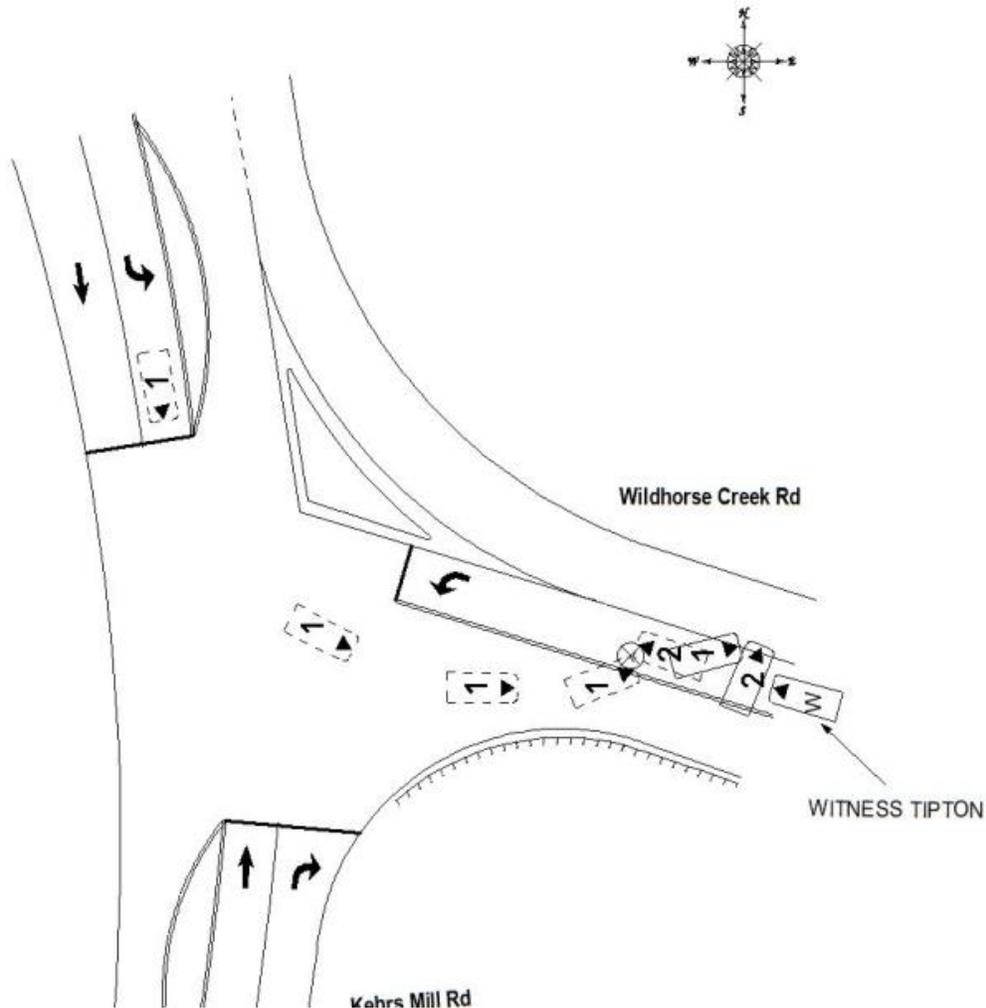


## DRUNKS AND THIEVES 2020 PART 7 December 2, 2020

By John Hoffmann

**24-YEAR OLD'S SECOND DWI ARREST IS AFTER HEAD-ON CRASH. CHESTERFEILD JUDGE ACTUALLY CONVICTS HIM OF DWI. ANOTHER DRUNK DRIVER COURTESY OF HARPO'S:** On Friday January 18, 2019 at 4:08 in the afternoon Chesterfield Police Officers Russ Hesser and Don Schlemmer were dispatched to crash on Wildhorse Creek Road at Kehrs Mill Road.

On arrival the officers found that they were dealing with a head-on crash where a 2011 Ford Ranger pickup truck struck a 2014 Honda Accord that was stopped in a left turn lane.



Officer Hesser immediately noticed that the driver of the Ford pickup truck, 24-year-old Matthew Grzybinski of Lincoln County, MO, had been drinking. Grzybinski said he had not been injured in the crash and had not hit his head. He was however staggering when walking, his eyes were bloodshot and his breath smelled of booze. The other driver however, complained of head, neck, back pain, plus stated he had bit his tongue.

Grzybinski at first denied he had anything to drink. When told his breath smell of booze he changed his answer and said he had one beer. He would later change that again at the police station after calling his girlfriend who he told that he only had 3-beers at Harpo's.

From the police report:

**It should be noted that several times during the transport and booking of Grzybinski, he freely stated he only had one beer on this day. While booking Grzybinski he made a phone call to his girlfriend and told her he only had three beers while at Harpo's.**

The driver of the Honda told officers that someone had run from the pickup truck after the crash who may have been the driver. However, Grzybinski told officers he was the driver and the truck was owned by Grzyninski. Grzybinski said the person who ran from the truck as "John Taylor." He was later called by Officer Schlemmer and hung up when Schlemmer identified himself as a police officer.

Officer Hesser had Grzybinski performed field sobriety tests which Grzybinski failed. One test involved the driver walking nine steps forward and turning than walking nine steps back. Grzybinski walked 24 steps forward before stopping to turn.

He was arrested for DWI and later cited for DWI, No Proof of Insurance and Improper Lane Use.



Officer Russell Hesser    Officer Don Schlemmer

Grzybinski agreed to take a breath test, but then fail to perform. Five time he did not blow into the mouthpiece of the breath testing instrument. He instead blew around it (a common trick by repeat drunk drivers). He was then written up as refusing to take the test.

This was not Grzybinski's first DWI involving an auto accident. On August 11, 2012 at 4:33 AM Grzybinski was arrested for DWI by Missouri Highway Patrol Trooper Angela Coval for DWI after being involved in a one-car crash in St. Charles County while driving his mother's car. A blood test taken at a hospital where Grzybinski was being treated showed his BAC level to be .175%. Grzybinski appealed the loss of his driving priveleges and lost.



Trooper Angela Coval



Matthew Grzybinski



Grzybinski's eyes

**OUTCOME:** The No-Insurance and Improper Lane Use charges were dropped by Prosecutor Tim Engelmeyer but the DWI was not reduced to a lesser charge. On 09/24/19 Grzybinski pled guilty to the DWI. Judge Brunk found him guilty. The Court Clerk provided the sentencing information:

**PLEAD GUILTY ON 9/24/19, \$1000.00 FINE, 30 DAYS JAIL, SUSPENDED EXECUTION OF \$750 OF THE FINE AND 30 DAYS JAIL FOR 2 YEARS. COMPLETE SATOP, VIP AND IGNITION INTERLOCK. ALSO PAID RECOUP FEE OF \$85.00 ALONG WITH COURT COSTS AND FINE OF \$250.00.**

**18-YEAR-OLD FROM MANCHESTER, ACTING LIKE 30-YEAR DRUNK WITH**

**MULITPLE ARRESTS:** Sgt. Freddie Yaakub of the Town and Country Police Department was working the midnight shift on Sunday morning November 3, 2019. He was stuck working a 13-hour shift because it was the end of daylight savings and at 2AM the clocks would “fall back” at 1AM.

It was the first 1:31 of the night. Sgt. Yaabuk was westbound on I-64 when he noticed a blue Hyundai sedan in front of him weaving from the curb lane (lane 4) onto the shoulder twice. The Hyundai then sped up causing Sgt. Yaakub to turn on the front moving radar unit in his patrol car that clocked the Hyundai at 86 mph in the 60 MPH zone.



Sgt.. Yaakub

By now the Hyundai was exiting onto Hwy 141, weaving between the northbound and southbound lanes. The driver then passed a vehicle in the exit lane at 66 MPH in the 50 mph zone. Finally Sgt. Yaakub pulled the car over and contacted the driver, 18-year-old Cameron Meier of Manchester, MO.

Sgt. Yaakub asked Meier why he was driving so poorly. Meir’s replied as “I’m going home.”

He next asked Meier how old he was and Meier answered, "I'm good."  
The next question was where he was coming from and Meier's answer was "a party."

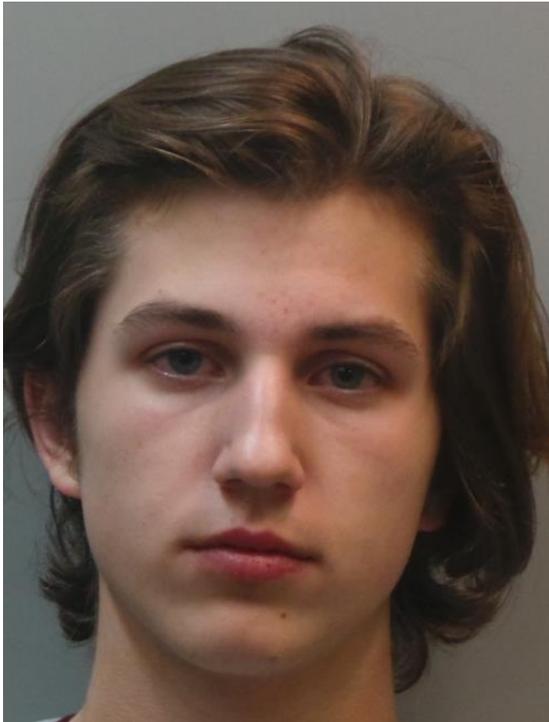
By now Sgt. Yaakub could smell booze on Meier's breath. He asked Meier how much he had to drink and the replied he got from Meier was "Nothing." When asked why he smelled of liquor Meier said it was because he was around other people drinking at the party.

Sgt. Yaakub then had Meier get out of the car. While telling Meier he still smelled of booze, Meier admitted he had a couple of beers but quit after he "threw up."

Meier failed the field sobriety tests and a field breath test showed he was intoxicated with a .118% BAC..

He was arrested and taken to the police station where he agreed to take an official breath test. Due to the time returning to Central Standard from DST, Meier's breath test was taken at 1:24AM even though the time of the stop was 1:30AM, a small detail that Sgt. Yaakub had to dedicate a paragraph in his report explaining the time change.

The official breath test showed that Meier's BAC level was at .109%. Meier's attitude and non-responsive answers to questions made him seem like a 30-year-old dealing with this third DWI arrest and not an 18-year on his first DWI.



Cameron Meier



Meier's eyes

In an interview at the police station Meier admitted that he thought he was drunk.

Meier was cited for DWI, Lane Weaving, Speeding

**OUTCOME:** On March 6, 2020 Meier pled guilty in Town and Country Municipal Court to DWI and Speeding. The Lane Weaving was dropped by City Prosecutor Keith Cheung. He was given a 2-year SIS Probation term with No Fine, No Point and No Permanent Record on the DWI. He was fined \$216 on the Speeding charge and left the court room with 2-points on his license.

**ILLEGAL ALIEN WORKING AT ANNIE GUNN'S ARRESTED FOR DWI, HAS 15 EMPTY MEXICAN BEER BOTTLES IN HIS SUV:** On Sunday night-into Monday morning October 1, 2018 Chesterfield Police Officer Brendan Steber, 10 months out of the police academy, was on patrol eastbound on I-64 approaching Timberlake Parkway when he observed a white 2003 GMC Yukon in the passing lane, make a lane change to the center lane, but then swerve into the curb lane.



Officer Brendan Steber



Officer Emily Pacheco

Officer Steber stopped the SUV on I-64 near Hwy 141 in Town and Country. There he contacted the driver, Emigdio Gutierrez-Texis, 31, who lives in the North St. Louis County. He stated he works as a bus boy at Annie Gunn's, the very high dollar restaurant in Chesterfield Valley. Gutierrez-Texis could not produce a drivers' license from the United States. He explained in broken English that he was in the United States illegally and could not obtain a U.S. license. He did give Officer Steber a Mexican drivers' License.

Steber noticed the odor of booze on Gutierrez-Texis' breath and a case of 24-bottles of Modelo Especial Mexican Beer on the floor of the SUV including open bottles and one partially full bottle. Gutierrez-Texis eyes were also bloodshot.

Officer Emily Pacheco, who speaks fluent Spanish responded to the scene and translated while field sobriety tests were given to Gutierrez-Texis. His balance was unsure and he failed the tests. A field breath test was given and showed that Gutierrez-Texis was intoxicated. He was arrested and transported to the Chesterfield Police Station.



Gutierrez-Texis



Gutierrez-Texis' eyes

At the police station Gutierrez-Texis was given two official breath tests. The tests indicated that Gutierrez-Texis' BAC level was going down. The first test at 1:58 was .108% and the one given at 2:29 showed his BAC level at .098%. This indicated that Gutierrez-Texis may have been drinking on the job at Annie Gunn's or in his SUV immediately upon getting off work.

ICE was notified of Gutierrez-Texis' arrest and placed a hold detainer on him.

Steber, who issued citations for DWI, No Proof of Insurance, No Valid Drivers' License, Improper Lane Use and Failure to Maintain a Single Lane.

**OUTCOME:** You might think that Gutierrez-Texis was long gone back in Mexico. But 16 months after his arrest he appeared in Chesterfield Muni Court. Prosecutor Tim Englemeyer dropped the Improper Lane use charges, the No License and No Insurance charges. Below is what Gutierrez-Texis pled to before Judge Brunk. He got no break on the DWI since he did not hire a lawyer

**DWI: PLEAD GUILTY ON 12/30/19, FINE OF \$500.00, COSTS OF \$26.50 AND RECOUP FEE OF \$85.00**

**OPEN CONTAINER: PLEAD GUILTY ON 12/30/19, FINE OF \$100.50 AND COSTS OF \$26.50**

**20-YEAR-OLD CLAIMED PRESSURE FROM HER FRIENDS MADE HER STEAL \$200 AIR PODS. SHE DIDN'T SAY IF THERE WAS PRESSURE TO STEAL THE POST-IT NOTES TOO!** The security manager at the Town and Country Crossing Target store was onto Emma Lott, 20, from Valley Park, when she was in the electronics department after she had a sales clerk removed a \$200 pair of air bugs from a locked display case.

Lott went directly to the electronics and after having air pods in hand she said she had to take them to the front of the store. She then went to the Girls Clothing department and removed the packaging, leaving the box in with the girls' clothes, placing the instruction book and pods in her purse.

Before Lott left the store there was one more thing. She stole a package of Post-It notes. She then walked out of the store only to meet the security manager, who took her into custody. The police were called and Officer McPherson responded and arrested Lott.



Emma Lott

From the police report this is the statement from Lott about the theft”.

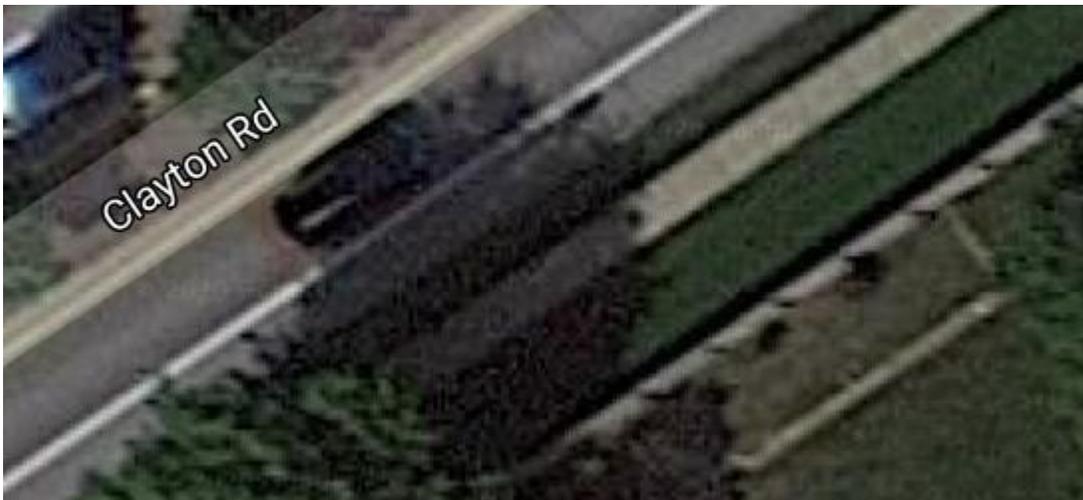
**Lott stated she was pressured to take the Air Pods by friends.**

**OUTCOME:** Officer McPherson reported there were no prior arrests on Lott. We didn't find any since this incident. On 02/27/20 Lott appeared in Town and Country Municipal Court and pled guilty. She was placed on a 2-year SIS No-fine, No Permanent Record probation for 2-years.

**22-YEAR-OLD DRINKING AT THE HAUS PUB FOR AT LEAST 4-HOURS, MISSES HER STREET AND TRIES A U-TURN ONLY TO LEAVE THE ROAD AND DESTROY A FENCE:** It was Thursday night into early Friday morning November 2, 2018 at 1:50 AM when Chesterfield Police Officer Matt Niemeier was dispatched to a one-car crash at the corner of Clayton Road (15100 block) and Holshire Way. The crash was discovered by Ballwin Police but the first harmful event occurred in Chesterfield making it Chesterfield's venue.



Officer Matt Niemeier

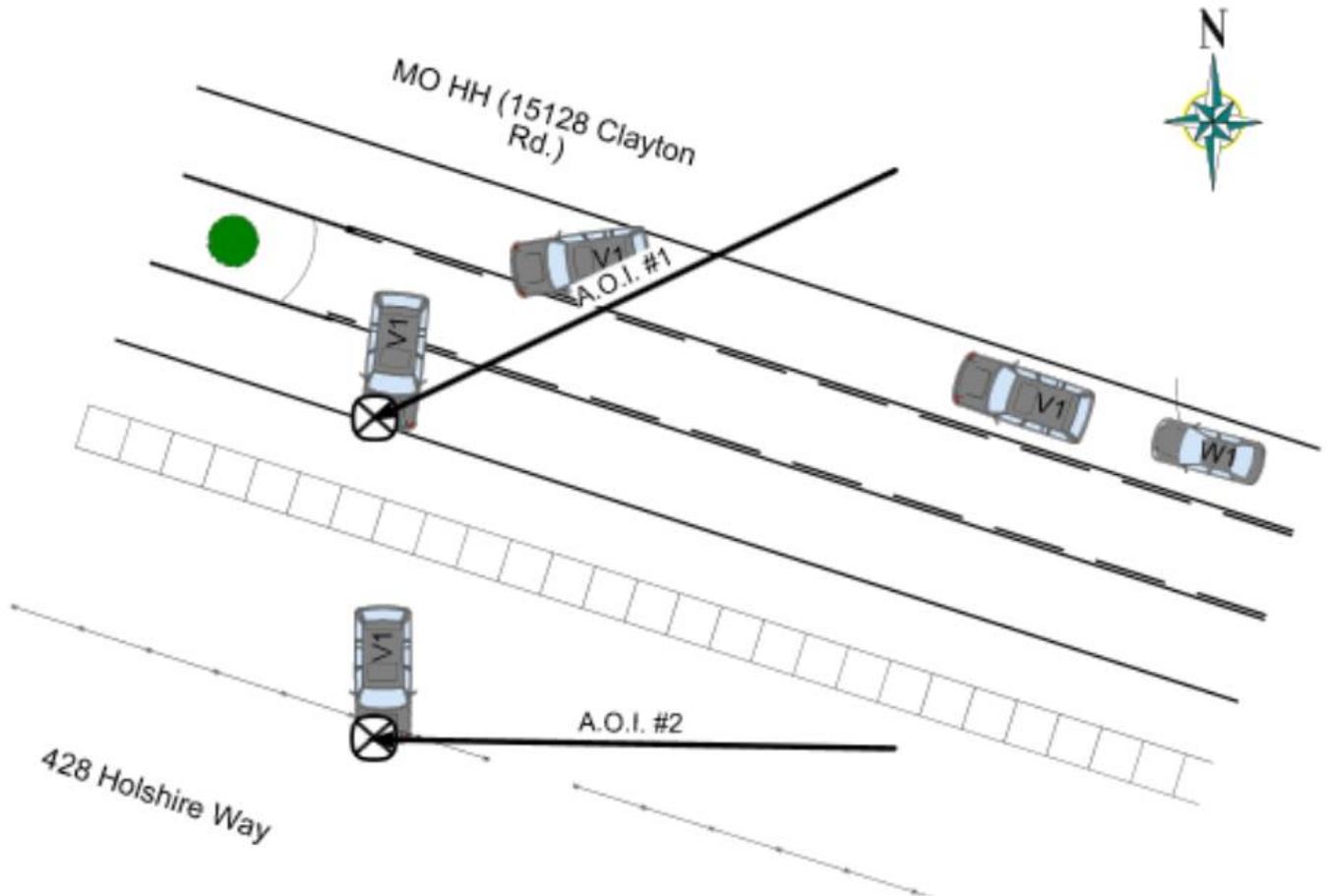


Aerial view of location of crash and fence

On arrival Officer Niemeier found a 2015 Jeep Compass off the street across the sidewalk and into a wooden fence that was destroyed. The car was running and behind the wheel was the driver, 22-year-old Amy Haefner of Ballwin.

She stated she was one her way home from the Haus Pub in Chesterfield on Clayton Road at Baxter. She said she missed her left turn to go home and made a U-turn but failed to complete the turn going over the curb, across the sidewalk and into the fence.

At the crash scene all of Clayton Road is in Chesterfield but houses on the south side of the street are in Ballwin. The first harmful event of this crash was the Jeep hitting the curb and leaving the roadway in Chesterfield, so it was a Chesterfield Police incident. A witness was behind the Jeep. She was Miranda Skimehorn, who stated that she was following Haefner making sure she got home okay.



While talking with Haefner Officer Neimeier became aware that she appeared to be very intoxicated. Besides slurred speech, bloodshot eyes, unable to walk without staggering, Haefner has also peed in her pants. This is from Officer Neimeier's report

OFFICER'S OBSERVATION MADE PRIOR TO ARREST OR CUSTODY (Check appropriate box(es) and add any pertinent remarks.)	
BREATH	ODOR OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE: <input type="checkbox"/> FAINT <input type="checkbox"/> MODERATE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STRONG <input type="checkbox"/> NONE ODOR OF MARIJUANA OR CHEMICAL: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
EYES PUPILS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WATERY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BLOODSHOT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GLASSY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STARING <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARTIFICIAL EYE <input type="checkbox"/> CONSTRICTED <input type="checkbox"/> SLOW REACTION TO LIGHT <input type="checkbox"/> DILATED
BALANCE AND WALKING	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNCERTAIN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SWAYING <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STAGGERING <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STUMBLING <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FALLING <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:
SPEECH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SLURRED <input type="checkbox"/> CONFUSED <input type="checkbox"/> INCOHERENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STUTTERING <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MUMBLING <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	DESCRIBE: <u>Black long sleeve shirt, blue pants</u> SOILED BY: <u>pants soiled urine</u>

Haefner told Officer Neimeier she had just two beers at the Haus Pub between 9pm to 10 o'clock when she left. However she didn't leave the Pub until close to 1:45AM.

She failed a number of field sobriety tests and was arrested. At the police station in an interview she stated that she did not consider herself intoxication.

ARE YOU UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF AN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE?

YES  NO

Haefner agreed to take a breath test. The results of the test showed her BAC level to be .219%.

Haefner is a graduate of Parkway West High School. She is currently working as a waitress at the very popular Circle 7 restaurant and Bar on Clayton Road.



Amy Haefner



Haefner's eyes

**OUTCOME:** Haefner was cited for Failure to Exercise Care While OMV and DWI. She pled guilty on 01/8/19 to both charges. On the DWI she received a No-Fine, No-Point and No-Permanent Record SIS probation, despite her being almost 3-times over the legal limit. On the Fail to Exercise Full Care she was fined \$325 and received 2-points. Haefner's prior record only was a speeding ticket in 2016 from the Highway Patrol.

**DWI: PLEAD GUILTY ON 1/8/19, SIS WITH 2 YEARS PROBATION, SATOP, VIP AND RECOUP FEE OF \$85.00**

**FAIL EXERCISE CARE: PLEAD GUILTY ON 1/8/19, FINE OF \$325.50 AND COSTS OF \$26.50**

**MAN FROM EAST ST. LOUIS PRESSES LUCK, GETS GREEDY AND ARRESTED:** It was the Friday after Thanksgiving (came early in 2018) November 23, 2018. 26-year-old Roderick Hall had driven out to Chesterfield from East St. Louis to steal. He started at Macy's.

Hall was old school in stealing at a department store. He took a large amount of clothes into a dressing room. He left either wearing the stolen clothes or hiding them under a "puffy winter coat". Two Macy's security officers had followed Hall outside of the store into the Chesterfield Mall and stopped him. Hall broke free, ran through the mall and exited the Mall. Macys' security officers called the police and Officers Matt Pousson and Jason Bromwich responded. They viewed video of Hall and took a report that Hall had stolen at least the following items as seen on video by a third security officer.

**UPC#: 767325145310**

**White Long Sleeve Polo Knit Bear Crossbones Shirt**

**Value: \$125.00**

**UPC#: 789023929276**

**Blue Hoodie (Polo Bear)**

**Value: \$59.50**

**UPC#: 190760341328**

**Black Polo Fleece Track Pants**

**Value: \$98.50**

**UPC#: 190760471926**

**Black Polo Fleece Hoodie**

**Value: \$98.50**

**Total Value: \$292.50**

Instead of being satisfied escaping with his loot and driving back in East St. Louis, Hall drove west to the Chesterfield Valley and decided to start stealing from the Walmart store. There he stole items and successfully left the store and put the loot in his white Chevrolet with Illinois temp tags. But then he got greedy again and pressed his luck by returning to the busy Walmart store.

There security officers were waiting and watching. They called Chesterfield Police Officer David Krumm directly on the retail enforcement unit's cell phone and reported Hall. Officer Krumm and Bromwich responded and were waiting when Hall exited the store. Officer Bromwich recognized him immediately from having just watched him on Macy's store security video. Hall was carrying more stolen items under his coat.



Officer Pousson    Officer Bromwich    Officer Krumm

Officer Bromwich found Hall's Chevy on the Walmart lot. The car had stolen items in plain view in the passenger compartment and more in the trunk. This is what officers recovered:

**Items: Polo Front Passenger Floorboard**

- 1) Long Sleeve White Shirt, NO TAG, \$UNK (Blue stain on shirt)
- 2) Grey Sweat Jacket, UPC: 1216999859, \$98.50
- 3) Grey Sweat Pants, UPC: 1216999865, \$98.50

**Items: Polo Trunk**

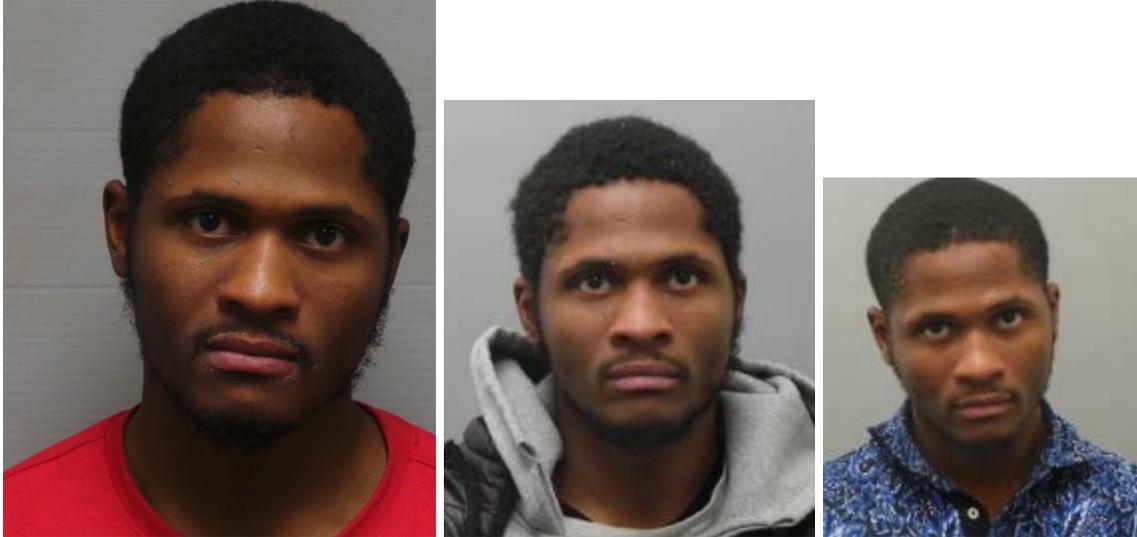
- 4) Blue Sweatshirt, UPC: 8902387604, \$125.00
- 5) Blue Hooded Shirt, UPC: 8902392925, \$59.50
- 6) Blue Hooded Shirt, UPC: 8902392927, \$59.50
- 7) Blue Hooded Shirt, UPC: 8902392924, \$59.50
- 8) Blue Sweatshirt, UPC: UNK, \$UNK
- 9) Blue Shirt, UPC: 3808555072, \$98.50

- 10) Blue Hooded Shirt, UPC: 8902381272, \$59.50
- 11) Red Hooded Shirt, UPC: 6732536261, \$59.50
- 12) Blue Shirt, UPC: 3808555075, \$98.50
- 13) Blue, Red, Green Shirt, UPC: 3808549485, \$125.00
- 14) White Shirt, UPC: 8902374648, \$59.50
- 15) White Hooded Shirt, UPC: 6732538767, \$59.50
- 16) White Shirt, UPC: 8902374649, \$59.50
- 17) Blue Hooded Shirt, UPC: 8902381271, \$59.50
- 18) Blue Shirt, UPC: UNK, \$UNK
- 19) Black Shirt, UPC: 6732540953, \$29.70
- 20) White Shirt, UPC: 6732543079, \$98.50
- 21) Blue Hooded Shirt, UPC: 8902392929, \$59.50
- 22) Blue Hooded Shirt, UPC: 6732566339, \$59.50
- 23) White Shirt, UPC: 8902381264, \$PRICE TAG REMOVED
- 24) Black Hooded Shirt, UPC: 6732551390, \$59.50
- 25) Black Hooded Shirt, UPC: 6732551391, \$59.50
- 26) Black Sweatshirt, UPC: 3808579196, \$148.00
- 27) White Hooded Shirt, UPC: 6732538772, \$59.50
- 28) Grey Shirt, UPC: 8902374666, \$98.50
- 29) Blue Shirt, UPC: 8902324723, \$98.50
- 30) Green Shirt, UPC: 3808588877, \$98.50
- 31) White Shirt, UPC: 6732514529, \$125.00
- 32) White Shirt, UPC: UNK, \$UNK (Tag removed)
- 33) White Shirt, UPC: 6732514529, \$125.00
- 34) White Shirt, UPC: 6732514528, \$125.00
- 35) Blue Sweat Jacket, UPC: UNK, \$UNK
- 36) Blue Sweat Pants, UPC: UNK, \$UNK
- 37) Maroon Jacket, UPC: 3808582705, \$98.50
- 38) Maroon Sweat Pants, UPC: 8902360060, \$98.50
- 39) Blue Sweat Pants, UPC: 8902303398, \$198.00
- 40) Blue Sweat Pants, UPC: 8902303402, \$198.00
- 41) Black Sweat Jacket, UPC: 9076047193, \$98.50
- 42) Black Sweat Pants, UPC: 9076034130, \$98.50

**Items: Disney Brand Found in Trunk**

**43) Mickey Mouse 2 Piece Kids Set, UPC: 9071657901, \$12.99**

It was determined that \$489 of merchandise was stolen from Macys.



Roderick Hall This is just part of his record. We had trouble finding all of his Illinois arrests.

08/13/19	Felony Stealing	St. Louis CO
03/16/19	Felony Stealing	St. Peters PD
03/05/19	2-counts Felony Stealing pending	St. Peters PD
01/26/19	Felony Stealing pending	St. Peters PD
01/04/19	Stealing, Poss Stolen Property, Trespassing	Des Peres DPS
11/23/18	2-counts Stealing guilty	Chesterfield PD
10/20/18	Stealing, Trespassing, Poss Stolen Prop, Give False Identity warrant	Des Peres DPS
07/24/15	Stealing, Possession of Marijuana	East St. Louis PD
04/17/15	Probation Violation	St. Clair CO Sheriff

**OUTCOME:**

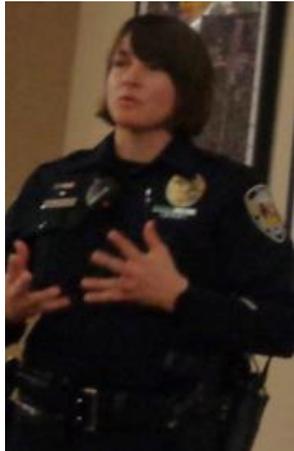
**HALL, Roderick L B/M 26 11/23/18 1438 Stealing Macy's  
11/23/18 1608 Stealing Wal Mart**

**PLEAD GUILTY ON 4/16/19 TO BOTH CHARGES. FINES OF \$300.50 AND COSTS OF \$26.50 ON EACH.**

**VERY DRUNK DRIVER HAD TROUBLE STAYING ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF THE ROAD, REFUSED TO TAKE A BREATH TEST, PLUS HIS DATE WAS HIGHLY INTOXICATED AND HAD PEED ON HERSELF.**

It was a Friday night into Saturday morning August 5, 2017. Town and Country Officer Lauren Becker (now Lauren Wolfe) was on patrol driving north on Mason Road. She had passed the entrance to Queeny Park when she noticed a silver Kia in front of her swerving and driving on the wrong side of the road. The vehicle crossed the center line three times before reaching Clayton where the driver’s problem of keeping right continued.

The driver turned right onto EB Clayton Road, but made a wide radius turn into the west bound lane, crossing the yellow line for the fourth time since Officer Becker had been behind him. She then immediately tried to pull the driver over to pull over on an empty gravel lot (now the Town Square complex), however the driver continued to go east past Rutherford Lane before pulling over into a private driveway.



Officer Lauren Becker (now Wolfe)

She immediately found that the driver, Michael Carrasco, 37, of south St, Louis, to be highly intoxicated. This is from her report::

OFFICER'S OBSERVATION MADE PRIOR TO ARREST OR CUSTODY. (Check appropriate box(es) and add any pertinent remarks)	
BREATH	ODOR OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE: <input type="checkbox"/> FAINT <input type="checkbox"/> MODERATE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STRONG <input type="checkbox"/> NONE ODOR OF MARIJUANA OR CHEMICAL: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
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BALANCE AND WALKING	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNCERTAIN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SWAYING <input type="checkbox"/> STAGGERING <input type="checkbox"/> STUMBLING <input type="checkbox"/> FALLING <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:
SPEECH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SLURRED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CONFUSED <input type="checkbox"/> INCOHERENT <input type="checkbox"/> STUTTERING <input type="checkbox"/> MUMBLING <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	DESCRIBE: CROCS, SHORTS, BUTTON UP CHEF SHIRT SOILED BY: N/A
UNUSUAL ACTIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> PROFANITY <input type="checkbox"/> HICCUPS <input type="checkbox"/> BELCHING <input type="checkbox"/> VOMITING <input type="checkbox"/> FIGHTING <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER: SLOW

When asked for his license and insurance card, Carrasco handed Officer Becker a Missouri ID card but he did not have a drivers' license. The female passenger handed an insurance card and registration across Carrasco to Officer Becker. The car's registration had expired in April of 2016. The passenger, who Officer Becker reported being highly intoxicated and who had peed in her pants, owned the car. She said they had been in Maplewood and were going home in South St. Louis. She admitted they had been going the wrong way on Manchester (going 10 miles west from Maplewood) before driving up to Clayton Road and turning east.

Officer Becker asked Carrasco several times if he had anything to drink before he said the usual answer to police officers before being arrested, that he had "two drinks."

Carrasco could not do walk and turn field sobriety tests due to a physical condition, had failed all other tests and refused to take a field breath test. He was arrested. A second Town and Country officer stayed with the passenger and the car as relatives were coming to pick her up and drive the car home.



Michael A, Carrasco



Carrasco's eyes

Carrasco refused to take an official breath test at the police station. During booking he refused to answer questions and was placed in the holdover. At 1pm, a day watch officer got him out and he agreed to answer the booking questions. He was then released on citations for DWI, Improper Lane Use and No Operator's License.

**OUTCOME:** On March 30, 2020 just before all Municipal Courts were shut down due to the COVID-19 pandemic outbreak Carrasco appeared in Town and Country Municipal Court.

Town and Country prosecutor Keith Cheung dropped the “No Drivers’ License” charge. Carrasco pled guilty to DWI and Improper Lane Use. He was fined \$225 for Improper Lane Use. On the DWI charge Judge Andrea Niehoff gave him a No-Points, No-Fine, No Permanent Record SIS probation term, despite his being highly intoxicated, driving on the wrong side of two different roads, refusing to take breath tests and refusing to answer booking questions.

**DRUNK RED LIGHT RUNNER CLAIMS HE ONLY HAD 3 BEERS WITH DINNER. BAC TEST SHOW THEY MUST HAVE BEEN GIANT BEERS AS HE WAS MORE THAN 3-TIMES THE LEAGAL LIMIT.** At about 10:15PM on Saturday night February 6, 2019 Chesterfield Police Officer Welegala observed the driver of a Ford Fusion violate the red electric signal on Clarkson at Baxter Road.

Officer Welegala had the driver pull onto the Dierberg’s supermarket parking lot at the intersection where he contacted the driver, Daniel Haplin, 59 years old of Bradenton, Florida. Officer Welegala could immediately tell that Haplin had been drinking as his breath smelled of booze, his eyes were bloodshot and his speech was slurred. Officer Hesser arrived on the scene to assist Officer Welegala and they both asked Haplin questions.



Officer Welegala

Officer Hesser

Officer Hesser asked Haplin how much he had to drink and he replied, “Nothing” adding except at dinner.

Haplin, who is a sales manager with Newport International Seafood in Florida said he was with customers and had three beers.

Haplin agreed to take field sobriety tests which he failed. During a “walk and turn” test he began to fall and had to be caught by both officers.

Haplin was arrested for DWI and taken to the Chesterfield Police station where he agreed to take a breath test. The results of the test showed Haplin’s BAC level to be .266% or more than three times the legal limit.



Daniel Haplin



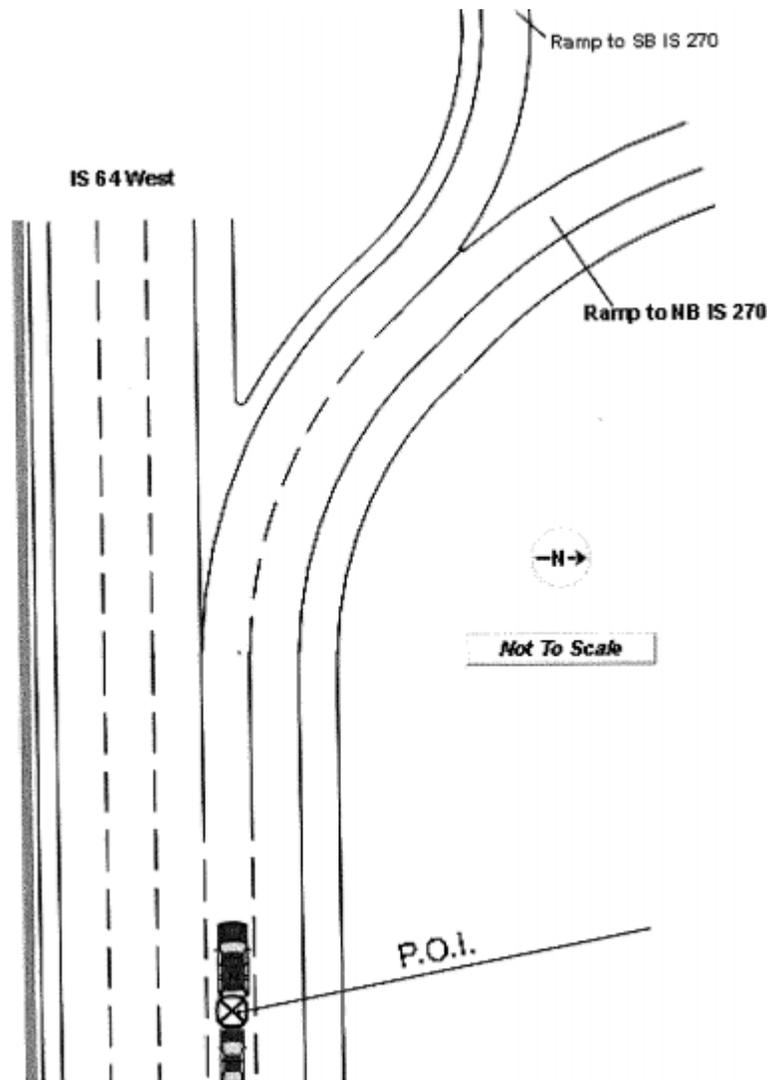
Haplin’s eyes

**OUTCOME:** In Haplin’s favor neither the officers or I could find past DWI incidents involving Haplin. However, Chesterfield Prosecutor Tim Engelmeyer and Judge Rick Brunk teamed up to show almost no interest in the safety of the public. Haplin ran a red light at a major Chesterfield intersection and was 3-times over the legal limit and falling down drunk. He left the Chesterfield courtroom with no permanent conviction of anything. The red light charge was dropped. He was given a No-Fine, No-Points and No-Permanent public record SIS probation on the DWI charge.

**THERE WAS ONE PROBLEM WITH HIS STORY:** It was Thursday August 8, 2019 at 3:39 PM. Rebecca Nash of Farmington, MO was driving her 2017 Jeep Cherokee on Westbound I-64 and was in the exit lane to go south on I-270. She would later tell Town

and Country Police Officer Dustin York she had to slow down due to exiting traffic ahead slowing down (which is common during rush hour).

She stated that after slowing down a silver car rear ended her Jeep. She said she waited to clear the exit ramp onto SB I-270 to pull over. She said when she pulled over the striking vehicle did not.

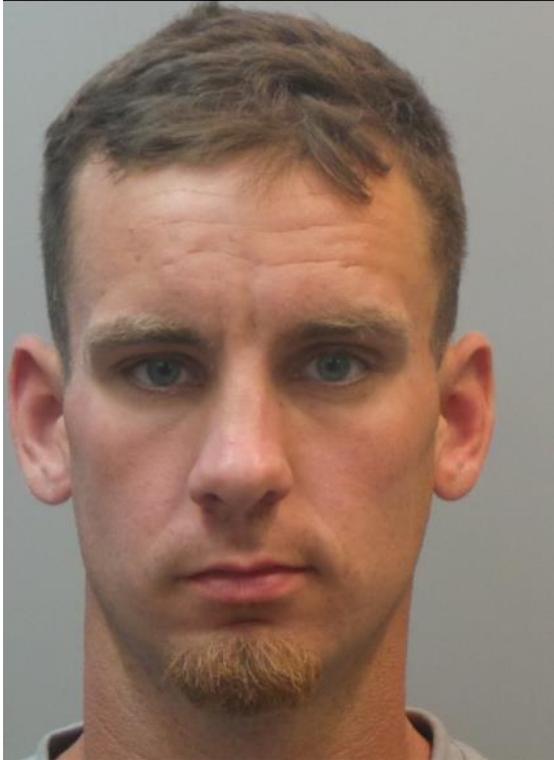


After driving past her, Nash said she pulled out and followed the silver Ford Focus and took a photo of the car and its license plate.

The license plate checked to a John Bone of Bonne Terre, MO. Officer York was able to determine that Bone worked for Trinity Flatwork Company in Chesterfield. York called Trinity and asked for Bone to call him back. Within an hour York received a phone call from Bone. Bone stated he knew why Officer York called and said that the

Jeep cut in front of him and he thought impact was not severe and caused no damage. He said he thought the Jeep was pulling over, but he lost sight of it.

Bone was told to come to the police station. There he was booked, photographed and fingerprinted.



**John Bone**

Bone was advised of his rights and gave a statement. This is from Officer York's report:

Bones again repeated the statement he gave me over the phone. I asked if he pulled over to the shoulder to wait for the other car and he said he did not. I asked if he called 911 to leave his information with the police or inquire if the other driver had called, and he said he had not. I asked if made any effort to locate the other driver to pass on information and he said he did not. Bone again said he believed it was a minor impact and he did not think it was a serious issue. Bone indicated he had current insurance and showed me a copy of his insurance identification card on his phone.

Here is the problem with Bone's statement. Ms. Nash did pull over in front of him and when he drove past her, she pulled out and was directly behind him and close enough to take a photo o his license plate,

A check of Mr. Bone's arrest and traffic record show an arrest for Peace Disturbance on August 25, 2018 by the Ironton PD and later in 2019 a Failure to Appear Warrant issued.

We counted 19 traffic charges against Bone, including two speeding charges, the Town and Country citations and 16 others all reduced to non-moving violations.

**OUTCOME:** Bone was issued a citation for Leaving the Scene of an Accident. On 02/25/20 he showed up to Town and Country Municipal Court with an attorney. City prosecutor Keith Cheung reduced the Leaving the Scene Charge to Improper Lane Usage, a less serious charge with fewer points. Bone was fined \$191.

**AN IMPORTANT RULE OF LIFE: DO NOT SPEED PAST A POLICE CAR ON THE HIGHWAY UNLESS YOU WANT TO MEET A POLICE OFFICER:** On Thursday June 14, 2018 Town and Country Police Officer Cpl. Freddie Yaakub was on the day watch. At 7:03 in the morning while Cpl. Yaakub (now Sgt. Yaakub) was southbound on I-270 in the 60 MPH zone at about Clayton Road when a silver Ford Fusion passed him doing 85 MPH.

With several years experience of being on a Day Watch over a 30-year police career I can testify that at 7:03 many officers are only half-awake. But someone stupid enough to pass you at 25 MPH over the speed limit will wake you up in a hurry.

Cpl. Yaakub got the Ford stopped on I-270 at J.J.Kelly. The driver, Nykeesha Bohlen told Cpl. Yaakub that she knew why he was stopping her. It was because she was speeding. He wrote in his report that he agreed with her statement. She continued that she was late for work.

While talking to Bohlen Cpl. Yaakub smelled burnt marijuana in the car. He went to his patrol car and ran license and warrant checks on Bohlen and found outstanding Fail to Appear Warrants from Florissant on traffic charges. By now Officer Lauren Becker (now Officer Wolfe) was assisting Cpl. Yaakub.

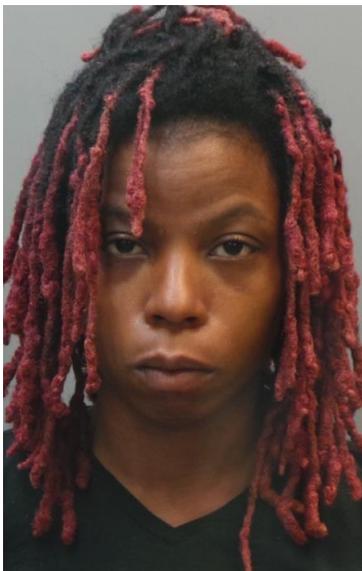


He got Bohlen out of the car and taking her back to his police car when she said she needed her wallet that she left in the car. Cpl. Yaakub then asked, "Where's the marijuana?" Bohlen responded it was in a cup in the console.

As Cpl. Yaakub went back into her car, Bohlen shouted he could not search her car and she tried to break away from Officer Becker. She was then placed in the police car. A search of her car revealed a marijuana cigar blunt, a straw, a plastic baggie with pills with the superman logo on them that later turned out to be meth.

Bohlen stated that she thought the meth was caffeine because her boyfriend told her the pills would get her "hyped up."

At the police station she was booked charged with Speeding, Possession of Marijuana, Possession of Controlled Substance and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia.



Nykeesha Bohlen

**OUTCOME:** Bohlen hired an attorney and the deals began to flow from Town and Country Prosecutor Ed Sluys and accepted by Judge Andrea Niehoff. On 12/12/18 the morning rush hour speeding charge of 26 MPH over the limit was reduced to “Illegal Parking” with a \$225 fine. This means there were no points. The drug charges were reduced to “Littering” with fines of \$300 and \$225. Bohlen made partial payments on all three cases and then quit paying. There are three Failure to Appear warrants against her in Town and Country and four Failure to Appear warrants in Florissant where there have been no verdicts. The FTA warrants were still active on November 16, 2020.