

DRUNKS AND THIEVES 2022 PART 17

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TOWN AND COUNTRY PATROL OFFICER BUILDS A STRONG CASE AGAINST WELL KNOWN AREA SHOPLIFTER, ONLY TO HAVE THE SHOPLIFTER THREATEN TO HARM HIM AND HIS WIFE:

10-years ago I wrote an article for Patch.com about how a convicted drug dealer who served time in Federal Prison and was now running scam businesses, complained to the Town & Country Police how I was at the edge of his property taking photos of him loading up a moving van from his large Topping Road house after he was evicted by the bank holding his mortgage.

<https://patch.com/missouri/chesterfield/the-subject-of-two-patch-columns-had-the-cops-get-me-out-of-bed>

In fact I was home in bed sleeping at the time he said I was snapping photos.

Two Town and Country Police officers who answered the call later told me they were unaware of the person's criminal background. The officers came to my house and my wife was working in the front yard. She told them I was in bed as I got in late after working as a public address announcer at an extra inning college baseball game the night before.

The officers, Cpl. Mike Defoe (now assistant police chief) and Greg Messmer thought my wife was lying to them and they were believing a convicted drug dealer and current scam artist over my wife. She woke me up and I spoke to the officers denying taking photos of the moving van and somewhat shocked they were at my house since taking photos is not against the law and then not believing my wife. The officers later learned that it was a next-door neighbor taking the photos.



Here is the house a few weeks after eviction

Since that day I have not been big fans of Mike Defoe or Greg Messmer as they never apologized. After reading his theft investigation of a repeat shoplifter at Total Wine, my opinion is changing a little.

On July 4, 2020 Cpl. Messmer (promoted) was dispatched to the Total Wine and More liquor store in the Manchester Meadows Shopping Center ref shoplifter.

When he arrived the store manager laid out that he had discovered an inventory shortage of some high-priced wines and started checking store security video. On the July 1 video the manager said he recognized Craig Elliott, 47, who is known to managers of Total Wine stores to be a regular shoplifter being in the store.



Cpl. Messmer saw on video Elliott, who was hard to ID since he was wearing a COVID mask, put a bottle of wine in his pants at the small of his back, He also saw Elliott go to an area out of video range and return with more wine no longer in his cart.

Elliott bought some seltzer and left the store going to a black Dodge Durango on the parking lot with \$298 of stolen high-end wine. Cpl. Messmer could have left at this point and written a report. But the At Home store north of Total Wine is in the shopping center. He went there and had the manager show him video from July 1. Not only could he see Elliott going to his Durango you could ID him when compared to other mug shots. Plus Elliott had been in the At Home store before going to Total Wine.

Cpl. Messmer had a cell phone number for Elliott from past arrests. He called Elliott and told him that he was investigation Elliott stealing wine from Total Wine and More on July 1.

Elliott immediately told him he was not at Total Wine and More. Officer Messmer hit a return by saying that Elliott was as he is on store security in the store and leaving the store without bottles of wine he had earlier selected in his cart and getting into a black Dodge Durango.

Elliott then claimed he was driving a red van.

Cpl. Messmer continued to walk the extra mile on this case before giving it to the detectives. He had the phone number of Elliott's girlfriend, Kara Armbruster. When she answered it was clear she and Elliott were out of town. When Cpl. Messmer asked what kind of car Elliott was driving on July 1 she said she didn't know. She added that Elliott doesn't own a car, but rents cars from the airport. She said he had just turned in a black car.

Next Officer Messmer began calling airport car rental companies and eventually found the black Dodge Durango was rented from Budget-Rent-a-Car where Elliott is a regular customer. Beside just getting this information Messmer applied for a subpoena to obtain the list of all cars Elliott had rented sine the first of the year.

Two months after the wine theft, Elliott still had not been arrested. Det. Sgt. McNutt called Elliott trying to get him to turn himself in. Elliott said he was trying to hire a lawyer first. Then he turned from crook to creep.

He said he did not appreciate Cpl. Messer calling him and his girlfriend. The he added he would take matters into his own hands. This is from the police report:

On 09/03/2020, I contacted Elliott on his cell phone. I asked Elliott if he was going to come in and make a statement. Elliott stated he is trying to get an attorney. Elliott then stated Cpl. Messmer was harassing him by contacting him and his girlfriend. Elliott stated he would take matters into his own hands. Elliott then stated "I know where he lives and I know who his wife is". I advised Elliott this sounded like a threat and he was not to attempt any contact with Cpl. Messmer or his family. I advised Elliott to contact me if he decided to come in for a statement.

On 09/10/20 Municipal Court Warrants were issued in this case and an earlier theft case against Elliott and entered into the police computer system.

On 10/05/20 Elliott was in the custody of O'Fallon (MO) Police. Sgt. McNutt and Det. Katie Exline responded to pick him up. When he was arrested Elliott, the guy who denied driving a black Dodge or being at Total Wine and More declined to make a statement.

The other case

On Sunday February 16, 2020 (a month before the COVID-19 shutdown of America) Cpl. Messmer was doing a walk through at the Total Wine and More Store when the manager stopped him ref a recent theft on video.

The theft involved three high end bottles of wine valued at \$300. The suspect concealed the wine on himself but stopped at the register and bought a \$10 bottle of wine. He then made a mistake being a cheap bastard. He was stealing \$300 worth of wine, but gave his Total Wine and More rewards card to get a discount on the \$10 bottle of wine he was buying. That identified him as stupid and Craig Elliott.

Cpl. Messmer determined that Elliott was a suspect in wine thefts at the Chesterfield Total Wine and more stores and mugshots and drivers' license photo matched him on security video.

Nothing else was done on this case until Cpl. Messmer began investigating the July thefts of \$298 worth of wine. Elliot was arrested and later pled guilty to both thefts/



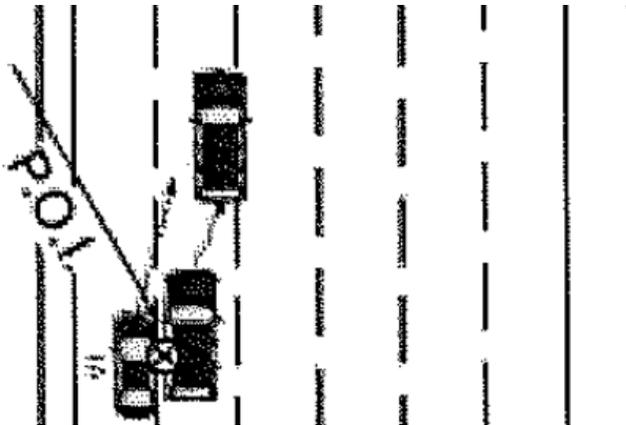
Elliott's record

01/09/21	Stealing reduced to Health Code Violation \$220 fine	Chesterfield PD
11/20/20	Stealing	Brentwood PD
07/01/20	Stealing Guilty \$216 fine	Town & Country PD
02/22/20	Stealing Guilty \$250 fine SES Probation in lieu of 90 days jail sentence on 03/15/22	Chesterfield PD
01/29/20	Stealing Guilty \$216 fine	Town & Country PD
01/08/20	Stealing reduced to Littering \$170 fine	Brentwood PD
01/03/20	Trespassing Guilty \$250 fine	Chesterfield PD
08/21/19	Stealing reduced to Littering \$170 fine	Brentwood PD
01/04/13	Speeding 15-20 over limit	Troy IL PD
08/25/11	Full Order of Adult Abuse Protection against Elliott	City of St, Louis Court
06/29/98	Moving Violation reduced to Loud Muffler	MO Hwy Patrol
10/04/94	Speeding 15-20 above limit	Swansea IL PD
06/28/94	Speeding 11-15 above limit	National City IL PD

DRUNK DRIVER WHO CAUSED CRASH CLAIMS HE ONLY HAD ONE BEER 3-HOURS BEFORE CRASH BUT HIS BAC LEVEL IS TWICE THE LEGAL LIMIT.

On Monday September 21, 2020 at 9:09pm Town and Country officers Kyle Ramsey and Eric Diaz were dispatched to an auto crash on NB I-270 south of I-64.

On arrival the officers determined that Darryl Ellis, 58, of Florissant, was in Lane 1 of NB I-270 driving his Ford Fusion when he sideswiped a 2018 Range Rover that was in Lane 2.



Ellis denied being intoxicated, but his appearance said otherwise. This is from Officer Ramsey's report:

OFFICER'S OBSERVATION MADE PRIOR TO ARREST OR CUSTODY (Check appropriate box(es) and add a				
BREATH	ODOR OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE:	<input type="checkbox"/> FAINT	<input type="checkbox"/> MODERATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STRONG
	ODOR OF MARIJUANA OR CHEMICAL:	<input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	
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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

Officer Diaz, a former State Trooper, had Ellis do field sobriety tests, which he failed.

One was reciting the alphabet beginning at A and stopping at R. Ellis said he could not do that. He then stated he could not do it because he had a couple of drinks. (He would later back that up to "one drink". But he did try.

"I'm not going to make it. I'm going to tell you right now, I can't do that." Police Officer Diaz asked Ellis if he could not do the test due to the consumption of alcohol. Ellis stated, "Yes, I can't do it because I had a few drinks. I'll do it." At this time Ellis recited, "A" (a long mumble) "S, R, T, S, R, T," (another long mumble) "I can tell you I'm not going to make that, but I can start." Ellis stayed quiet for several seconds before Police Officer Diaz informed Ellis that we would be moving on to the next test.

Ellis agreed to take a field breath test. That showed his BAC level to be .17%.

**PRELIMINARY BREATH TEST (PBT)
POSITIVE FOR ALCOHOL?**

YES NO REFUSED

RESULT .170 %

Ellis was arrested and taken to the police station. There is agreed to take an official breath test. That test showed he was still over 2-times the legal amount of .08% as he tested at .162%.

**BLOOD ALCOHOL
CONCENTRATION
BY WEIGHT**

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Ellis then agreed to be interviewed. Despite having test double the legal limit twice, Ellis stated he did not consider himself intoxicated. During the interview he also changed the number of drinks he had from “two” to “one beer.”

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? BEER	TIME STARTED 6:15pm	TIME STOPPED 6:25pm
HOW MUCH? ONE BEER	WHERE? FRIENDS HOUSE	ARE YOU UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF AN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	



Darryl Ellis

Ellis' eyes

Mr. Ellis had an Assault Conviction in St. Louis in 1996 which resulted in a 1-year probation term. We could find no prior traffic violations.

OUTCOME: On 10/08/21 Ellis pled guilty to DWI. Judge Andrea Niehoff placed him on a 2-year SIS (No-fine, No-Points and No Permanent Record) Probation term. He also pled guilty to Improper Lane Use for sideswiping the Range Rover. He was fined \$366.

LOWES SECURITY OFFICER RECOGNIZES SHOPPER AS A THIEF WHO HAD ESCAPED FROM THE WENTZVILLE LOWES DURING A PRIOR THEFT. On Monday October 14, 2019 at 7:55pm Chesterfield SEU Officers Dammrich and Paubel responded to a shoplifter in custody at the Lowes store in Chesterfield Valley.

Two Loss Prevention Officers said they recognized a person in the store (Trent M. Canady) as being a shoplifter at Lowes stores and added he had recently escaped apprehension at the Wentzville store.

They continued that they watched Canady select two 20 volt battery two-packs, then cut open the packages and placed the battery pack concealed in his coat. They stopped him as he left the store. The battery packs were valued at \$328.

Also on Canady were three syringes and a bag of empty pills with residue on the pills.

Canady was arrested for Stealing and Poss of Drug Paraphernalia.

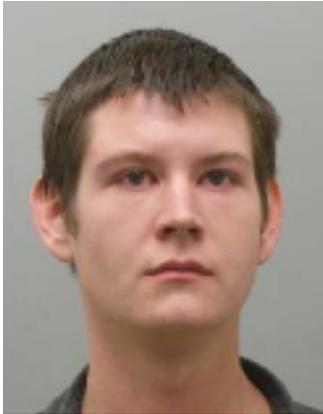
Canady admitted to the theft.

Canady's record:

04/16/21	No Valid Driver's Lic \$50 fine	MO Hwy Patrol
02/10/20	Poss of Drug Paraphernalia \$100 fine	St. Charles City PD
10/14/19	Stealing, Poss of Drug Paraphernalia	Chesterfield PD
06/07/19	Obstruction, Poss Drug Paraphernalia	St. John PD
05/11/19	2 Moving Vios reduced to Parking Vios \$150 fines	MO Hwy Patrol
02/05/19	Stealing 2-yr SIS Probation	O'Fallon MO PD
10/08/18	Stealing \$170 Fine, Poss Drug Para \$270 fine	Brentwood PD
08/02/18	Poss of Drug Paraphernalia FTA Warrant	Breckenridge Hills PD
02/2/17	Obstruction of Justice	St. Charles City PD
02/04/17	Stealing FTA Warrant	Florissant PD
12/17/15	Receiving Stolen Property Probation revoked 15-days jail	St. Charles Co PD



2019



2017

CHESTERFIELD OUTCOME: On 08/17/21 Canady pled guilty before Chesterfield Judge Mark Gaertner to Stealing. Despite four prior stealing related arrests, Judge Gaertner placed Canady on a 2-year SIS (No-Fine, No-Permanent Record) probation. But Canady had to pay court costs.

He also received a SIS probation for the drug offense.

Within a month two FTA Warrants were issued for Canady's arrest as he never paid the court costs.

NOTHING LIKE PASSING A POLICE CAR DOING 82 MPH, ESPECIALLY WHEN THE OFFICER DRIVING THE POLICE CAR IS A FORMER STATE TROOPER. On Saturday night into Sunday Morning 01/19/20 at about 12:38 am Town and Country Officer Dustin Braynard, a former 11-year veteran of the Missouri Highway Patrol, was behind the wheel on EB I-64 approaching I-270 when he noticed a car going at a high rate of speed about to pass him.

The police car's moving radar system showed the black Chrysler 300 was doing 82 MPH in the 60 zone on I-64. The driver of the Chrysler realized his mistake and slowed to 40 MPH as he exited to NB I-270. Officer Braynard made the traffic stop on the I-270 shoulder.

Officer Braynard immediately noticed the driver, Walter Fenner, 35 from Florissant, had been drinking. This is from his police report:

OFFICER'S OBSERVATION MADE PRIOR TO ARREST OR CUSTODY (Check appropriate box(es) and add a

BREATH	ODOR OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE: <input type="checkbox"/> FAINT <input type="checkbox"/> MODERATE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STRONG
EYES	ODOR OF MARIJUANA OR CHEMICAL: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO
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SPEECH	<input type="checkbox"/> UNCERTAIN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SWAYING <input type="checkbox"/> STAGGERING <input type="checkbox"/> STUMBLING <input type="checkbox"/> FALLING
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Officer Braynard

Fenner failed his field sobriety tests and agreed to take a field breath test. The test showed his BAC level to be at .20%.

PRELIMINARY BREATH TEST (PBT) POSITIVE FOR ALCOHOL? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> REFUSED RESULT <u>.20</u> %

He was arrested. At the police station he agreed to take an "official" breath test that was given 90 minutes after his arrest. It showed he was still legally drunk but his BAC level was dropping. The test revealed a BAC level of .159%.

BLOOD ALCOHOL CONCENTRATION BY WEIGHT .159

In an interview Fenner stated he had 3-beers between 10pm and midnight while watching a UFC fight at the Twin Peaks in Chesterfield. He did admit that he thought he was intoxicated.



Walter Fenner



Fenner's eyes

This was not Fenner's first rodeo. He had two prior DWI arrests.

01/19/20	DWI, Speeding 82/60	Town & Country PD
12/2010	DWI, Refused Breath Test	St. Louis Co
07/18/09	DWI Pled Guilty SES probation in lieu of 60-days	O'Fallon PD

OUTCOME: Charges were filed directly in St. Louis County Associate Circuit Court. On March 10, 2022 Fenner pled guilty before Judge John Newsham to DWI. Despite this being a repeat DWI case Judge Newsham placed Fenner on a SIS (No fine, No-points, No-permanent record) probation term for 2-years. The speeding charge was reduced to a Parking Violation with a \$170 fine. Fenner left the County Courthouse with no-points on his record.

AFTER AN EVENING OF PLAYING BEER PONG, THE ILLEGAL U-TURN AND LANE WEAVING RESULTED IN THE END OF THE EVENING. On Friday night into Saturday morning 05/02/20 at about 1:47am Chesterfield Officers Niemeier and Lantz observed a black Honda make an illegal prohibited U-Turn at Clarkson Road and Baxter Road with the driver now going north on Clarkson Road toward I-64.

While on Clarkson Road the officers observed the Honda was weaving. They stopped the Honda after it was driven onto EB I-64 where the driver, Jacob Carothers, 24, was contacted. Carothers had appeared to be under the influence.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> MODERATE	<input 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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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:				

The officers' attention switched off Carothers to one of the two passengers. The passenger in the front seat was bleeding for the lip. When asked what happened he said they were at a friend's playing Beer Pong when he tripped, fell and cut his lip. He added that Carothers was driving because they considered him the "most sober one" of the three.

Carothers then agreed to take field sobriety tests, which he failed. He refused to take a field Breath test. He was arrested. At the station he requested to call his lawyer (how many 24 year-olds "have a lawyer?") After his phone call Carothers declined to take an "official" breath test.

He did agreed to be interviewed and said while he was at a friend's house he had three beers over two hours.



Jacob Carothers



Carothers' eyes

OUTCOME: Good news for Carothers...Judge Rick Brunk was still on the Bench of the Chesterfield Court. Carothers hired a lawyer so between Brunk and the prosecutor Tim Engelmeyer, who first place lawyers making money way ahead of public safety, should take good care of Carothers.

The DWI charge vanished and was replace with a Careless Driving charge with a \$191 fine. The Illegal U-Turn completely vanished and the Lane Weaving Citation magically turned into a \$191 Parking Violation.

FACEBOOK POST, PLUS TV STATIONS RUNNING PHOTOS OF CRIME RESULT IN ARRESTS OF A FELONY THEFT SUSPECTS AT THE CHESTERFIELD LOWES STORE. This was accomplished by a very thorough investigation by a Special Enforcement Unit officer.

It took Lowes five days to report this felony theft to the police even though an employee witnessed it. The delay was to get the security video on disc and for loss prevention officer to write the reports. Here are the videos:



The Steal



The Dash



The Close Ups



The Get-away car

Officer James Dammrich received the call of a delayed theft report at noon on Monday December 10, 2018. The theft actually happened at 6:17pm on Wednesday December 5. The theft was on video and was also witnessed by a Lowe's cashier.

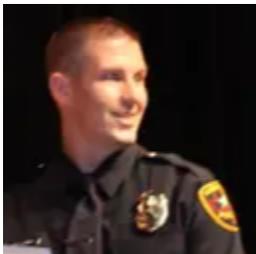
The pair of males took a cart upon entering the store, then loaded it with three Dewalt Combo tool kits, total value of \$1,007.99.



Officer Dammrich started with the get away car as the video provide a license plate on the gray Pontiac. The plate was dead. It was last valid in 2015 and registered to a Nissan. However the vehicle was associated with similar thefts at Lowe's in Kirkwood, Fenton and Festus.

The tools did not appear on Pawn Shop websites. However facial recognition of one of the suspects provided a suspect, CHAD A. DONEY, 41.

The photos were also posted on the police department's facebook site and given to media. The tips started coming in. They were all fingering Doney, including his brother, Jeremy, who has been a police officer in Lubbock Texas since 2015. Officer Doney said he had been contacted by someone in St. Louis who saw Chad's photo and called him. He said he and his brother had lost contact since he became a police officer and Chad became a Meth addict.



Lubbock Texas Officer Jeremy Doney.



Chad Doney

Doney was arrested by the Maplewood Police on January 13, 2019 for stealing and was being held at the Richmond Heights Police Jail. Officer Dammrich drove to Richmond Heights and contacted Doney, who refused to acknowledge that Officer Dammrich gave him his rights per the Miranda Ruling and refused to talk. This is not Doney's first dealing with the Chesterfield PD. He was arrested for a felony stealing in Chesterfield in 2007 and did 4-years in prison.

Here is Doney's record:

12/19/20	Unreg Veh \$50 fine, Criminal Charge reduced to Health Code Violation \$189 fine	Richmond Hts PD
12/10/18	Fel Stealing Guilty restitution to Lowes SES Prob	Chesterfield PD
12/10/18	Fel Stealing Guilty \$967 restitution to Lowes and SES Probation	Maplewood PD
12/07/18	Driving While Revoked, No Auto Ins FTA Warrants	St. Louis City PD
12/01/18	Fel Stealing Guilty restitution to Lowes SES Prob	Kirkwood PD
08/24/17	DWI Guilty SIS Probation	MO Hwy Patrol
07/22/17	2-Charges reduced to Parking Violation \$262 fine	St. Ann PD
08/07/15	Speeding 11-15 over limit \$91 fine	Pine Lawn PD
12/06/11	Felony Fraudulent se of Credit Card 3-years prison	O'Fallon PD
08/06/07	Felony Stealing Guilty 4-years prison	Chesterfield PD
06/07/07	Felony Stealing Guilty 5-years prison	St. Charles City PD
07/27/06	Felony Drug Possession Guilty Probation revoked 4-years prison	St. Louis Co PD
07/12/06	Felony Stealing Probation revoked 4-years prison	St. Charles PD
05/04/05	Tampering With M/V Probation revoked 4-yr prison	St. Peters PD



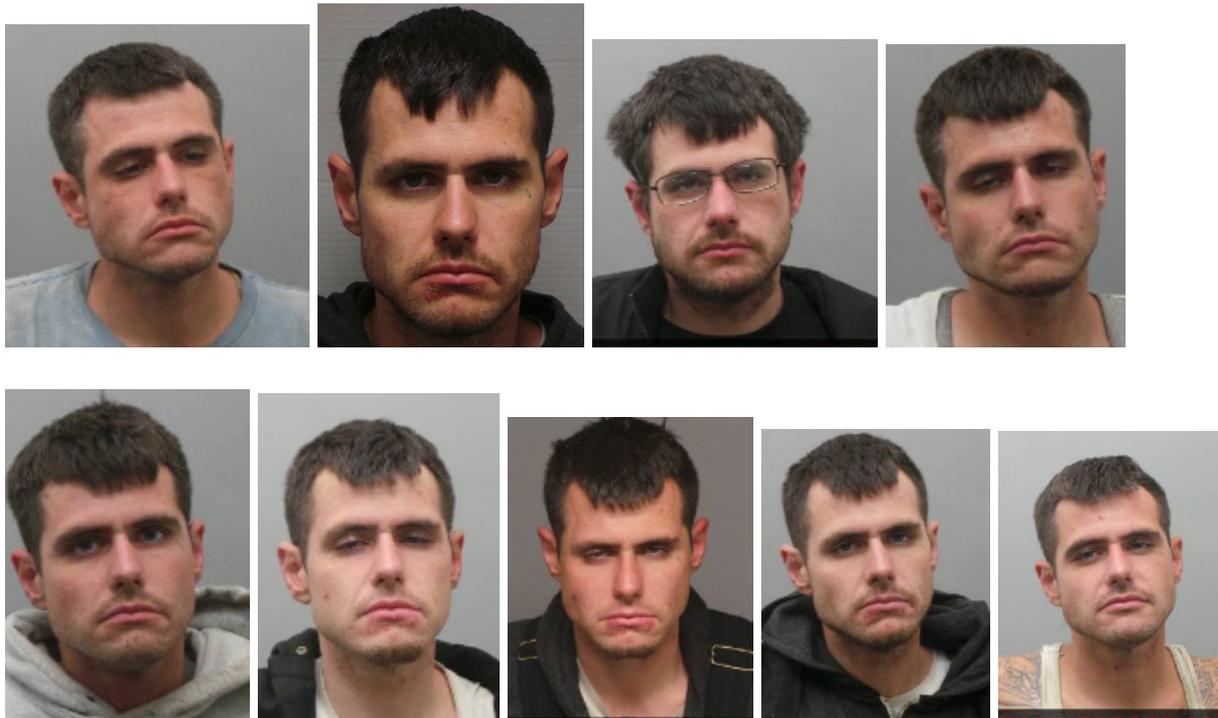
Officer Dammrich

Next was identifying Suspect #2. Officer Dammrich took the still images from the Lowes Video and compared it to mug shots. He eventually found his guy, Levi Daniel Carpenter, 30. Dammrich placed a POI arrest order for Carpenter in the computer.

On 12/21/18 Carpenter had been arrested and was at the County Jail waiting to be picked up. Officer Dammrich was off and Officer Krumm picked up Carpenter.

On the ride back to Chesterfield Carpenter denied stealing anything. However at the station he was shown photos and told the pictures had been on TV news. He replied that friends called him and told him they had seen him on the news. He commented, "That was a petty story for the news."

He stated that he was not a drug addict (look at his record on the next page) but stole because he needed the money and as a former prison inmate he could not get a job. He was upset because what he took was under \$700 so he should not be charged with a felony. However, it was one offense with two people stealing over \$1000 worth of items.





Levi D. Carpenter record:

02/12/22	Expired Lic Plates, No Auto Insurance	Jefferson Co SO
02/11/22	No Auto Insurance	Jefferson Co SO
01/20/22	Unreg Veh, No Auto Ins	Crestwood PD
01/06/22	No Auto Ins, Unregistered Veh	Chesterfield PD
01/03/22	Unreg Veh, Fail to Display DL, No Auto Ins	St. Louis Co PD
10/28/21	Poss of Marij, Poss Drug Para Guilty 1-day jail	St. Charles City PD
10/02/21	Exp Lic Plates, No Auto Insurance FTA Warrant	Shrewsbury PD
12/26/20	Stealing, Trespassing FTA Warrants issued	Shrewsbury PD
07/01/20	Stealing	Town & Country PD
12/15/18	Felony Drug Poss Served 8-mos of 3-yr sentence	St. Louis Co PD
12/10/18	Felony Stealing Probation Susp served 8-months	Chesterfield PD
12/10/18	Felony Stealing Probation Susp 3-years prison Due to COVID issues served 8 months	Maplewood PD
12/01/18	Fel Stealing Prob Susp 3-yrs prison did 8 months	Kirkwood PD
07/20/18	Stealing, Trespassing Guilty \$524 fine	Arnold PD
05/22/18	Disobey Stop Sign FTA Warrant	University City PD
01/03/10	Assault Guilty 30-days jail	Jefferson Co SO
06/07/09	Fel Distribute, Deliver, Manufacture Drugs 7-yrs prison	Jefferson Co SO
02/08/08	Felony Drug Vio (Manufacture) 2-yrs prison	Jefferson Co SO
10/05/06	Misd Poss of Marij Probation revoked 30-days jail	Jefferson Co SO
05/31/06	Fail to Drive on Right Side of Road 3-days jail	St. Louis Co PD

OUTCOMES: Both Doney and Carpenter pled guilty and both despite their extensive records were placed on probation. However, they violated their probation and were sentenced to 3-years prison, but both served only 8-months with an early release at the height of COVID pandemic.

MAN IN PICKUP TRUCK FACING WEST ON THE EASTBOUND SIDE OF I-64 PASSED OUT BEHIND THE WHEEL. On Saturday night into Sunday morning September 26, 2019 Chesterfield officers were dispatched to a reported crash on Eastbound I-64 at Chesterfield Parkway and it was reported one of the vehicles was facing the wrong way.

On arrival Officers Niemeier and Powers found a blue brand new 2021 Chevy Silverado pickup truck on the eastbound shoulder facing west. The truck was running and behind the wheel was passed out Royce Carpenter, 34, of Cedar Hill. They did not find a crash, but probably should have with a pickup truck being driven by a drunk the wrong way on an interstate highway.

Officer Niemeier had to knock on the window twice to get Carpenter to come to. When Carpenter saw a police officer he immediately put the truck in reverse and started backing up. With two officer ordering him to stop, he did.

Officers observed an open bottle Skrewball Whiskey next to the driver's seat.

Officer Powers had Carpenter get out of the truck. Carpenter immediately use the side of the truck to keep from falling. This is from the police report on the condition he was in:

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SPEECH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNCERTAIN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SWAYING	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STAGGERING	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STUMBLING	<input type="checkbox"/> FALLING
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SLURRED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CONFUSED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INCOHERENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STUTTERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUMBLING

The officers found Carpenter to be so drunk they did not think they could safely give him field sobriety tests without him falling. He was arrested for DWI, Open Container and Improper Lane Use.

At the police station he agreed to take a breath test. The results showed Carpenter BAC level to be .22%.

BLOOD ALCOHOL CONCENTRATION BY WEIGHT .220
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In an interview he stated he thought he was in St. Louis or maybe Manchester.

Carpenter said he pulled over and was drinking beer. When the open bottle of Skrewball Whiskey was mentioned officers got an “oh yeah that too.” Carpenter admitted he was intoxicated. He did not remember where he got onto I-64.



Royce Carpenter



Carpenter's eyes

OUTCOME: Carpenter did not have a prior conviction record. He pled guilty to all three charges on 02/28/22. Judge Mark Gaertner placed him on a 2-year SIS (no fine, no-point and no-permanent record) probation on the DWI. He was fined \$191 for driving the wrong way on an Interstate highway. The open bottle of whiskey resulted in another SIS (No-Fine, No-Permanent record) probation term.

20-YEAR-OLD FROM BALLWIN HAS A LOT TO LEARN, LIKE, DON'T DO 92 MPH IF YOU HAVE BEEN DRINKING. It was just after midnight (12:04AM) as the day changed from Tuesday to Wednesday. Town and Country Police officer, Cpl. Dan Duddleston was on patrol driving south on I-270 when he noticed a vehicle rapidly overtaking him.

He switched on the rear radar and clocked the black Buick doing 92 MPH in the 60 MPH zone. He stopped the car on the exit ramp to Manchester Road where he contacted the driver, Hasibullah Formuli, 20, from Ballwin.

Cpl. Duddleston noticed the following about Formuli:

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 type="checkbox"/> WATERY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BLOODSHOT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GLASSY	<input type="checkbox"/> STARING	<input type="checkbox"/> ARTIFICIAL E
PUPILS	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> SLOW REACTION TO LIGHT	<input type="checkbox"/> DILATED		
BALANCE AND WALKING	<input type="checkbox"/> UNCERTAIN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SWAYING	<input type="checkbox"/> STAGGERING	<input type="checkbox"/> STUMBLING	<input type="checkbox"/> FALLING

Once out of the car Formuli failed a couple tests, stated he could not do walking and standing tests due to recent back surgery. He was then given two verbal tests and batted .500, passing one and failing one.

When Formuli refused to take a field breath test he was arrested for speeding and DWI and Driving While Suspended.

AT the police station he again refused to take the official breath test. What turned Formuli into a liar was he agreed to be interview and DENIED HAVING ANYTHING TO DRINK. Of course taking a breath test would prove his innocence, but now he proved he was a drunk driver and a liar.



Cpl. Duddleston



Formuli

Formuli's record

08/25/22	Speeding 31-35 MPH over limit	Town and Country PD
07/21/21	Driving While Revoked	Frontenac PD
06/29/21	Leaving the Scene of Acc (Crash)	Ladue PD
02/09/21	Speeding 16-19 over \$170 fine	Manchester PD
12/16/20	Speeding 92/60, DWI, Driving W/Suspended	Town & Country PD
12/05/20	Moving Vio reduced to Parking Vio \$81 fine	Des Peres DPS
12/04/20	Speeding 26 MPH +, Imp Lane Use, Driving While Revoked, No Auto Ins	St. Louis Co PD
08/30/20	Speeding 26 mph+	MO Hwy Patrol
03/13/20	Speeding 13-19 over \$175 fine	Manchester PD
12/11/18	Delivery of Controlled Sub SES Probation	St. Louis Co PD
19/30/18	Drivers' Lic Violation \$00 fine	Manchester PD
03/14/18	Poss of Marij, Poss Drug Para 90-days jail	Chesterfield PD
11/23/17	Resisting Arrest by Fleeing Probation revoked 120-days prison shock incarceration in lieu of 5-yrs	MO Hwy Patrol
04/02/17	Moving Vio reduced to Parking Vio \$250 fine	MO Hwy Patrol
11/01/15	Moving Vio reduced to Parking Vio \$150 fine	St. Louis Co PD

OUTCOME: On April 25,2022 Formuli Pled Guilty to DWI in Town & Country Muni Court and was placed on a 2-year SIS (No-fine, No-points, No-permanent record) probation term. He also pled guilty to Speeding 32 mph above limit and was fined \$316. The Driving While Suspended charge was reduced to a \$191 Parking Violation.