stick so he could buy it.



Roku Ultra



streaming stick

Brown then put this backpack on the on the checkout area and removed a number of low cost grocery items and placed the \$89 streaming stick in the backpack.

The security manager watched as Brown, without paying for the stick, left and returned in a short time. He was then taken to the security office where he confessed to stealing the streaming stick. The police were called and a short time later Officers Fenton and Krumm arrived.

They were given a report by the security manager that included the confession of Brown. Brown was fired and also issued a criminal citation for stealing by Officer Fenton.

OUTCOME: Brown wasted no time and showed up to Chesterfield Municipal Court on his first court date on August 21, 2018. He insulted the Court, prosecutor Tim Engelmeyer and Judge Rick Brunk when showed up without a local lawyer. Having failed to pay one of Engelmeyer and Brunkj's brother lawyers, Brown pled guilty.

The 18-year-old received no probation (that would have hidden the conviction) and was fined \$300.50 plus \$26.50 in court costs plus he has a stealing conviction on his record. Had he hired a lawyer the Stealing charge would have likely been reduced to "Littering."

AT 10 AM ON A FRIDAY MORNING LIMO DRIVER SHOWING UP AT THE SPIRIT OF ST. LOUIS AIRPORT WAS STILL VERY DRUNK FROM THE NIGHT BEFORE. At 10 AM on Friday August 10, 2018 St. Louis County Spirit of St. Louis Airport employee Katherine Busse saw the limo driver who arrived to pick up passenger and that the driver was drunk. She called Airport Officer Turner of the County Police airport detail.

Turner agreed with Busse and he called the Chesterfield Police requesting an officer be sent reference a drunk driver.

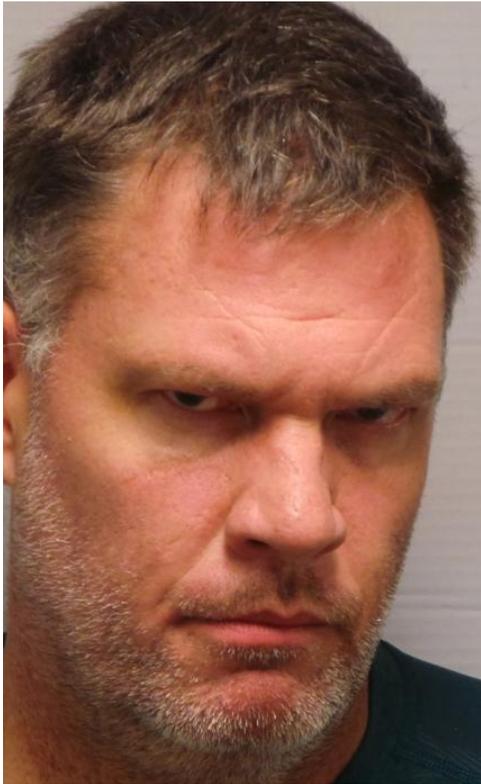


Katherine Busse, a former airport worker, may have saved some lives or injuries when she spotted a drunk limo driver and called police.

The driver was identified as Scott Dykstra, 40. When Chesterfield Officer Branson arrived he noticed that Dykstra had bloodshot eyes, slurred speech and bad balance.

Dykstra failed a number of field sobriety test. An unofficial portable breath test showed Dykstra was drunk.

He was arrested and transported to the Chesterfield Police station. There Dykstra agreed to take an "Official" breath test. That one showed Dykstra's blood alcohol level to be .17%. Dykstra declined to be interviewed.



Dykstra



Dykstra' eyes

OUTCOME: Dykstra, with an attorney, Pled Guilty on July 23, 2019. He received some swift justice for putting the public at risk by driving a limo while more than twice over the BAC limit. Yes Chesterfield prosecutor Tim Engelmeyer and Judge Rick Brunk showed Dykstra's how dangerous his actions were. He received a no-record, no-points, no-fine 2-year SIS probation term. These two needed to be replaced yesterday, but Bob Nation and the City Council continue to put public safety last as Brunk and Engelmeyer put taking care of lawyers hired by drunk drivers first.

THIEF LIKES THE QUALITY PRODUCTS AT THE TOTAL WINE STORE SO MUCH HE CAME BACK TO STEAL TWICE IN THE SAME DAY: Besides learning of the thief's fondness of whisky and cigars we also learned that a Chesterfield Police officer had never heard of Lyft Ride Service.

Connor Atwood, 23, of 1966 Willow Lake Drive in Chesterfield, did not drive to the nearby Total Wine and More Store at 1781 Clarkson Rd. He was driven there in a Nissan Pathfinder operated by a Lyft ride service driver arriving at 1:20 pm on Wednesday September 19, 2018.



Atwood went inside, selected a \$29.99 bottle of Bernham Wheat Whiskey. He then put the bottle in his pants which created a bulge. Atwood had also taken some cigars and went to a cash register with the bottle of booze still in his pants. The cigars were rung up, but Atwood said he could not pay for them and left the store returning to his Lyft ride.

A shopper witnessed this and contacted the store's manager who called the police and reviewed the store's security video that had captured Atwood's arrival, theft and departure.

The license plate on the Nissan was clearly on the video. Chesterfield Police contacted the Troy, MO police where the Nissan was registered and asked them to check out the address and registered owner. That was when they learned Atwood had used an internet app and contacted Lyft. The owner of the Nissan, Clayton Cramer, was a Lyft driver, who knew nothing about the theft.

Atwood was not over for the day. Atwood returned to Total Wine and More at 6:35pm. He had changed his shirt and was wearing a hat. The disguise did not work. The manager called the police.

This time he left the store with 11 expensive cigars and a \$119.99 750 ml bottle of Whistle Pig Whiskey, all shoved down his pants or in his pockets.

When Officer Carroll and Officer Schumacher arrived Atwood was on the parking lot. They arrested him and seized the stolen items. Atwood gave a full confession of the thefts.

(Apparently Officer Carroll had not heard of the Lyft ride service, a competitor of Uber, as he referred to Lyft at least a half-dozen times in his report as "Lift.")



Sept. 19, 2018



9/13/16



07/28/16

Atwood's Record

12/06/15 DWI with serious injury Guilty 1/25/18 6mos Jail 2-yr probation Shrewsbury PD
07/27/16 DWI Pled Guilty 07/29/18 2-years SIS probation St. Louis Co PD/Wildwood
09/19/18 2-counts Stealing Chesterfield PD
06/16/19 Following Too Closely/No Proof of Ins/ Leaving the Scene Ellisville PD
 of an Accident

OUTCOME: On 12/18/18 Atwood pled guilty to both counts of stealing before Judge Rick (if you hire an attorney we will let you loose) Brunk. On count-one Brunk placed Atwood on a one-year SIS no record, no fine probation. On count-two it was a 2-year No Fine, No Record SIS probation. He would have no theft record.

On 12/06/05 Attwood was coming back from drinking in St. Louis on I-44 when he lost control of his car and crashed. His passenger, John Inman, was badly injured and his hand was partially severed.

Atwood pled guilty on 01/25/18 to that offense and was sentenced to 6-months jail, but then placed on a 2-year SES probation.

He then appeared before "Let'm Loose" Brunk in Wildwood on 7/29/18 for a DWI that happened after the I-44 crash. Brunk handed out a No Record, No Fine and No Points SIS probation. Five months after placing Atwood on a SIS probation, Brunk as the Chesterfield Judge again place Atwood on No-Record, No-Fine probation on cases that involved alcohol.

Now Atwood has been arrested in Ellisville for Leaving the Scene of an Accident. There is no record that as the judge in Chesterfield and Wildwood Brunk is revoking the probation sentences he gave to Atwood.

This is but another example of how dangerous people are let go again and again by Rick Brunk and how the safety of the public and retailers is ignored.



The most dangerous man in West County, Judge Rick Brunk.

(Here is a link to a column I wrote in 2011 for AOL's Patch.com on Brunk...When AOL owned Patch I was listed on a byline as Columnist. Since they were sold my byline changed to Neighbor. I was paid \$50 for the column in 2011.)

patch.com/missouri/chesterfield/chesterfield-city-court-features-the-judge-whisperer

CHESTERFIELD SPENDS HUNDREDS OF DOLLARS TO ARREST WAL MART SHOPLIFTERS WHO STOLE \$99. On Wednesday November 22, 2017, the day before Thanksgiving heroin addicts Robert M. Taylor, 33, of Moscow Mills, MO and Sarah Kroninger, 30, of St. Charles drove to the Chesterfield Valley Wal Mart store in Taylor's white Kia at about 1 o'clock. The day before Thanksgiving is always a very busy day for retailers.

The two went and selected a \$99 keyboard and went to the self checkout and used a debit card that was rejected. A Walmart employee took the keyboard from them. This acted as attempt stealing, especially because after Kroniner's arrest she admitted they knew the debit card was no good.

They then exited the store and returned to the car according to security video. After sitting for a while, they drove to the garden center entrance. Taylor went back in and took another keyboard. He could be seen on video with his coat covering something as he exited the store through the garden center, got into the passenger side of the Kia as Kroninger drove off.

The identity of the suspect s was known to Walmart security because Lowes security in St. Charles had sent out an email to other retail security offices with the pair's names and photos.

Chesterfield police officers went to Moscow Mills in Lincoln County and contacted a woman at the last known address of Taylor. The woman said Taylor was kicked out of the house due to his drug use and stealing items in the house.

On November 30 Taylor was arrested by the Wentzville Police on the Chesterfield Arrest Order. Wentzville officer contacted Chesterfield and advised that Taylor was suffering from drug withdrawals and would likely have to go to a hospital. A Chesterfield PD officer then issued a summons to Taylor with a copy mailed to his LKA. On 12/21/17 Chesterfield Officers had the city prosecutor issue an arrest warrant for Taylor.

On 12/28/17 Sarah Kroninger was in the St. Charles County Jail on a felony drug charge. She was released pending warrant application on the drug charge to Chesterfield officers at about 5 AM on the Walmart Stealing case.

Police Mug Shots



Robert Taylor



Taylor



Sarah KRONINGER 2017



2018

Department of Corrections Mug Shots:



Taylor record

- 01/25/19 Felony Drug Possession (pending) St. Charles PD
- 01/09/19 Leaving Scene of Accident (warrant) Bridgeton PD
- 11/22/17 Stealing (Guilty 1/9/19 sentenced to 10-days jail with credit for time served in prior prison sentence) Chesterfield PD
- 11/21/16 2-counts Felony Drug Possession (probation revoked 09-05-18. Sentenced to 4-years prison) Maryland Hts PD
- 10/18/16 Possession of Marijuana Guilty (2-days jail) St. Charles CO PD
- 07/15/16 2-counts Felony Drug Possession (Guilty 5-yrs Placed on 5 years probation/ordered into drug Treatment plus 120 days jail shock) O'Fallon PD

OUTCOME: Taylor: On 01/09/19 he pled guilty and was sentenced to 10-days in jail. Earlier in the day at 10:34am he was involved with Leaving the Scene of an Accident on St. Charles Rock Road in Bridgeton. He was charged 2 days later by Bridgeton PD.

Kroninger record

- 07/14/18 Felony Drug Possession (heroin) Jerseyville IL
- 05/23/18 Felony Drug Possession (pending) St. Peters PD
- Driving While Revoked
- 01/15/18 Felony Drug Possession (pending) St. Charles PD
- 01/03/18 Felony Drug Possession (pending) St. Louis CO PD
- 12/28/17 Felony Marijuana Possession (pending) St. Charles CO PD
- Felony Drug Possession
- 12/28/17 Stealing Pled Guilty SIS Probation Chesterfield PD
- 11/08/17 Careless Driving (Warrant) Moscow Mills PD
- 09/23/17 Felony Drug Possession (pending) St. Louis CO PD

Outcome: Kroninger pled guilty on June 18, 2019. Despite having 5 felony charges pending in the area (involving heroin) Judge Rick “Let’m Loose” Brunk placed her on a no-record, no-fine, no-jail SIS probation for 2-years.

17-YEAR-OLD DRUGGED DRIVER LEAVES THE SCENE OF ONE ACCIDENT CROSSES THE CENTERLINE AND HITS ONCOMING CAR ON BAXTER ROAD AT PARKWAY WEST MIDDLE SCHOOL. We wrote last year about the arrest of Christopher T. Dart, 17 residing on Keegan Bluff Ct in Wildwood. On 11/14/18 at 7:05PM while he was driving north on Baxter Road drove off the road at Parkway West Middle School and hit a culvert and then a stop light.

Dart, then a junior at Chaminade Prep, was driving a Honda Pilot and did not stop. Instead he tried to flee the scene and further up the street he crossed the centerline into the path of a 2008 Chevrolet Suburban occupied by the driver and a passenger. The driver of the Suburban said Dart told her he was “high” and doesn’t remember anything.



Chris Dart

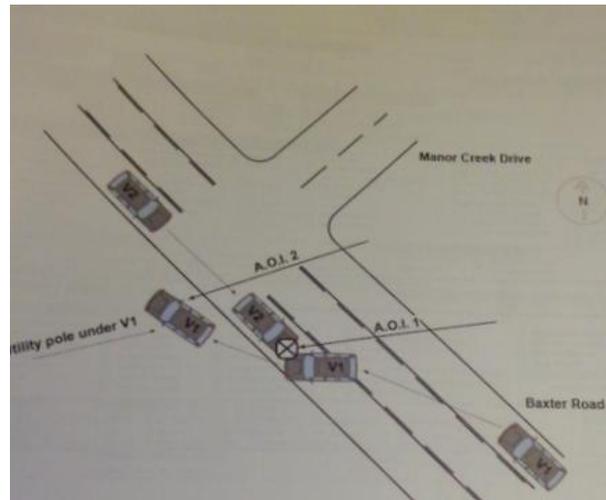
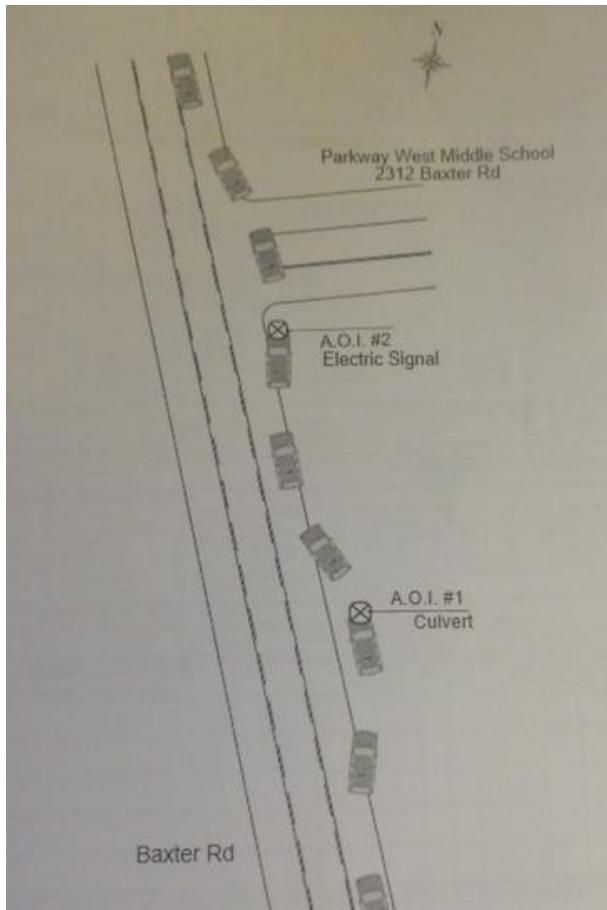
Officer Todd Lantz with others were dispatched to the scene. Officer Frank Wood arrived at the scene first and said that Dart told him that he (Dart) was “high.’ Officer Wood wrote up the second crash, Officer Lantz wrote up the first crash and arrested Dart on several charges.



Officer Wood



Officer Lantz



After being told by Officer Wood that Dart claimed to be high, Officer Lantz walked up to him and asked are you “high?” Dart replied that he was. Officer Lantz then asked on a scale from 1-to-10 with 10 being the highest he has ever been how would Dart rate how high he was. Dart immediately, said laughing, “10.”

Dart continued that he had that he had smoked a VAPE pen a friend gave him at a parking lot in Queeny Park. He thought it was THC but he wasn't for sure if another drug wasn't also present.

While there was no odor booze on Dart's breath, Officer Lantz found that Dart's eyes were dilated and bloodshot. His balance was uncertain, staggering, swaying, stumbling and at times falling. Dart's speech was at times confused, incoherent and mumbling.

Officer Lantz told Dart he would be doing field sobriety tests to see if he was impaired, when Dart said, “I'm pretty impaired.”

During the walk and turn sobriety test instructions Dart almost fell over and had to be held up by Officer Lantz. Dart stated he did not understand the instructions and then said he did. He then stated he did not think he could do the test because he was dizzy. When asked if he was dizzy because of the crash or the drugs, he said it was the drugs.

He was arrested and explained the Missouri Implied Consent Law and was asked if he would submit to a blood draw. He said he would and was taken to St. Luke's Hospital where a police blood draw was completed. While at the hospital a nurse put a pulse oximeter on his finger tip and Dart started screaming saying the oximeter was melting burning his finger. He also screamed when nurses attempted to take his BP.

Due to Dart erratic blood pressure readings he was not transported back to the police station for booking, but was released to the care of the ER staff.

Dart was later issued citations for:

- 1) Driving While Intoxicated-Drugged
- 2) Leaving the Scene of an Accident (when he ran off the road and struck the stop light)
- 3) Careless and Impudent Driving (for crossing the center line into the path of the oncoming vehicle.

OUTCOME: The cases were all heard in Chesterfield Municipal Court. For knowingly smoke dope and knowingly driving while impaired, Dart was given a 2-year SIS No fine, No Points, No record probation. For Leaving the Scene of an Accident/Crash Dart was given a 2-year SIS No Points, No Fine and No record probation. He also pled guilty to Careless and Impudent Driving. For that he was fined \$198 and received points on his driving record.