

DRUNKS AND THIEVES 2021 PART 11

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WELL KNOWN TRAFFIC VIOLATOR AND DRUNK DRIVER DOESN'T WANT TO BE ARRESTED FOR DRIVING WHILE REVOKED, RESISTING ARREST AND SPEEDING. CITY PROSECUTOR TIM ENGLEMEYER AND FORMER JUDGE RICK BRUNK DON'T WANT TO CONVICT HIM. Aaron Levinson, 40, has seen his share of police stations, including the Chesterfield station. Levinson lives in Chesterfield but has been arrested all over the St. Louis area.

On Friday October 11, 2019 at 3:47 in the afternoon, Chesterfield Police Officer Greg Rupp was running radar on Wildhorse Creek Road when he clocked a black Kia doing 63 MPH in the 45 MPH limit zone. He pulled the car over and walked up to contact the driver when he recognized the familiar face of Aaron Levinson.



Greg Rupp

Officer Rupp told Levinson why he stopped him and asked for his drivers' license and proof of insurance. Levinson handed him a non-drivers' license ID issued by DOR. Officer Flushing arrived to assist Officer Rupp.

Officer Rupp determined that Levinson's drivers' license and privilege to drive were revoked. Officer Rupp walked back to the Kia when Levinson asked if he was the officer who arrested him the last three times. Officer Rupp said he had only arrested Levinson once.

He did explain that he was about to arrest him again for driving while revoked. Levinson claimed he was no longer revoked and showed a SR-22 receipt from MVA or DOR. Officer Rupp explained the SR-22 dealt with insurance and not reinstatement of a revoked drivers' license.

Levinson then refused to get out of the car causing Officer Rupp having to pull him out. Levinson fought and resisted orders until Officers Rupp and Flushing finally got him handcuffed but not before both officers had broken wrist watches.

When Levinson was placed handcuffed in the back of a police car Officer Rupp asked if he was hurt in any way. "No, other than my pride and ego. That's about it," was Levinson's reply.

Aaron J. Levinson 50 17000 Block Kimwood Court Chesterfield
10/11/19 Resisting Arrest, Speeding, Driving While Revoked Chesterfield PD
03/24/18 DWI Fel Aggravated Guilty Jail time appealed sentence Chesterfield PD
03/08/12 Appealed Drivers' Lic Revocation for Failure to take St. Louis Co Court
Breath Test in Connection with DWI arrest
03/15/08 Driving While Revoked Guilty 10-days jail
03/10/08 Speeding Guilty 10-days jail St. Louis Co PD
01/02/08 4-Counts Felony Distributing Drugs G 10-yrs prison St. Charles Co SO
03/09/07 Criminal Case amended to Littering \$400 fine Ballwin PD
02/08/07 DWI reduced to Excessive BAC, \$500 fine Chesterfield PD
Poss of Marijuana \$300 fine, Poss of Drug Para \$175
01/09/07 Appealed Drivers' Lic Revocation for Failure to take St. Louis Co Court
Breath Test in Connection with DWI arrest
11/26/06 2 Moving Vios reduced to Illegal Parking & Def Equip Ladue PD
Total fines \$600
01/18/04 No Auto Insurance \$100 fine Wood River IL PD
08/20/03 Failure to Return to Confinement Guilty 5-days extra St. Charles Co Court
02/17/03 Failure to Return to Confinement Guilty 5-days extra St. Charles Co Court
10/06/02 Burglary 1st& Stealing Probation suspended 30-days Ellisville PD
Shock time in county jail.
07/23/00 DWI Guilty Probation revoked 30-days jail St. Charles Co SO
Failure to Keep Right \$100 fine
Failure to Take Breath Test Revocation upheld
07/23/99 Possession of Marijuana Guilty 30-days jail St. Charles Co



Levinson AKA: Mr. Happy

OUTCOME: This is just another case of the City Prosecutor Tim Engelmeyer being more interested in taking care of local defense lawyers than the public's safety.

On 02/04/21 the Speeding charge was amended to a No-Points Parking Violation with a \$116 fine. The Driving While Revoked was reduced to No Operator's License with a \$191 fine. Fighting, resisting arrest and breaking two officers' wrist watches was reduced to a Health Code Violation with a \$191 fine.

Levinson hired a local Chesterfield attorney and all the charges were reduced. This also happened 14 years earlier when Levinson hired Chesterfield lawyer Bruce DeGroot and charges were suddenly amended despite Levinson having a serious record.

ROOKIE SHOPLIFTER GETS CAUGHT ON SECOND TRIP TO BEST BUY: 33-year-old Brandon T. Karl has no criminal record. He has a few minor traffic tickets.

On July 17, 2019 he was seen stealing at the Chesterfield Best Buy store. He had stolen some parts for a home surveillance system. Store security found the evidence of the theft after he left. They were able to determine by video that he was driving a silver Acura with a Minnesota Viking decal in the rear window.

On July 23 he returned. Store security immediately ID'ed him and called Officer McBride of the Chesterfield Police Special Enforcement Unit. McBride and another officer went to the store's parking lot, found the Acura and boxed it in.

Store security stopped Karl leaving the store with \$189.99 of stolen merchandise. Karl voluntarily went to the security office, confessed to the two thefts.

Officer McBride checked Karl's record and found no criminal arrests. He decided to release him on a citation and not take him to the station to book him. I think I found Karl on LinkedIn, but could not be sure, so I have no photo to post.

OUTCOME: Karl might have been a rookie shoplifter but he responded to his arrest like a seasoned thief. He hired a local defense attorney. On 01/24/20 City Prosecutor Tim "I don't do trials" Engelmeyer amended the charge to a non-criminal Health Code Violation and Judge Rick "Let'm Loose" Brunk fined Karl \$225 for something he didn't do. He also ordered Karl to sharpen his skills and attend a Theft Offenders' Program.

NOTHING LIKE PASSING A POLICE CAR SPEEDING WHILE DRUNK AND HIGH ON GRASS: On Sunday night into Monday morning February 3, 2020 at 12:19am Town and Country Officer Dan Duddleston had just finished checking EB I-64 and turned around in Frontenac at Spode Road to check WB I-64. He was just entering Town and Country when a Chevrolet passed him at a high rate of speed.

Duddleston turned on his moving radar and saw that the vehicle was doing 79 MPH. As the vehicle approached I-270 its speed had increased to 81MPH. On WB I-64 after I-270 the driver began to weave.

Officer Duddleston pulled the Chevy over before Mason Road. He contacted the driver, Caitlyn J. Wise, 21. Upon Wise rolling down her window and speaking, Officer Duddleston immediately noticed two things. One was Wise's breath smelled of booze and two the interior of the car smelled of recently smoked marijuana.



Daniel Duddleston

Wise, who actually spent a short amount of time in the Jefferson County Jail on a marijuana case, passed the numbers reciting and alphabet tests, but had trouble with the balance tests after she agreed to take field sobriety tests.

A field breath test showed her BAC level to be .132%.

<p>PRELIMINARY BREATH TEST (PBT) POSITIVE FOR ALCOHOL?</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> REFUSED</p> <p>RESULT <u>.132</u> %</p>
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She was arrested, handcuffed and placed in the back of Officer Duddleston's cruiser. It was at this time, Wise told Officer Duddleston that she had hidden her marijuana down her pants after being stopped. She was told a female officer would retrieve it at the police station.

Wise was searched by Officer Lauren Wolfe and the marijuana was recovered.

After making a phone call, Wise agreed to take an “Official” breath test. That test’s results still showed she was drunk coming in at .118% BAC.

BLOOD ALCOHOL CONCENTRATION BY WEIGHT
.118

Wise agreed to be interviewed. Here is that interview:

INTERVIEW — RECORD PERSON'S RESPONSES				
WHAT TIME IS IT NOW? 1 AM	WHAT IS THE DATE? THE 3RD FEBRUARY	WHAT CITY (COUNTY) ARE YOU IN NOW? TOWN AND COUNTRY, STLCO		
WHAT WERE YOU DOING DURING THE LAST THREE HOURS PRIOR TO CONTACT WITH LAW ENFORCEMENT? I WAS WORKING. I GOT OFF WORK AT 1130 OR 12 AND STARTED DRIVING TO MY FRIEND'S HOUSE.				
WERE YOU OPERATING THE VEHICLE AT THE TIME OF THE CRASH OR STOP? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO				
HAVE YOU BEEN DRINKING? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	IF YES, WHAT WERE YOU DRINKING? SCREWBALL PEANUT BUTTER WHISKEY	TIME STARTED AROUND 1130 PM	TIME STOPPED 1215 AM	
HOW MUCH? LIKE 2 TO 3 SHOTS	WHERE? TWIN PEAKS	ARE YOU UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF AN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO		
HAVE YOU USED MARIJUANA OR ANY OTHER DRUG, LEGAL OR ILLEGAL, IN THE LAST 72 HOURS? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	IF YES, WHEN? 430 OR 5 PM	WHERE? MY CAR	HOW MUCH? A GRAM OR 2	IF YES, WHAT? MARIJUANA

At the time of her arrest Wise had just gotten off her job at the Twin Peaks bar and restaurant in Maplewood Commons. At Twin Peaks the servers and bartenders are female and are dressed in a way to show maximum cleavage.



Wise



Wise's eyes



Wise at work 2-days after her arrest



A photo from June.

Caitlyn Jean Wise

- 07/20/20 DWI, Open Container, No Auto Ins, Driving Susp Illinois State Police
- 02/03/20 DWI, Speeding, Poss of Marijuana Town & Country PD
- 08/27/16 Moving Violation reduced to Parking Vio fine MO Hwy Patrol
- 07/01/16 Moving Vio reduced to Parking Vio \$100 fine MO Hwy Patrol
- 03/05/16 Speeding Fine \$160, Possession/Use of Drug MO Hwy Patrol
Paraphernalia Probation revoked 7-days jail

OUTCOME: Despite Wise having a Speeding/Drug arrest in 2016 with a short amount of jail time and despite another DWI arrest in Illinois after the Town and Country Arrest and before her plea in Town and Country, Wise got the good driver deal.

On April 2, 2021, Wise pled guilty to DWI and was placed on a "No-Fine, No-Points, No-Permanent Record" SIS Probation. She pled guilty to Speeding 20-25 MPH over the Speed Limit and was fined \$191. She also pled guilty to the Possession of Marijuana charge and was placed on another 2-years SIS probation term.

EARNING YOUR PAY! WOMAN DRUNK REFUSED TO GET OUT OF CAR FOR AN HOUR. OFFICERS WAITED HER OUT. On Saturday night into Sunday on December 20, 2020 at about 12:19am Town and Country Officer Ryan Schneider was driving a fully marked patrol car east on I-64 from Mason Road. That is when he was passed by the driver of a silver Hyundai Sonata doing 80 MPH.

Officer Schneider noticed that the car was also weaving. He stopped the driver on EB I-64 near Ballas Road and contacted the driver Maria Yusuf, 27, of St. Louis. Officer Schneider smell a slight odor of intoxicants on Yousuf's breath, her eyes were bloodshot. Her speech was slurred and she was mumbling. On top of this there was one other thing mark in the DWI report and the police report.

UNUSUAL ACTIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PROFANITY <input type="checkbox"/> HICCUPS <input type="checkbox"/> BELCHING <input type="checkbox"/> VOMITING <input type="checkbox"/> FIGHTING <input type="checkbox"/> OTH
ATTITUDE	DESCRIBE: DISRESPECTFUL, MOOD SWINGS, UNCOOPERATIVE, BELLIGERENT

Physical State/Emotions	
Physical State	
Emotions	ANGRY, APOLOGETIC, CRYING, HYSTERICAL, CALM, IRRATIONAL
Emotions Comments	YUSUF WOULD GO FROM COMPLIANT TO NON COMPLIANT. SHE HAD CONTINUOUS MOOD SWINGS.

She denied having anything to drink first and then admitted having some wine.

There was an outstanding arrest warrant held by the Brentwood Police Dept. Officer Schneider asked her to step out of the car to perform some field sobriety tests. She refused. He then placed her under arrest for DWI, Speeding, Improper Lane Use and as a fugitive from Brentwood PD. She still refused to get out of the car. This is from the report:

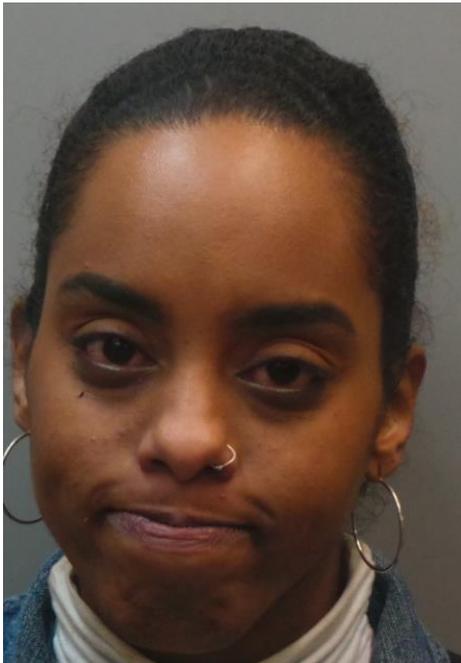
Yusuf stated she would not step out of the vehicle and remained in the vehicle for over 1 hour. During that time she would roll down her window to talk to us and then roll her window back up, while being on the phone with her big brother.

After an hour she got out of the car, was handcuffed and taken to the police station. Once there a breath test was attempted. On the first four tries Yusuf would not blow hard enough to secure a breath sample. She was allowed to try a fifth time and then refused to take the test.



Officer Ryan Schneider

Maria Ali Yusuf St. Louis



Yusuf



Yusuf's eyes

12/20/20	DWI, Speeding 20-mph over, No Drivers' Lic	Town & Country PD
02/11/20	Speeding 20-25 MPH Over limit Pending	Kirkwood PD
05/06/15	Driving While Suspended Pending 6 yrs later	Brentwood PD
12/28/14	Unregistered Vehicle \$150 fine	MO Hwy Patrol
02/20/14	Moving Vio reduced to Parking Vio \$200 fine	Bella Villa PD

OUTCOME: On April 2, 2021 Yusuf pled guilty to Speeding and was fined \$218. She also pled guilty to DWI and was placed on a 2-year "No-Fine, No-Points and No-Permanent Record" SIS Probation term.

ANOTHER RETURNS TO THE SCENE OF A CRIME: Marty Lantrip, 28, of O'Fallon, MO had been to the Chesterfield Wal Mart store to steal electronics. After removing the electronics from the package he had second thoughts and dropped off the items before

leaving the store, but loss prevention officers noticed. Lantrip is hard to forget as he has tattoos on his face and neck.

On Sunday November 19, 2017 at 12:28 he returned. He again was trying to steal electronics. Loss prevention had him on camera and called Officer Trevor McBride of the Chesterfield Special Enforcement Unit who arrived at the store while Lantrip was still in the store.



Officer McBride



Office Pollman

Loss Prevention had followed him on camera to a restroom. Inside the restroom (off camera) he took a pair of \$59 speakers out of the box and put them down his pants. He then walked to the Children's Department and tried to hide the empty speaker box.

By this time Officer Chris Pollman was outside the Wal Mart Store. When Lantrip exited the store McBride was in the Children's Department confirming the box left by Lantrip was empty. He then radio'ed Officer Pollman who stopped Lantrip.

This is from the police report of what Officer Pollman found when he searched Lantrip:

The male had the speaker concealed in the front of his pants, and stated that he was sorry for stealing. A search of the male revealed 4 syringes and a one hitter pipe. The male was identified as Marty Lantrip, and had no wants or warrants.

Wal Mart loss prevention officers were able to locate in their computer system that Lantrip had been arrested for stealing in another Wal Mart store and issued a No Trespassing Order. He was arrested for stealing, trespassing and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Marty Lee Lantrip O'Fallon, MO

12/11/17	Forgery	Guilty	5-years SES Probation	Warrenton PD
11/19/17	Stealing, Trespassing, Drug Para	PG	2-days jail	Chesterfield PD
11/13/17	Fel Drug Possession	Guilty	2-year prison	O'Fallon
10/11/17	Stealing	Guilty	10-days Jail	St. Peters PD
11/27/16	Receiving Stolen Property	Guilty	Probation revoked	O'Fallon PD
11/21/16	Receiving Stolen Property	Misd	Guilty 30-days jail	Lake St. Louis PD
11/05/16	Felony Drug Poss, Probation Revoked		5-yrs prison	St. Charles Co PD

12/23/13 Stealing Guilty \$300 fine

St. Charles Co SO

05/10/12 Possession of Drug Paraphernalia Guilty \$200 fine

St. Charles Co SO



From Marty's Facebook page:



OUTCOME: On 02/13/19 Lantrip pled guilty in Chesterfield Municipal Court. Judge Brunk, quick to recognize bad guys, sentenced Lantrip to 10 days in jail, but gave him credit for time served.

DRUNK MOVIE THEATER PATRON CAUSES ALARM SAYING HE HAD A GUN:

On Monday night September 16, 2019 at 7:30PM Chesterfield Police Officer Matt Paubel responded to the AMC Movie Theaters at the Chesterfield Mall reference a person claiming to have a gun.

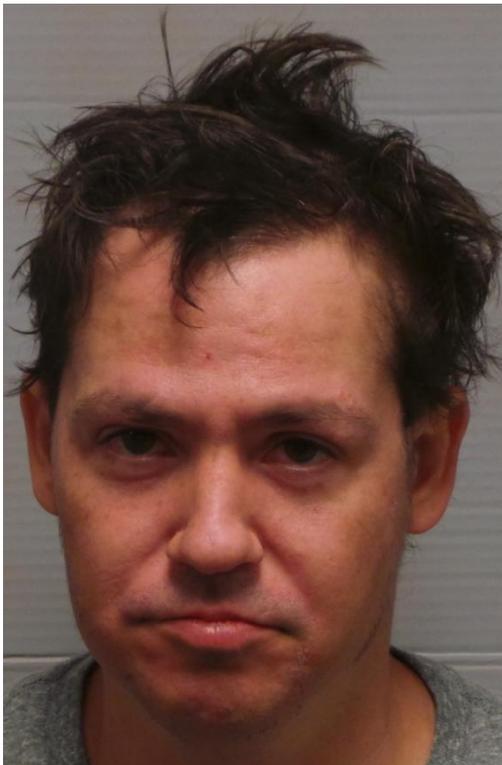


Matt Paubel

Officer Paubel learned from a mall security officer and theater staffer that a person in the lobby having an argument with a woman claimed to have a gun.

He was directed toward Gregory Scott Lesmeister, 37, of Ballwin. Lesmeister was DRUNK. He told Officer Paubel he got into an argument with a woman and told her he could kill her if he had a gun. That story would change after Lesmeister was arrested for Peace Disturbance and was place in a police car. At first he claimed he said “sons” not guns” and then claimed he said “son of a gun.”

A pat down of Lesmeister revealed no weapons. He gave officers permission to search his parked car and again no weapons were found.



Gregory S. Lemeister Ballwin, MO

09/16/19	Peace Disturbance	Chesterfield PD
12/08/18	Felony DWI, Driving While Revoked	Des Peres DPS
06/04/12	2 Moving Vios amended to Parking Viol	\$200 fines Maryland Hts PD

	Driving While Revoked 2-years SES Probation	
08/27/09	Speeding 16-19 MPH over limit Guilty fine	St, Louis Co PD
06/15/09	Stealing Guilty 2 years SES Probation	St. Louis Co PD
08/21/03	Tampering With a Victim or Witness Guilty \$500 fine	Ballwin PD
09/07/02	Speeding 16-19 MPH over limit Guilty Fine	MO Hwy Patrol

OUTCOME: On 07/15/20 Lesmeister pled guilty to an amended charge of Health Code Violation and was fined \$200.

DRUNK DRIVER LEAVING PARTY WITH HER DOG CLAIMS SHE HAD NOTHING TO DRINK AND THEN IT WAS 4 WINES AS SHE STOPPED IN FRONT OF WHITE LINES FOR STOP LIGHTS AND BOUNCED OFF A CURB.

Chesterfield Officer Todd Lantz was on patrol on Friday night November 15, 2019 on Clarkson Road when he observed a white Toyota make a right turn going across three lanes. The driver stopped in front of the white “stop line” for a red light on Clarkson. The driver swerved more exiting onto Chesterfield Parkway, then stopped in front of another white “stop line” at a red light. After the light turned green she promptly drove ahead and hit a curb. That was enough for Officer Lantz who stopped the car.



Officer Todd Lantz

He contacted the driver Janelle Kaiser (now 41) who lives in the nearby apartments on Lydia Hill Drive in Chesterfield.

Officer Lantz immediately felt Kaiser was drunk. She said she did not have any idea what she did to get stopped and had nothing to drink. She later changed that to having 4-wines.

Officer Lantz’s DWI report did not list Kaiser as being “cooperative” in fact just the opposite.

While out of the car Kaiser kept losing her balance. When she was asked to walk the straight line, heel-to-toe she couldn’t and started crying saying you could not walk the

straight line. Officer Lantz then asked if that was because she had “too much to drink” and she nodded her head “yes.”

This is from Officer Lantz’s report concerning the condition of Kaiser including the spilled wine on her clothes:

OFFICER'S OBSERVATION MADE PRIOR TO ARREST OR CUSTODY (Check appropriate box(es) and add any	
BREATH	ODOR OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE: <input type="checkbox"/> FAINT <input type="checkbox"/> MODERATE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STRONG <input type="checkbox"/> 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 type="checkbox"/> GLASSY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STARING <input 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 type="checkbox"/> STAGGERING <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STUMBLING <input type="checkbox"/> FALLING <input type="checkbox"/>
SPEECH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SLURRED <input type="checkbox"/> CONFUSED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INCOHERENT <input type="checkbox"/> STUTTERING <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MUMBLING <input type="checkbox"/>
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	DESCRIBE: Brown Jacket, Flannel Shirt, Leggings, Brown Boots SOILED BY: Wine
UNUSUAL ACTIONS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PROFANITY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> HICCUPS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BELCHING <input type="checkbox"/> VOMITING <input type="checkbox"/> FIGHTING <input type="checkbox"/>
ATTITUDE	DESCRIBE: Argumentative

Kaiser was arrested. She had a passenger in the car with her. It was her dog. Sgt. Teresa Koebbe, parked the car on the city Aquatic Center parking lot and transported the dog to the police station.



Janelle Kaiser



Kaiser's eyes

At the police station Kaiser refused to take a breath test. She did agree to be interviewed.

She did not say she was in Chesterfield, but said she was in “Fucking Chesterfield.” She also denied having been driving a car when she was contacted by Officer Lantz. Despite admitting she had too much to drink to walk in a straight line earlier, she now denied being intoxicated.

OUTCOME: Kaiser did not have a lengthy arrest record or traffic records. On February 25, 2020 she appeared in Chesterfield Court and pled guilty to DWI. Judge Rick Brunk placed her on a 2-year SIS “No-Points, No fine, No Permanent Record” probation term. She was ordered to attend a Victims’ Impact Panel and a Substance Abuse Traffic Offender program.

The Improper Lane Use citation was reduced to a Parking Violation with a \$191 fine. Guess what? The other moving violation for Stopping Beyond Stop Line and Blocking Intersection was also reduced to a Parking Violation with a \$191 fine. As usual Brunk was good at raising money and awful at punishing drunk drivers, helping insurance companies find bad drivers and protecting the public. Kaiser left court with her local lawyer with NO POINTS on her drivers’ license.

SPEEDING 50-YEAR-OLD WOMAN DENIES HAVING ANYTHING TO DRINK THREE TIMES, THE 4-FIREBALL WHISKEY SHOT TUBES AND EMPTY BOOZE BOTTLES SAY OTHERWISE. On Saturday night August 24, 2019 Chesterfield Police Sergeant Steven Rainey of the Traffic Unit was running speed checks with a LASER gun on SB Hwy 141. Officer Greg Rupp was south of Sgt. Rainey’s location waiting for descriptions of speeders’ vehicles and their speed to be called out. Rupp would then stop the car and issue the citation.

At about 10:45 Sgt. Rainey advised Officer Rupp that a black sedan, the third car to him was clocked doing 67 MPH in the 55 MPH zone. The black Dodge passed Officer Rupp, who pulled out and stopped the car near Ladue Road.



Off. Rupp



Sgt. Rainey

Sgt. Rupp contacted the driver, Shelley Dawn Jones, 50, of St. Clair, MO. When asked for her drivers' license and proof of insurance, Jones handed Officer Rupp an expired drivers' license and started looking for her car insurance online.

During this time Officer Rupp noticed a plastic cup in the center console with 4- Fireball whiskey tubes in it. Her passenger was Jonathan Jones. The passenger found an expired insurance card in the glovebox.

During this time Officer Rupp smelled a strong odor of intoxicants coming from the car. He asked Jones if she had anything to drink and she said "No, we are good."

She later again denied having anything to drink. By now she was out of the car and Officer Rupp smelled both cinnamon and booze, which is associated with "Fireball whiskey." She again denied having anything to drink, adding she had some "mint" gum.

Officer Rupp asked who had been drinking beer, as there was an open Michelob beer bottle sticking out of the rear pocket of the front seat. She indicated the beer had been the passenger's.

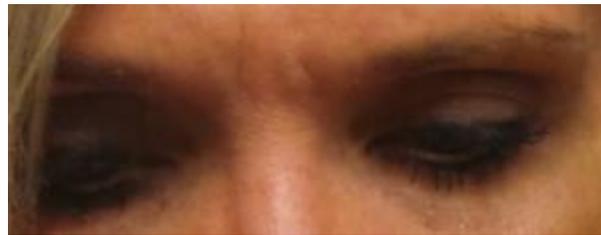
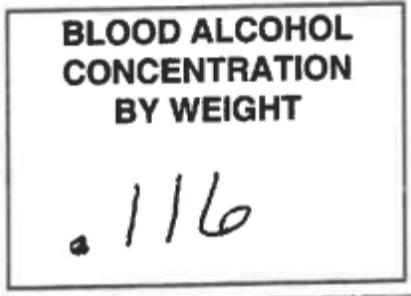
She failed several field sobriety tests and could or would not provide enough breath register on a field breath test.

Jones was then arrested for DWI, Speeding, Open Container and No Proof of Insurance.

Officer Rupp noted Jones' condition on his police report.

OFFICER'S OBSERVATION MADE PRIOR TO ARREST OR CUSTODY (Check appropriate box(es) and add				
BREATH	ODOR OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE:	<input type="checkbox"/> FAINT	<input type="checkbox"/> MODERATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STRONG
	ODOR OF MARIJUANA OR CHEMICAL:	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	
EYES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WATERY	<input type="checkbox"/> BLOODSHOT	<input type="checkbox"/> GLASSY	<input type="checkbox"/> STARING
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BALANCE AND WALKING	<input type="checkbox"/> UNCERTAIN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SWAYING	<input type="checkbox"/> STAGGERING	<input type="checkbox"/> STUMBLING
			<input type="checkbox"/> STUTTERING	<input type="checkbox"/> FALLING
SPEECH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SLURRED	<input type="checkbox"/> CONFUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> INCOHERENT	<input type="checkbox"/> MUMBLING
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	DESCRIBE: <i>Black Tank Top, Shorts, Flip-Flops</i> SOILED BY:			

At the station Jones agreed to take the official breath test. That showed her BAC to be .116%



Shelley Dawn Jones

After the BA test Jones was interviewed and now admitted having something to drink, claiming she had 2-beers between 3pm and 6pm.

When asked she had been doing before being stopped by the police she replied, "being social."

OUTCOME: Jones of St. Clair, MO., hired a local attorney. Between prosecutor Tim "deals come before public safety" Engelmeyer and Judge Rick "Let m' Loose" Brunk Jones would be about to walk out of the court room with no points on her license.

On 03/10/20 Jones pled guilty to DWI but was placed on a SIS "No-Fine, No-Points, No Permanent Public Record" Probation term. The speeding charge was reduced to a Parking Violation with a \$191 fine. The Open Container charge resulted in another "No-Fine, No-Points, No Permanent Public Record" SIS probation. Drunk drivers should

really leave court with at least a couple points against their drivers' license. But not in Chesterfield where the clients of defense attorneys come before public safety.

DRUNK ALCOHOLIC CHESTERFIELD MAN PICKS UP TWO DWIs IN 2019. JUDGE BRUNK STILL GIVES HIM A BREAK. The first arrest came on Sunday January 27, 2019 at about 7:54pm. Officer Russell Hesser was making a left turn from Long Road onto Kehrs Mill Road when a GMC Yukon made a right turn coming into his lane.

Officer Hesser watched the Yukon swerving and at one time cross the double yellow lines. The driver turned into a subdivision, stopped at a stop sign, but then without signaling made a wide radius right turn into the opposite lane of traffic.

Officer Hesser had seen enough and stopped the vehicle. He contacted the driver, James Rollie Johnson, 51, who lives nearby on Countryside Manor Place. Hesser could tell that Johnson was drunk. His breath smelled of booze, his speech was slurred, his eyes were glassy and bloodshot.

When asked if he had anything to drink, Johnson said he had been drinking on and off throughout the day.



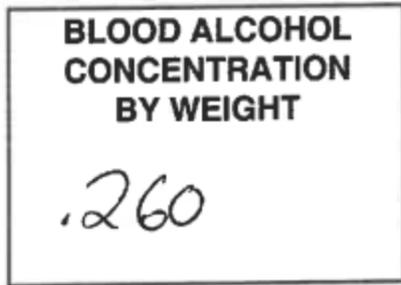
Officer Hesser

Once out of the GMC, Johnson had to learn against the SUV to keep from falling. He failed field sobriety tests and was arrested for DWI.

His wife walked down and got the GMC. She told Officer Hesser that Johnson had alcohol problems but recently had been sober for 15 days.

A check of police calls showed a month earlier the Chesterfield Police had responded to two alcohol related domestic violence calls involving Johnson at his house. They had transported him each time to the hospital for treatment.

At the police station Johnson agreed to take a breath test that showed his BAC level to be .260% or more than three times over the limit.



He was cited for the lane violations and for DWI.

OUTCOME: The court verdicts are listed after the story of Johnson's next DWI arrest.

DRUNK DRIVER HAS HIS GMC YUKON RUN OVER HIS LEG AFTER FAILING TO PARK AT THE MONARCH TRAIL. On Sunday October 27, 2019 James Rollie Johnson, 51, an alcoholic Chesterfield resident, had been drinking beer on the parking lot of the Walgreens on Chesterfield Airport Road and Long Road when he decided to drive his GMC Yukon to Chesterfield-Monarch Levee Trail. He said he planned to walk his dog. Big problems started immediately on his arrival.

Johnson got out of the GMC Yukon but had not put the vehicle in "park." The SUV began to roll forward, knocked Johnson down, ran over his left leg breaking it.

Johnson did not call for an ambulance because that would bring the police and he had a pending DWI from January of 2019 in Chesterfield. Instead he called his brother Rob Johnson. Rob realized his brother with the drinking problem needed immediate help. He called the police and also requested an ambulance and then drove to the scene.

Chesterfield Police Officer Tim Carter had his quiet Sunday night shift ruined when he was dispatched to this call.



Officer Tim Carter

When Officer Carter arrived he found Johnson on the ground with leg and ankle injuries. He also noticed that Johnson had urinated in his pants. Carter reported that Johnson appeared to be drunk but he was chewing a very minty piece of gum.

Johnson denied having anything to drink, but later he would admit that he had been drinking beer in the nearby Walgreens' parking lot.

Johnson went with the Monarch ambulance that transported Johnson to the emergency room. There Johnson was advised of the Implied Consent Law and he agreed to allow a blood draw for police testing.

On November 8, 2019 Officer Carter learned the lab test report on the blood showed a BAC level of .109%.

OUTCOMES: Barry King from Ballwin replaced Tim Englemeyer as prosecutor on these cases. But don't worry Chesterfield Judge Rick Brunk isn't going to do much to someone who was 3x over the limit and while he has a DWI pending gets another one. Why? Because Johnson hired a lawyer.

On September 2, 2020 Johnson made a video appearance during the pandemic. On the January 27, 2019 charges of his DWI Plea resulted in a SIS "No-Points, No fine, No Permanent Record" Probation. Brunk did order Johnson to attend a Substance Abuse Traffic Offender Program and a Victim's Impact Panel. Johnson Pled Guilty to Improper Lane Use with a \$173 fine. The other similar charge was reduced to Illegal Parking and a \$98 fine.

Johnson quit attending the Drunk Driver Offender program as part of his probation and the provider, located in St. Charles had to obtain a court order for Johnson to finish the program. Did Brunk revoke his probation? Of course not.

On 09/11/19 Johnson's wife apparently got a full Order of Protection for a CHILD against Johnson.

The October 27 the "broken leg" DWI was also handled by Brunk on September 2, 2020. He refused to find Johnson guilty of DWI, instead he allowed him to plea to a lesser Drunk Driving charge of Excessive Blood Alcohol Content. He fined him \$466. The other charges against Johnson, including Driving While Suspended resulting from the .26 BAC level in January was reduced to simply No Operator's License.

10/27/19	DWI Reduced to Excessive BAC \$466 fine	Chesterfield PD
	No Valid Lic 09/01/20 Guilty \$166 fine	
	Criminal Ord Vio reduced to Health Code Vio \$91 fine	
01/27/19	Improper Lane Use Guilty \$173 fine	Chesterfield PD
	Moving Violation reduced to Illegal Parking \$98 fine	
	DWI Guilty SIS "No-Points, No Fine" Probation	



James Rollie Johnson's mug shot for January 27, 2019 when he had a .26 BAC.

Remember the golden rule in the Chesterfield Municipal Court is that area defense lawyers have to make money and they come first, public safety comes in a distinct second.

ANOTHER HARPO'S CUSTOMER ARRESTED. THIS ONE FOR SPEEDING AND DWI. It was Wednesday night into Thursday 11/29/18, a week after Thanksgiving. Officer Clayton McGee was running radar on EB Olive Blvd. at about 1:05am when he clocked a red Ford Fusion doing 65 MPH in the 45 MPH zone. Clocking the car speeding was easy. Getting the driver to stop would be a challenge.



Officer McGee

The driver of the Ford did not pull over on Olive. Instead he sped up, then turned on a side street Rialto Drive and finally stopped when he pulled into the parking lot of his apartment.

The driver, Benjamin Kapolnek, 26, said he did not pull over immediately because he just noticed Officer McGee and the flashing lights a few seconds earlier.

Officer McGee has amazing eyesight. This is from his report:

**Immediately I observed an odor
of intoxicants emitting from the vehicle.**

Of the 375 DWI arrests I made I could only smell the odor of booze.

Kapolnek said he was coming from Harpo's Bar where he claimed just had a couple of beers. This would later change to 3-4 beers between 10:30 and 12:30.



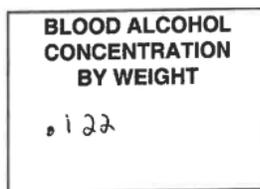
Officer McGee had Kapolnek perform field sobriety tests. He did poorly. Kapolnek was then asked to take a field breath test which he declined. He was arrested for DWI and Speeding.

When being placed in the police car Kapolnek began to beg to get a warning for Drunk Driving.

“I was honest with you about having a few drinks at the bar, I sped (I am) two seconds away from home, not an excuse, would love to get home. Is there anything I can do for a warning?”

Officer McGee was not issuing any warnings to a drunk driver.

At the police station he agreed to take the official breath test. The test showed his BAC level at .122%.





Benjamin Kapolnek



Kapolnek's eyes

OUTCOME: On 10/22/19 (before the pandemic) Chesterfield Prosecutor Tim Engelmeyer dropped the speeding 20 MPH over the limit charge. He amended the DWI charge to Careless and Imprudent Driving. Kapolnek pled guilty to C&I driving despite having a BAC 1 ½ times over the legal limit. He was fined \$198.50. Judge Rick Brunk had no problem with the deal.