

DRUNKS AND THIEVES 2020 PART 8 December 26, 2020

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SHOE STORE EMPLOYEE ALLOWS CHESTERFIELD MALL SECURITY OFFICER TO STEAL THREE PAIRS OF SHOES: Courtney Hanser, 18, of Chesterfield was a clerk at the Encore Shoe Store at the Chesterfield Mall on Wednesday 09/12/18 at 5 o'clock. (The store is no longer at Chesterfield Mall) She was involved in what appeared to be a prearranged theft of \$266 worth of shoes.

Brittney Foote, a Mall Security Officer and two males came into the store at about 5pm having called at 4pm to be sure Hanser was working.

The store manager saw Hanser place four pairs of shoes into boxes and then into Encore bags. She stopped Foote and the two males leaving the store with the shoes and asked to see their receipt. They ignored her and kept walking.

Chesterfield Officer Chris Pollman responded.



Officer Pollman

Officer Pollman asked Hanser what had happened. She said Foote purchased a pair of shoes. Meanwhile she placed the other shoes in boxes and then into bags and the men carried the stolen shoes out of the store.

At the Police station Hanser add that she was given two \$20 bills, one by Foote and one by Foote's brother. She said she knew they were stealing and was intimidated. She said she did not go to her manager because they were not getting along.

Hanser was issued a summons for theft. Foote no longer worked at the Mall and could not be located. There was no security video of the event. Since Foote did not carry any

of the stolen shoes out of the store the prosecutor declined to charge her. The males identities were never established.



Courtney Hanser, had a short career in the shoe business.

OUTCOME: On June 25, 2019 Chesterfield Prosecutor reduced the theft charge against Hanser to the non-criminal offense of “Littering.” She was fined \$350 and court costs.

ANOTHER FRIDAY NIGHT AND ANOTHER DWI ARREST: It was Friday night September 14, 2018 at about 11:05 PM. Chesterfield Police Officer Matt Adams was on Chesterfield Airport Road when a Volkswagen occupied by two females, made a wide radius turn and then started weaving.



Matt Adams

The driver of the car was **Randi Kathleen Hantak**, 56, from Maryland Heights. She had the smell of booze on her breath, her eyes were bloodshot, glassy and watery plus once outside of the car she had balance issues.

They were coming from Wents's Restaurant and Bar and were going back to pick up the passenger's car at Bar Louie.

Hantak failed field sobriety tests. A field breath test showed she was intoxicated.

She was arrested and taken to the police station, where she stated they had been drinking from 7:30-to-11 o'clock. The only thing she had to eat was some flatbread at Bar Louie. She actually stated that she thought she was intoxicated.

An official breath test showed her BAC to be .113.



Randi Hantak



Hantak's eyes

OUTCOME: Hantak pled guilty on 01/28/20 and was given a "No-Points," "No -Fine" and no permanent record SIS probation for 2-years. She does have to attend a victim's impact session .

27-YEAR-OLD CHESTERFIELD RESIDENT CLAIMS HE IS NOT INTOXICATED AND THEN REFUSES TO TAKE BREATH TEST TO PROVE IT. HE LEFT THE COURTROOM WITH NO POINTS ON HIS RECORD. READ HOW THIS HAPPENED.

It was almost like the song made famous by the Chad Mitchell Trio, Hang on the Bell, Nellie, as Nellie tied herself to the clapper of the prison bell to keep it from ringing at midnight causing the execution of her father.

Hang on the bell, Nellie, hang on the bell
So your poor daddy's sprung from his cold prison cell
As you swing to the left, Nellie swing to the right
No matter when that curfew rings, we're gonna swing tonight



But in the case I-64 motorist 27-year-old Chesterfield resident **Andrew Mortenson**, of Wilson Creek Court the lyrics would have to be,

Hang on the wheel, Andrew, hang on the wheel.
So your poor Mazda doesn't crash tonight
As your swerve to the right and swerve to the left
No matter when Officer York stops you, you were swerving tonight.

On Saturday night August 24, 2019 at 10:43 Town and Country Officer Dustin York was WB on I-64 approaching I-270 when he noticed a gray Mazda swerve out of the lane to the right with both right tires now in the adjoining lane. The car then swerved to the left going partially into the left lane.



Officer Dustin York

If that was not bad enough, Mortenson then accelerated and was clocked doing 82 MPH in a 60 zone. Officer York pulled Mortenson over, but had one problem. Mortenson did not pull all the way onto the shoulder. He left the driver's left side of the car in the right curb lane of I-64.

Upon contacting Mortenson, Officer York noticed that he was drunk. This is from his police report:

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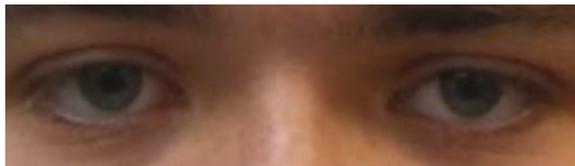
Mortenson passed the two verbal counting field sobriety tests, but failed all the balance tests. He then refused to take the unofficial field Portable Breath Test. He was arrested for DWI and taken to the Town and Country Police station.

There he admitted that he was drinking with friends but said he only had two beers, but then qualified the statement by saying they were 20oz beers. He stated that he did not think he was intoxicated but refused to prove his statement by taking a breath test.

He was issued citations for DWI, Speeding, Improper Lane Use and Improper Stopping.



Mortenson



ANOTHER DWI: This is not Mortenson's only recent DWI. On March 21, 2020 Mortenson was arrested for DWI by the Overland Police. He again refused to take a breath test. He has hired high-dollar defense attorney Tim Devereux. He can't use the same attorney he used in Town and Country, Chris Graville, because Graville is the Municipal Judge in Overland.



OUTCOME: On 02/25/20 Mortenson was represented by Chris Graville , the Chesterfield City Attorney, also Ballwin Prosecutor, also Des Peres City Attorney, also Fenton Prosecutor, also Warrenton Prosecutor, also the municipal JUDGE in Oakland and **OVERLAND**,. They appeared in Town and Country Municipal Court on February 25, 2020.

The Improper Stopping charge was dismissed and the Speeding and Improper Lane Use charges were reduced to Parking Violations by Town and Country prosecutor Keith Cheung who is also the prosecutor in Frontenac and the judge in Ladue. Mortenson was fined \$191.50 for each Parking Violation he never committed..



Keith Cheung T&C Judge Andrea Niehoff

Next he pled guilty to DWI, but instead of being convicted he was placed on a 2-year SIS No-Fine, No-Point and NO PERMANENT RECORD PROBATION. This was Town and Country Justice at its worst, so much for public safety, rich white kids come first. Mortenson left the courtroom with no points on his driving record.

Being the good citizen that he is, Mortenson waited 25 days before being arrested for DWI again and again refusing to take a breath test.

A COOK FROM THE CHEESECAKE FACTORY WAS WEAVING BETWEEN THREE LANES ON I-64. HE BREATH, BALANCE AND SPEECH WERE NOT ANY BETTER THAN HIS DRIVING: On Thursday night into Friday morning November 8, 2019 Town and Country Officer Eric Diaz was eastbound on I-64 before Mason Road. In front of him was a Silver Dodge Avenger that was weaving across three lanes of traffic.



Officer Diaz

Spotting drunk drivers is not a problem for Officer Diaz as he is a former Highway Patrol trooper.

He stopped the car on EB I-64 past Mason Road. There he contacted the driver, **Cirilo Potrero-Gaspariano**, 36, of Manchester, MO. Officer Diaz asked Potrero-Gaspariano where he was coming from and he replied, "Home." He then asked where he was going and he also said "Home." When Officer Diaz asked which one it was, it was he was told he was coming from Chesterfield. Asked where in Chesterfield he replied "The Mall" and when asked where at the Mall the driver asked, what was with all the questions? He did answer that he was a cook at the Cheesecake Factory. He admitted he had a couple of drinks.

Officer Diaz believed Potrero-Gaspariano was clearly drunk. This is from his report:

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CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	DESCRIBE: BLUE JEANS, BLUE/GRAY SWEATER, SNEAKERS SOILED BY: NONE				

Potrero-Gaspariano badly failed all the field sobriety tests. He refused to take a field portable breath test. He was arrested and taken to the station.

At the police station he refused to be interviewed and refused to take an official breath test. He was charged with Lane Weaving and DWI.



Potrero-Gaspariano

OUTCOME: Potrero-Gaspariano had a lawyer, but not Chris Graville, so he did not qualify for “the prosecutor, and judge NO-Points deal.” But he did get a deal. He pled guilty on 02/06/20 to Lane Weaving and was fined \$191 plus received 2-points on his driving record. However, on the DWI he was given the old “SIS No-Points, NO-Fine, No-Permanent record probation.” The probation is unsupervised and does not require attending any alcohol abuse classes or driving safety classes.

A DRUG ADDICT THIEF LIKES STEALING FROM LAWN CARE TRUCKS: With a number of supplemental reports written over several days this event got a little hard to follow. We will attempt to simplify it as much as possible.

On August 9, 2019 at 1:13pm William Olive Sartors,30, pulled his black 1966 Dodge Ram pickup truck up next to a the 2006 gray Dodge pickup truck of Brian Saldana who was doing work at 13211 Thornfield Lane, located off of Clayton Road across from the Principia School.

Saldana heard some noise coming from the street and looked out from the rear of the house to see Sartors stealing equipment from the back of his truck and putting it in the bed of his pickup truck. Saldana could see there was a white female with Sartors.



Scene of the crime, the street in front of this house on Thornfield Lane.

Saldana went to his truck and discovered a \$499 backpack leaf blower and a \$200 gas operated grass trimmer were missing.

Town and Country Detective Katie Exline responded to the scene with a photo of an older black Dodge Ram pickup truck that had been used in a recent robbery in Chesterfield that was captured on a home security camera, Saldana indentified it as the same truck that was used in the theft of his equipment.

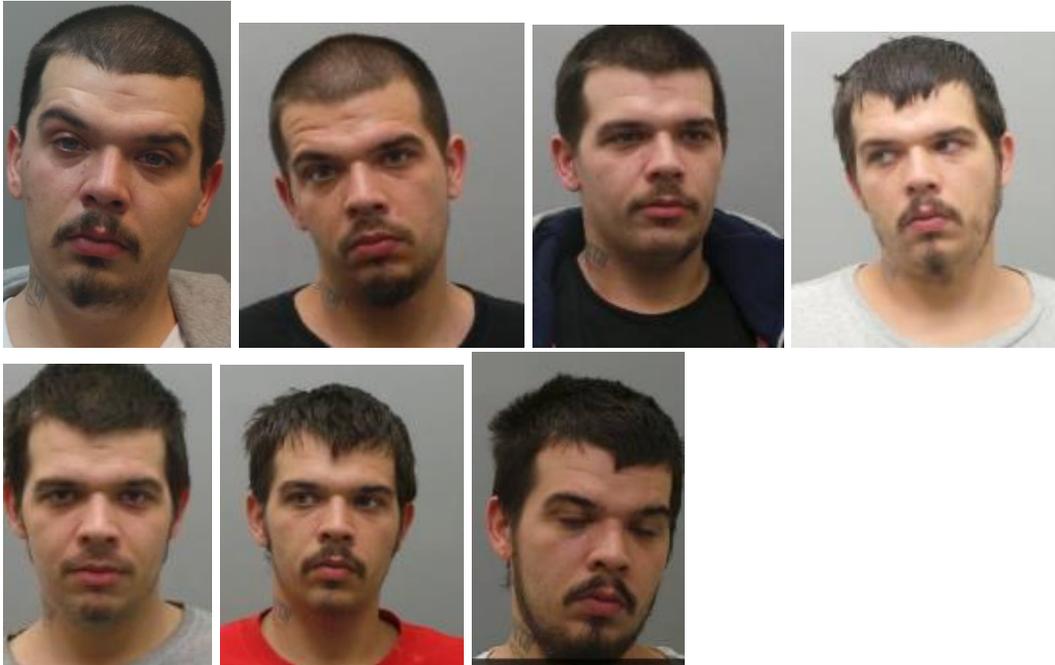


Victim Brian Saldana Det. Katie Exline

The pickup truck was discovered on the side parking lot of the BP station on Lindbergh Blvd and Ladue Road in Creve Coeur on August 19, 2019. It was determined that the truck was stolen in Bridgeton on June 23, 2019. After that time the truck was used in a number of thefts in West County.

Receipts in the truck after the theft were in the name of William Sartors. Video of the driver taken by a security camera at the BP station matched mug shot photos of William Oliver Sartors. Sartors had a record of committing crimes in Town and Country dating back to 2017 that included thefts of jackets from the Missouri Baptist Hospital waiting room.

An arrest order for Sartors was placed in the police computer system. On December 11, 2019 Sartors along with a female, Ashley Lamora W/F 34, were arrested by Chesterfield detectives who responded to Hazelwood to meet with Sartors who was advertising the stolen equipment for sale on facebook. Recovered property included the leaf blower stolen from Brian Saldana's truck in August and equipment stolen on 12/10/19 from a truck parked on Cabernet Drive in Town and Country.



This investigation also resulted in charges the these cases:

19-153 occurred 2/5/19 at 3015 N Ballas

19-877 occurred 7/18/19 at Corrington (stealing from MV)

19-985 occurred 8/9/19 at Thornfield (stealing from back of truck bed)

19-1626 occurred 12/10/19 at Cabernet (stealing from back of truck bed)

Sartors' Record

03/07/20 Careless and Impudent Driving pending

Bridgeton PD

	Driving While Revoked	
	Failure to Yield to Emg Veh,	
12/10/19	Stealing Guilty 2-days jail	Town & Country PD
10/09/19	Fail to Yield to Emg Veh pending	Ladue PD
08/09/19	Stealing Guilty 2-day jail	Town & Country PD
06/23/19	Stealing Auto Theft pending	Bridgeton PD
05/12/19	Drug Possession Guilty	Richmond Heights PD
09/22/18	Careless Driving, Fail to Yield to Emg Veh, Lic Rev	St. John PD
02/20/18	Stealing pending	St. Ann PD
01/13/18	Disobeyed Red Light, No Ins, Drive While Revoked	Bel Ridge PD
03/15/17	Imp Passing, Careless Driving, Unreg Vehm No Ins	Overland PD
	Driving While Revoked pending	
09/28/16	Driving While Lic Suspended, No Ins pending	St. John PD
06/07/14	Obstruction of Officer pending	St. John PD
01/31/12	Driving While Revoked Guilty \$265 fine	St. Ann PD
12/24/11	Driving While Lic Suspended, UnReg Veh	St. John PD



Ashley Lamora

06/11/19	Stealing from Motor Vehicle pending	Overland PD
04/28/18	Drug Possession warrant	St. John PD
03/20/13	Driving While Revoked pending	St. Ann PD
12/22/15	Driving While Susp, Unreg Veh, No Ins Warrant	Florissant PD
08/27/12	Harassment to Cause Pain or Inj Guilty Probation	St. Charles City PD
01/25/11	Driving While Revoked Guilty 10-days jail	O'Fallon PD

Lamora posted the stolen items taken from work trucks on her facebook. A check of her facebook page shows all the recovered stolen property is off of it, but new stolen items are on it.



Ashley Marie LaMora posted an item for sale.

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Duralast 600 Peak Amp Jumper Box

\$30 · 📍 St Louis, MO

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Duralast Jump Starter box 600 peak amp Brand new



While in custody William Sartors refused to be interviewed by Det. Exline.

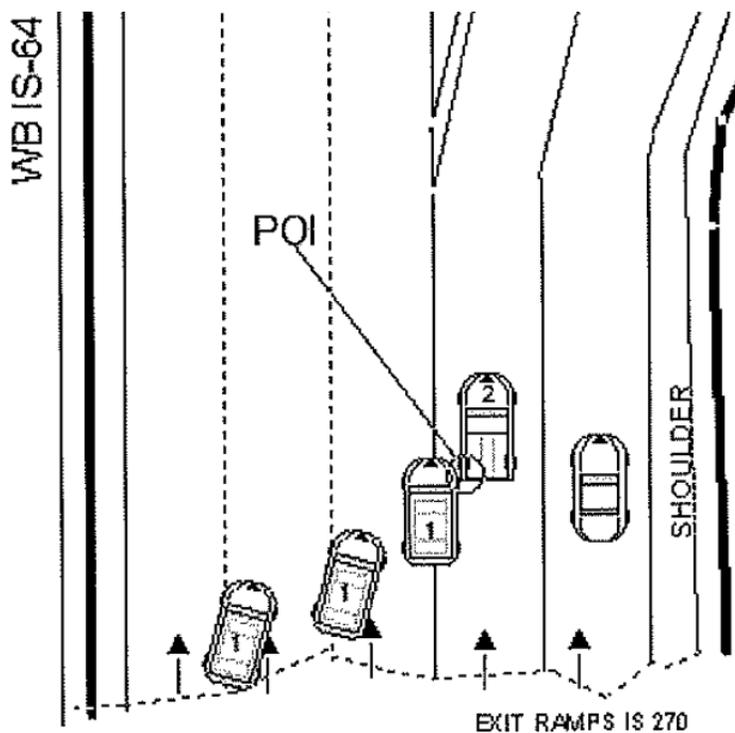
Lamora originally agreed to be interviewed. She stated that she is a Fentanyl drug user. She claimed that Sartors is her fiancée. She denied knowing anything about any thefts. (Despite being in the stolen truck at the time of the thefts.) When Det. Exline pointed out to Lamora that the stolen items were posted on her facebook site for sale, she replied that two other people have access to her facebook account. When asked who those people were she ended the interview.

OUTCOME: Lamora was not charged. Despite the theft by Sartors being a felony amount (barely) he was issued a citation for Municipal Court and remained in jail pending the posting of bond. However two nights later court was being held. Sartors pled guilty and was sentenced to 2-days in jail and given credit for time served.

2-Days in jail! Now if Judge Neihoff was really tough she would made it at least 7-days in jail so Sartors would likely miss his favorite TV shows and begin drug withdrawals.

BALLWIN DRUNK DRIVER AND ARMSTRONG-TEASDALE LAWYER HITS CAR ON I-270 RAMP FROM I-64 AND DENIES HAVING AN ACCIDENT DESPITE FRESH DAMAGE AND HIS LICENSE PLATE NUMBER BEING THE SAME AS THE ONE GIVEN BY A WITNESS. He also started telling the police he had nothing to drink and finally confused up saying he may have had “a few” drinks.’

Jason Burton, of Barnhart, MO had been west on I-64 when he changed into the SB I-270 exit lane on Wednesday June 13, 2018 at about 8:07 PM. Matthew Schuckman, 44 driving a Jeep with the doors removed was on WB I-64 when Schuckman suddenly decided to ext and swerved across three lanes of traffic and hit Burton’s Chevrolet in the left rear quarter area. Schuckman then did not stop but fled going south on I-270. Burton was able to follow the Jeep, see the license plate number and call 9-1-1 and advise the dispatchers the Jeep exited I-270 and was going west on Manchester Road.



Town and Country Officer Josh Hamel found the white Jeep going west on Manchester approaching Weidman Road. The driver, Schuckman then turned left and went South on Weidman Road.



Officer Hamel

Officer Hamel observed the Jeep cross the double yellow line three times before he stopped it on Weidman near Carmen Road in front of an elementary school.

Officer Hamel contacted the driver Schuckman and immediately smelled booze on Schuckman's breath. But Schuckman denied having anything to drink.

Schuckman is an attorney at Armstrong-Teasdale. That is the same law firm Town and Country Mayor Jon Dalton is a partner at. We will have to see if Schuckman gets any special deal despite causing an accident, leaving the scene of an accident and being a drunk driver. Standby!

When Officer Hamel told Schuckman that he had hit a car on I-270 he denied it. Officer Hamel then showed Schuckman fresh damage to his Jeep where he hit the car. Schuckman denied this claiming the damage was old.

From the police report:

I then advised Schuckman of the report that his vehicle

struck another vehicle on the highway. He denied being involved in a crash. He said a gray vehicle weaved into his lane on 270 as he exited onto Manchester Road. He said if a collision would have occurred, the damage would be on the passenger side of his vehicle; however, he again denied striking the vehicle. I then looked at the passenger side of his vehicle and noticed significant damage to the front and back fenders, along with the front bumper.

Despite Schuckman's denial of drinking Officer Hamel was sure Schuckman had been doing quite a bit of drinking. This is from the police report:

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Despite claiming he had nothing to drink, Schuckman refused to do any field sobriety tests or take a field breath test.

In conversations and an interview with Officer Hamel, Schuckman made statements that his original statement of having nothing to drink were lies. These statements are from the police report.

I informed Schuckman of the damage and he exited his vehicle without being requested to do so. As he exited his vehicle, his balance was staggered. He walked to the passenger side of his vehicle and said all the damage was from a while ago when a tractor trailer struck his vehicle. At that time, I asked Schuckman if he had consumed any alcoholic beverages earlier. He said, "No." I asked again, "Not even one beer?" He said, "No." I then asked Schuckman to have a seat in his vehicle, which he complied.

After speaking with Burton, Sgt. Moore (DSN 83) and I approached Schuckman and asked him to step out of his vehicle. I advised Schuckman of Burton's statement. He still denied striking another vehicle. He said "I cut that guy off, probably." As I spoke with Schuckman, I could smell a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from his breath. He was also swaying as he attempted to stand still. I asked him again if he had consumed any alcoholic beverages earlier. He said, "I've had one." I asked him again how many drinks he had consumed. He said, "A few." He said he drank draft beer. I asked for confirmation that he had three draft beers. He said, "Two or three."

After refusing to do the field sobriety and field breath test, Schuckman was arrested for DWI and Leaving the Scene of an Accident,

At the police station Schuckman refused to take an official breath test. He did state in an interview that he had "two draft beers" at the Craft Beer Cellar, just down the street from the Armstrong-Teasdale law offices in Clayton.

Schuckman was cited for Improper Lane Use, Leaving the Scene of an Accident and DWI.



Matthew Schuckman, Drunk Driver and Atty at Law Schuckman's eyes

OUTCOME: 22 months after his arrest the cases were disposed of. City prosecutor Keith Cheung took good care of his brother lawyer. He dismissed the Leaving the Scene of an Accident citation that carries 6-points. This was despite Schuckman lying about not being in a crash.

Schuckman pled guilty to DWI but Judge Andrea Niehoff gave him “No-Fine” No-Points and “No Permanent Record” SIS probation. This despite Schuckman lying about having anything to drink, refusing to take sobriety tests and a breath test. Schuckman did plead guilty to Improper Lane Use and was fined \$225 and got 2-points on his driving record.

64-YEAR-OLD FELONY SHOPLIFTER CHARGED WITH FELONY THEFT AFTER A SUNDAY AFTERNOON OF STEALING AT MACY’S: It doesn’t make any difference if you are young or old, black or white; a sure way to draw the attention of store security officers is to walk in carrying a backpack.

That is exactly what **64-year-old Elmore Higgins**, B/M, of St. Louis did at the Macy’s Store on Sunday August 19, 2018 at about 2 o’clock.

Carrying the backpack immediately got the attention of store security officers who started watching Higgins on store security cameras as he stole items in several different departments.

When Higgins was done stealing and walked out of the store without making any purchases, he was stopped by store security and taken to the security offices. There the following items were found in his backpack:

- 2 Nautica Men's Heritage Graphic Print T-Shirt, SKU 888079416195, \$51.74
- 3 Nautica Men's Heritage Graphic Print T-Shirt, SKU 888079416119, \$77.61
- 2 Nautica Men's Heritage Graphic Print T-Shirt, SKU 888079416348, \$51.74
- 1 Nautica Men's Heritage Graphic Print T-Shirt, SKU 888079416324, \$25.87
- 1 Kenneth Cole Reaction Men's Chukka Boots, SKU 191010221100, \$58.80
- 1 Majestic St. Louis Cardinals Cool Base Jersey, SKU 613058175790, \$100.00
- 1 Majestic Men's Cardinals Ozzie Smith Jersey, SKU 769734007029, \$120.00
- 1 Majestic Men's Cardinals Replica Jersey, SKU 034502207230, \$100.00
- 2 Nike Mens Socks, Cotton Quarter 6 pairs, SKU 886066543848, \$30.00
- 1 Nike Mens Cotton Low Cut Socks 6-pack, SKU 886066543695, \$15.00
- 1 ADIDAS Mens Cushioned Athletic Socks, SKU 716106625060, \$13.50

Total: \$644.26

Chesterfield Police Security Enforcement Unit Officer Fenton responded and arrested Higgins who has a lengthy arrest record. Higgins stated he planned to sell his loot. Since Higgins had multiple prior arrests and convictions he was charged with a felony.



Here are some of his arrested we could find.

08/19/18	Felony Stealing (4 of More Priors)	Guilty	02/28/20	Chesterfield PD
			02/28/20 sent to 120 days of House arrest due to Pandemic, then 4-year probation	
02/23/10	Felony Stealing(3 or more Priors)	Guilty	2-yrs prison	St. John PD
08/28/09	Misd Stealing	Guilty	60-days jail	Bridgeton PD
06/19/04	Misd Stealing	Guilty	60-days jail	Creve Coeur PD
01/29/04	Felony Drug Poss	Pled Guilty	Probation revoked	Overland PD
			7-years prison	
01/12/04	Misd Stealing	Guilty	10-days jail	St. Charles City PD
09/04/03	Misd Stealing	Guilty	6-days jail	St. Louis City PD
11/25/01	Misd Stealing	Guilty	6-months jail	St. Louis City PD

OUTCOME: On 02.28.20 Higgins pled guilty in St. Louis County Circuit Court. It was his seventh conviction for stealing. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic Higgins was sentenced to 120 days in his house on Oregon Avenue in St. Louis.



Higgins' home jail at 3834 Oregon St.

OLD SHOPLIFTERS CONTINUED: 66-YEAR-OLD WOMAN DRIVES FROM ST. ANN TO CHESTERFIELD OLIVE BLVD DIERBERGS TO SHOPLIFT 7 MAGAZINES, TWO PORKSTEAKS AND SOME MUSTARD. On Friday March 29, 2019 Breda Heinz, 66 – born in 1952, made the drive from St. Ann to the Chesterfield Dierbergs store in the Four Seasons Shopping Center.



Breda arrived at 1:35 and started stealing all over the store quickly. But she was actually doing two jobs. She was also grocery shopping, selecting items she intended to buy.

Here is the story from store security in a report given to the police:

"On Friday March 29, 2019 at approximately 1:35pm. I observed a female pushing a large shopping cart. She had a lot of items next to her purse. She stopped in a dairy aisle. She began putting the meat, mustard and stuffed animal inside her large purse. She took out her wallet and laid it on top of her purse. She then went to the magazines aisle. She chose many magazines. She put them into her purse. She continued shopping. She put some kind of Cardinals toy inside her purse. She finally came up to the registers. She paid for her groceries but did not pay for the items inside her large purse. She exited out the far exit doors.

Here is the list of a rather small amount of loot that totaled \$81.68:

- 1) MLB CARDS POPPER, \$9.99
- 2) TY BEANIE BABY, \$9.99
- 3) HEINZ YELLOW MUSTARD, \$1.99
- 4) BBQ PORK STEAK, \$8.75
- 5) BBQ PORK STEAK, \$9.03
- 6) MAGAZINE, \$8.99
- 7) MAGAZINE STAR, \$5.99
- 8) MAGAZINE, \$5.99
- 9) MAGAZINE, \$5.99
- 10) MAGAZINE, \$5.99
- 11) MAGAZINE, \$4.99
- 12) MAGAZINE, \$3.99

Chesterfield Officer Krumm responded, took photos of the stolen items, took a copy of the store security report and arrested 66 year-old Breda Heinz.



Officer Krumm



Breda Heinz

At the police station Heinz said she had never been arrested before. Our check of local court files seemed to confirm that.

OUTCOME: On August 20, 2019 Heinz pled guilty. She was given a No-Fine, No-Permanet Record 1-year SIS Probation term. She was also ordered never to enter the Dierberg's store.

WITNESS FOLLOWS DRUNK DRIVER EAST ON I-64 AND THEN WEST ON I-64 UNTIL SHE EXITS, PULLS OVER TO SLEEP WHILE POLICE ARRIVE. A good samaritan motorist on Friday night/Saturday morning April 20, 2019 just after midnight entered east bound I-64 from Chesterfield Parkway and immediately notice the car in front of him driving slowly because a 2006 GMC Envoy in front of them was weaving from the right should to the left shoulder. You are not going to win against a GMC Envoy unless you are driving a Peterbuilt or Mack truck.

The good citizen followed the driver and watched as she exited onto Mason Road and the crossed I-64 and turned on the North Service Road. The driver then ignored a roundabout in front of the BJC Children's Surgical Center and drove through the landscapped roundabout before entering WB I-64.

The driver of the Envoy continued to weave back and forth on I-64, then exited onto Clarkson Road and still was weaving going south on Clarkson for several miles before making a left and parking on Park Forest Road.

Officer Ashley Saffa and Officer Friemel arrived at the scene. Officer Friemel took a statement from the witness while Officer Saffa tried to wake up the driver, **Sara Helwig**, 29 from Portage de Sioux, Missouri located along the Mississippi River in St. Charles County. If Helwig was trying to go home she was going the wrong way. She needed to be on I-370 or I-70 exiting at hwy 94 and not I-64.



Ashkey Saffa, On May 28 Officer Saffa taking a snake into custody.

This is from Officer Saffa's report:

I knocked on the window several times without any response. Eventually, the driver, later identified as Sara Helwig (W/F DOB [REDACTED]/1990) came to and began to reach for her gear shifter and started adjusting the radio volume knob. At that time, I opened the door and asked the driver to exit the vehicle. After being told several times to exit her car, she finally complied. I could smell a strong odor of an intoxicating beverage coming from her vehicle. The driver also had what appeared to be vomit on her outfit.

Officer Saffa later reported that while looking for Helwig's driver's license in the interior of the SUV she observed more vomit on the console and front seat.

Helwig failed the field sobriety tests and refused to take a field breath test. She was arrested for DWI.

At the police station Helwig agreed to take a breath test. It was given 3-hours after she was first observed. She tested drunk with a BAC level of 0.103%.



Sara Helwin



Helwig's eyes

This are the first observations of Helwin by Office Saffa:

OFFICER'S OBSERVATION MADE PRIOR TO ARREST OR CUSTODY (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)					
BREATH	ODOR OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE: <input type="checkbox"/> FAINT	<input type="checkbox"/> MODERATE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STRONG	<input type="checkbox"/> N	
EYES	ODOR OF MARIJUANA OR CHEMICAL: <input type="checkbox"/> YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> STARING	<input type="checkbox"/> ARTIFICIAL EYE	
PUPILS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WATERY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BLOODSHOT	<input type="checkbox"/> GLASSY	<input type="checkbox"/> DILATED	
BALANCE AND WALKING	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> SLOW REACTION TO LIGHT	<input type="checkbox"/> STAGGERING	<input type="checkbox"/> STUMBLING	<input type="checkbox"/> FALLING
SPEECH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNCERTAIN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SWAYING	<input type="checkbox"/> INCOHERENT	<input type="checkbox"/> STUTTERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUMBLING
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SLURRED	<input type="checkbox"/> CONFUSED	<input type="checkbox"/> SOILED BY: VOMIT		
UNUSUAL ACTIONS	DESCRIBE: BLACK ROMPER, HEELS	<input type="checkbox"/> PROFANITY	<input type="checkbox"/> HICCUPS	<input type="checkbox"/> BELCHING	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> VOMITING
				<input type="checkbox"/> FIGHTING	<input type="checkbox"/> O

Helwig declined to be interviewed at the police station.

This was not Helwig's first trip to a police station. Here is part of her record:

- 04/20/19 DWI, Improper Lane Use and No Ins Chesterfield PD
- 04/20/19 2 Moving Violations reduced to Parking Viol Town & County PD
- \$225 fine on each count
- 03/28/19 Moving Violation reduced to Parking Vio \$225 Bridgeton PD
- 01/16/19 Burglary 1st Degree, Felony Assault pending St. Charles Co PD

09/10/17 Stop Sign Violation fine North Co Muni Police Coop
12/10/10 Moving Violation reduced to Parking Vio \$200 MO Hwy Patrol

OUTCOME: On 09/19/19 Helwig pled guilty in Chesterfield MUNI Court to DWI. She was given a No-Points, No-Fine 2-year SIS probation. She also pled guilty to Improper Lane Use and was fined \$198. Then on 11/19/19 she was in Town and Country Court where the Improper Lane Use and Leaving the Scene of an Accident after damaging a landscaped roundabout were reduced to Parking Violations with \$225 fines each.

Her Burglary 1st charge and Felony Assault in St. Charles County were reduced to Trespassing and misdemeanor assault. She pled guilty on July 9, 2020 and was placed on SIS "No Permanent Record," "No Fine," and "No Jail" 2-year probation term. SO she is a serial Illegal Parker and on a probation term that will disappear if she doesn't get arrested between now and July 2024.