

DRUNKS AND THIEVES 2017 Part 9 December 30, 2017



By John Hoffmann

IMPORTANT LESSON: IF YOU HAVE BEEN DRINKING AT THE HOCKEY GAME AND ARE DRIVING HOME TO LAKE ST. LOUIS IN ST CHARLES COUNTY, TRY NOT TO SPEED:

This is a lesson that Eric Cassoutt, 34 of Lake St. Louis apparently missed. He was observed speeding of I-64 by Town and Country Police Sgt. Wolfe. He was clocked at 16 mph over the limit. Sgt. Wolfe stopped him and found him to be drunk and did what all Town and County police supervisors do. He called a patrolman to respond to make the arrest and write the report.

It was 1:15 am on October 30, 2016 long after the hockey game had ended. Officer McPherson arrived and found that Cassoutt had the usual signs of drinking too much, slurred speech, strong odor of booze on his breath, glassy eyes and Cassoutt added one more. He was using profanity, always a good way to gain sympathy of a police officer.

Cassoutt passed one field test and failed two others. A field breath test showed he was drunk. He was arrested.

At the police station he agreed to take a breath test. The results of the test showed his BAC level was .121%.



Eric Cassoutt

The charges against Cassoutt were filed in State Court as he had a prior DWI in 2011.

OUCOME: On June 12, 2017 he pled guilty before Judge Robert Heggie. He is the same guy who violated Missouri Open Records Law when he was the City Attorney of Chesterfield by hiding an \$800,000 lease for a vacant lot at his law office so the public could not see it. So his sentence of Cassoutt came as no surprise.

Instead of giving a prior DWI defendant a SES probation that goes on his driving record, he gave him a No-Points, No-Fine and No-Permanent Record SIS probation. He did fine Cassoutt \$200 for Speeding.



Judge Heggie, a guy who should have faced disciplinary action for hiding the Doorack Lease from the public when he was a City Attorney, handed out a soft sentence to a second time drunk driver. (Orig appeared in Ex Alderman Newsletter 308 on Dec.18, 2017)

DRUNK AND REVOKED DRIVER PASSING NEXT TO A POLICE CAR ON THE SHOULDER WITH ITS FLASHING LIGHTS WHILE SPEEDING. Scott Michael Cool, 31, on October 03, 2015 at 9:01 PM was a triple threat. He was drunk, his driving privilege in Missouri was revoked and he was speeding. That is when he passed Town and Country Officer McNutt who was just finishing a traffic stop. His problem was he passed directly next to Officer McNutt's squad car instead of being one lane further to the left.

When Officer McNutt stopped his Red 2009 Nissan near Manchester Road he asked for Cool's driver's license. Instead of getting a driver's license he got a State ID Card. A computer check showed Cool license had been revoked for some time.

Cool had all the usual signs of being a drunk driver; a strong odor of booze about him and on his breath, bloodshot eyes, slurred and mumbling speech and a lack of balance.

When asked to recite the alphabet from J-to-W, he gave a fairly common response of, "I couldn't do that sober."

Cool failed the field breath test showing a BAC level indicating that he was intoxicated. He was arrested and taken to the Town and Country Police Station.

At the police station in an interview he stated he had been drinking beer in the Grove Nightclub District in St. Louis. He stated he started drinking around 8 PM and stopped shortly before he was pulled over.

He agreed to take a breath test and the results showed his BAC level to be .14%.



Here is a portion of Cool's arrest and court record that I could find.

02/22/06 **Leaving the Scene of an Accident 2nd Offense** St. Charles Sheriff's Office
06/09/06 PG to Felony Leaving the Scene 3-year jail, but placed on probation
04/16/07 Probation revoked sentence to 3-year prison
Careless and Impudent Driving Sentenced to 10 days jail
No financial Resp (No Insurance) 10-days jail
Possession of Drug Paraphernalia 60-Days jail
06/26/06 **Passing Bad Check** 20-days jail
04/27/13 **DWI** St. Louis County PD
10/31/13 Pled Guilty sent to 6 months jail but placed on 2-year probation
08/19/14 Probation Violation! Probation extended

OUTCOME: On June 22, 2017 Cool pled guilty to Felony DWI. Judge Michael Jamison sentenced him to 4-years prison but immediately placed him on a 5-year SES Probation Term. 12 more points went onto his license meaning his drivers' license revocation continues for another year. (Orig appeared in Ex Alderman's Newsletter 308 on December 18, 2017)

CAN'T SAY THE ALPHABET BACKWARDS OR FORWARDS AND CAN'T BLOW INTO A TUBE: It was a Saturday night into a Sunday morning on June 26, 2016. Town and Country Officer McPherson was on the overnight shift when around 2:54 AM the dispatcher broadcast that a citizen was following a possible drunk driver on WB I-64 approaching Town and Country.

Officer McPherson got onto I-64 at Ballas Road and waited. The dispatcher then advised the citizen reported the drunk driver was exiting onto NB I-270. McPherson saw the car in question, a gray 2013 Nissan Altima going north onto I-270. He also observed that the car's right turn blinker was on as the car was changing lanes to the left.

He pulled the car over and contacted the driver, Kimberly Hester, 30, of Florissant.



No mug shot available, from facebook.

Officer McPherson reported that Hester had a strong odor of booze on her breath and once out of the car she swayed when trying to stand still.

Hester was asked to recite the alphabet from L-to-W. She replied, "AA,B,C,D, K,L...I can't do that backwards like that." (I believe backwards would have been W-to-L.)

She failed other field sobriety tests and failed a field breath test. She was arrested. At that time Officer McPherson observed an opened bottle of Captain Morgan's Rum with 3/4s of it consumed. Hester had said she had only one-shot while at a bar in Tower Grove. She later said she was coming from Clayton.

She was arrested and transported to the Town and Country Police Station. During an interview she stated that she thought she was in Ladue.

Hester was given six tries to take an official breath test, On each try she failed to blow hard enough for the instrument to capture a sample. She was cited for DWI in a State Court and not in the Municipal Court.

OUTCOME: On May 22, 2017 Hester pled guilty before Judge Mary Ott. She was sentenced to a 2-year NO-Fine, NO-Points, No-Permanent Record SIS probation. (Orig appeared in Ex Alderman Newsletter #309 of Dec. 24, 2017)

30 MILES OVER THE LIMIT IN A CONSTRUCTION ZONE GETS A NO-FINE, NO-POINTS VIOLATION FOR CHESTERFIELD MAN WITH 8 PRIORS. DID HE DESERVE THE BREAK? ABSOLUTELY NOT! DID HE GET ONE? OF COURSE HE DID.

Dennis Perksy is 65. He lives at 1974 Chesterfield Ridge Road. He is a financial advisor. He drives a 2016 Mercedes Benz. He gets lots of traffic tickets. These are the traffic citations and "deals" he has gotten prior to the 2016 30 MPH over the limit in a construction zone that I could find. There are probably more.

12/23/91	Moving Violation reduced to Illegal Parking	\$75 fine	St. Louis CO PD
12/23/91	Moving Violation reduced to Illegal Parking	\$10 fine	St. Louis CO PD
01/10/92	Moving Violation reduced to Illegal Parking	\$70 fine	MSHP St. Louis CO
03/21/94	Moving Violation reduced to Illegal Parking	\$70 fine	MSHP St. Louis CO
07/31/04	Speeding reduced to 1-5 MPH over Limit	\$100 fine	MSHP St. Louis CO
10/20/05	Speeding reduced to 1-5 MPH over	\$110 fine	MSHP St. Louis CO
08/16/11	Moving Violation reduced to Illegal parking	\$240 fine	MSHP St. Louis CO
02/10/14	Moving violation reduced to Illegal Parking	\$200 fine	St. Charles Co SO

On Monday August 22, 2016, not late at night but at 1:00 o'clock in the afternoon Persky was cited by Town and Country Officer Hamel on radar for traveling 80 mph in a 50 MPH construction zone with narrow lanes on EB I-64 at Mason Road.

Uniform Citation
ORI NO. MO 0657200 TOWN AND COUNTRY POLICE
STATE OF MISSOURI
DIVISION OF 21st CIRCUIT COURT

160250841

STATE OF MISSOURI DIVISION 1

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF TOWN AND COUNTRY MUNICIPAL COUNTY 1

COURT ADDRESS (Street, City, Zip)
1011 MUNICIPAL CENTER DRIVE DR, TOWN AND COUNTRY, MO, 63131

COURT DATE 09/22/2016 COURT TIME 7:00 AM PM COURT PHONE NO. (314) 432-1420

I, KNOWING THAT FALSE STATEMENTS ON THIS FORM ARE PUNISHABLE BY LAW, STATE THAT I HAVE PROBABLE CAUSE TO BELIEVE THAT:

ABOUT (Date) AT TIME HWY CLASS UPON / AT OR NEAR (LOCATION)
08/22/2016 1301 HRS EB IS 64 AF CRD MASON RD

WITHIN CITY / COUNTY AND STATE AFORESAID,
NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE)
PERSKY, DENNIS, JAY

STREET ADDRESS
19 CHESTERFIELD RDG

CITY CHESTERFIELD STATE MO ZIP CODE 63017

DATE OF BIRTH 07/06/1952 RACE W SEX M HEIGHT 600 WEIGHT 180

DRIVER'S LIC. NO. [REDACTED] CDL: YES NO STATE MO

EMPLOYER

ADDRESS (Street, City, State, Zip)

DID UNLAWFULLY OPERATE/DRIVE PARK C.M.V. WITH HAZ. MAT

YEAR	MAKE	MODEL	STYLE	COLOR
2016	MERCEDES-BENZ	E350	SD	BLK
REGISTERED WEIGHT	L I C	NUMBER	STATE	YEAR
			MO	2017

DID THEN AND THERE COMMIT THE FOLLOWING OFFENSE. THE FACTS SUPPORTING THIS BELIEF ARE AS FOLLOWS:
**SPEEDING IN A CONSTRUCTION ZONE
LANE 1. FRONT RADAR CAR 7. SAME DIRECTION. ' WORKERS PRESENT.**

Subject taken into custody. (Complete "For Issuance of a Warrant" section on reverse side.)

DRIVING	POSTED SPEED LIMIT	DETECTION METHOD
80 MPH	50 MPH	<input type="checkbox"/> STATIONARY RADAR <input type="checkbox"/> WATCH (AIR) <input type="checkbox"/> PACE <input type="checkbox"/> LASER <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MOVING RADAR <input type="checkbox"/> WATCH (GROUND) <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

IN VIOLATION OF: STATUTE/ORDINANCE - CHARGE CODE
 RSMo. 320.090 90006050
 ORD.

SEAT BELT VIOLATION: STATUTE/ORDINANCE - CHARGE CODE
 RSMo.
 ORD.

<input type="checkbox"/> IN FATAL CRASH	<input type="checkbox"/> IN CRASH	<input type="checkbox"/> DWI / BAC,	OCN
<input type="checkbox"/> SPECIAL ENFORCEMENT ZONE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCHOOL ZONE	<input type="checkbox"/> COMPLIANCE	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CONSTRUCTION ZONE			

OFFICER /s/ P.O. Hamel BADGE 00126 TRIP / ZONE DATE 08/22/2016

ON INFORMATION, UNDERSIGNED PROSECUTOR CHARGES THE DEFENDANT AND INFORMS THE RSMO



OUTCOME: Despite having eight prior moving violations reduced to either non-moving violations or moving violations that carry no points (1-5 MPH over limit) Town and Country Prosecutor Ed Sluys had no problem with a plea deal where Perksy would plead guilty on May 22, 2017 before County Judge Mary Ott and get a No-Fine, No-Points, No-Permanent record SIS probation.

Meanwhile the good drivers of Missouri who don't received nine moving violation tickets over 25 years underwrite the insurance for this lead-foot in his Mercedes, since his insurance rates don't go up since nothing goes on his driving record.

Perhaps Ed Sluys could say anyone who only gets one prior moving violation should be eligible for a special deal. But this guy has eight priors that I could find and probably more. Of course the poorer defendants who can't afford an attorney get screwed in Town and Country Municipal Court because they don't get any special deals.
(This first appeared in the August 6, 2017 Ex Alderman Newsletter #289)

MAYBE THE BEST TIME TO OPEN IT UP AND SEE HOW FAST YOUR NEW CADILLAC WILL GO IS NOT AFTER YOUR HAVE BEEN DRINKING. Town and Country Officer Yaakub was on the overnight shift Thursday into Friday morning on January 22, 2016. He was travelling south on I-270 at 12:37 AM when a vehicle was rapidly approaching from the rear.

Michael Schumacher, 41, who had just moved to Brentwood from New York City was driving his new Cadillac CTS sports coupe on southbound I-270 approaching Officer Yaakub. Shumacher is an investment banker, who I think is supposed to be smart.



Officer Yaakub clocked Schumacher's Cadillac doing 132 MPH in the 60 MPH zone.

Schumacher had to slow down to exit onto Dougherty Ferry Road. Officer Yaakub eventually got Schumacher stopped to the top of exit ramp.

Officer Yaakub observed that Schumacher was drunk. At first he denied having anything to drink. It would change to two glasses of wine and then 75% of a bottle of wine, then "drinking with a girl at my house" and then he went back and forth between the 75% of a bottle to a full bottle of wine. This is from the police report:

I approached the driver's side and made contact with the driver, identified by his valid New York Drivers License as MICHAEL SCHUMACHER W/M 07/18/1974. He immediately stated, "I just got this car. I have not driven in over 20 years." I advised him of his speed of 132 and he replied, "Is that right?" While speaking to him, I could smell a very strong odor of what I normally associate with that of someone who has consumed an intoxicating beverage. I also observed that his eyes were bloodshot and glassy and his speech was slurred. I asked Schumacher if he had any alcohol to drink and he replied, "No." He then changed his story and stated, "I had 2 glasses of wine." I advised him that I could smell the alcohol and then he stated, "I've been drinking but not drinking."

Upon arrival at the station, I advised Schumacher of the Missouri Implied Consent Law. He stated he understood and agreed to submit to a chemical test of his breath, which resulted in a BAC of .119%. I also advised Schumacher of his Constitutional Rights per Miranda at which time he stated he understood his rights. During my investigation, he advised me he consumed a full bottle of wine with the girl at his home. He also stated he consumed approximately 75% of the bottle.

Based on his condition and the BAC reading of .119% Schumacher he was issued citations for DWI and Speeding 132 MPH in a 60 MPH zone.

OUTCOME: Schumacher's Clayton attorney, Travis Noble , had the case transferred to Clayton in front of Judge Mary Ott. On June 22, 2017 Schumacher pled guilty to speeding. He was fined \$473.50 and sentenced to four-days in jail, sort of. His jail was house arrest in his condo in Brentwood supervised by the Department of Justice Services.

He also pled guilty to DWI and was placed on a No-Points, No-Fine, No-Permanent Record 2-year SIS probation.

I'm sorry but I really have a problem with a drunk driver doing 132 MPH getting any kind of No-Record, No-Fine probation. Jayson Werth, a starting outfielder with the Washington Nationals (Werth was formerly with the Dodgers and Phillies) was caught cold sober in 2014 on a Sunday morning driving his sports car at 105 MPH by a Virginia State Trooper on the Washington Beltway. He was sentenced to 180 days in jail but 170- days were suspended so he got 10 days in jail and served the 10 days. I knew him for three years when as a baseball writer I covered Orioles farm clubs. Werth was a

first round pick by the O's out of high school. Werth having a Porsche and driving 105 MPH on the Beltway did not surprise me.

In Maryland and Virginia the judges are state judges and not also practicing lawyers who take care of their friends like here. The Virginia judges are known to be tough. I think there would be fewer outrageous traffic offenses and DWIs if there were more sentences like the one Werth served. (This originally appeared on in the August 6, 2017 Ex-Alderman Newsletter 289.)

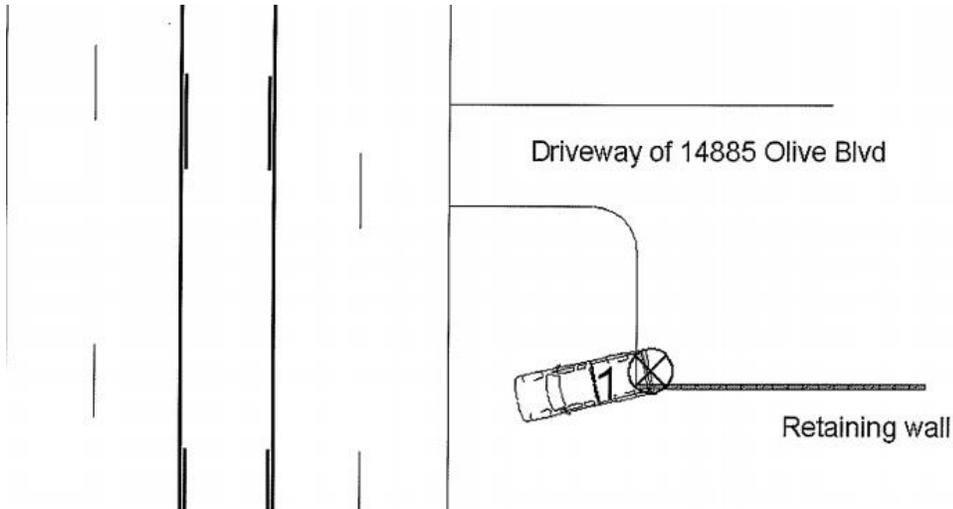
6-TIME DRUNK DRIVER, ARRESTED IN CHESTERFIELD IN 2016 FOR SECOND DRUNK DRIVING ACCIDENT IN CHESTERFIELD. A YEAR EARLIER SHE HAD BEEN ARRESTED FOR DWI, RESISTING ARREST AND ASSAULT ON A POLICE OFFICER IN ST. CHARLES COUNTY. Lisa Estrada of O'Fallon, Missouri had a long history of Driving While Intoxicated. Prior to 2015 here is a list of her convictions:

12/02/86	DWI Arrest	07/16/87	Guilty of DWI	St. Charles County
08/02/93	DWI arrest	12/01/93	Guilty of DWI	St. Louis County
03/08/00	DWI arrest	04/10/01	Guilty of DWI	St. Louis County
02/20/01	DWI arrest	02/13/02	Guilty of DWI	St. Louis County
10/05/12	DWI arrest	03/28/14	Guilty of DWI	St. Louis County (Chesterfield PD case)



Lisa Estrada

After her 2014 guilty plea to her fifth DWI, a 2012 Chesterfield case, where Estrada was sentenced to seven years in prison, but was immediately placed on a 5-year SES probation term. The case involved a one car accident where Estrada drove off of Olive and hit a retaining wall. She was driving a Dodge pickup truck at the time.



This is from the police report from October 5, 2012 with the crash occurring at 11:27 PM.

I asked Estrada if she had been drinking any alcohol this evening because I could smell the odor of alcohol coming from her breath. Estrada stated she had several glasses of wine at Paul Mano's tonight. I asked Estrada how her truck ended up in the grass of this driveway and she stated she did not know.

Later in the report:

After the Intoxilyzer 5000 machine warmed up, I operated the machine for the breath sample, which resulted in a .210 reading.



Estrada 2012 mug shot

It did not take her long to violate the probation but St. Louis County judges have been very slow to revoke her probation. She was arrested nine months after being placed on probation for DWI, Assault on a Police Officer and Resisting arrest. Here are the details from that case in St. Charles County from the file.

Probable Cause Statement

I, Officer James H Klingler, with the O'Fallon Police Department a law enforcement agency, state that the facts contained herein are true to my best knowledge and belief and that any false statements made are punishable by law.

1. On 01-11-2015, at Bryan at Crimson Meadows , O'Fallon , in St. Charles County, MO, Lisa Estrada did: On 01-10-2015 I conducted a traffic stop of Estrada on suspicion of driving while intoxicated. A check of Department of revenue Records showed that Estrada's Driver's License is revoked. I directed Estrada to exit her vehicle. I placed my hand on the driver's door handle with the intention of opening the door. Estrada put her vehicle into gear and drove away. The door handle was pulled away from my hand causing injury to my hand. The driver's side of the vehicle struck my left side.

I returned to my patrol car. I activated my emergency lights and siren. Estrada continued to drive south bound on Bryan Road. Estrada turned left onto east bound Feise Road. At the intersection of Feise Road and Feise Forest Estrada's vehicle left the roadway. The vehicle struck a stop sign. The vehicle struck a large sign at the entrance the Feise Forest subdivision. I positioned my patrol car behind Estrada's vehicle. My emergency lights were still activated. Estrada placed her vehicle in reverse and backed up. Estrada's vehicle struck my patrol car causing injury to my left arm and shoulder. Estrada then drove away.

I followed Estrada with my emergency lights and siren activated. Estrada continued to actively flee. Estrada was later stopped through the use of a tire deflation device. Estrada was taken into custody.

Since this arrest St. Charles County had been dragging its feet. This case has been continued 15 times. It was set for trial in 2016 and then Estrada made a motion to removed it from the trial docket. There have been numerous continuance for PLEAS where no guilty plea was made, just another continuance would happen.

Meanwhile the St. Louis County Probation Violation hearing had been continued since her arrest for Probation Violation on March 5, 2015. That case has been continued 14 times over 2-years and five months.

Then there was the second Chesterfield DWI arrest. This one was in connection with an automobile collision where Estrada fled the scene on foot.

On January 29, 2016 Estrada was arrested by Chesterfield Police Officers for:

- 1) DWI
- 2) Driving While Revoked
- 3) Leaving the Scene of an Accident
- 4) Improper Lane Use
- 5) Op Veh AW/O Proof of Financial Responsibility (NO Insurance)

The DWI was presented to the St. Louis County Prosecutor's Office and no charges were issued as they said it would be difficult to prove Estrada was behind the wheel. (She was arrested after the crash.)

However, that changed on June 22, 2017. The cases were filed in Chesterfield Municipal Court but Estrada's attorney moved the cases to the County Courts in Clayton. Chesterfield's pathetic excuse for a prosecutor Tim Engelmeyer would handle the cases before Judge Mary Ott. Nobody tried to get even a week in jail for Estrada. There were all cash fines after she pled guilty, admitting she was driving the car.

- 1) Driving with a Revoked License \$225
- 2) Leaving the Scene of an Accident \$225
- 3) Improper Lane Use \$100
- 4) Failure to Have Fin Resp (NO Insurance) \$125.

Even though the County prosecutor has not filed DWI charges for the 2016 DWI in Chesterfield, another state court hearing found that Estrada was operating a vehicle while intoxicated when arrested by the Chesterfield Police. She challenged a year-long license revocation for Failing to Take a Breath Test in connection with the arrest in St. Louis County Circuit Court. A hearing officer found against her on 11-10-16. She had a revoked license at the time. She continued to have a revoked license until at least November of 2017. But then she picked up another 24 points when she pled guilty to the four charges in June. With a plea that finally occurred on August 16 on the O'Fallon PD DWI arrest in 2015 it will mean she will not likely be able to legally drive a car until the end of 2018 at the earliest and possibly for 10 years.

After her August guilty plea for DWI and Assault on a Law Enforcement Officer Estrada's sentencing has been postponed until November 16, 2017.

The Chesterfield Police would not release the DWI report as there was no conviction. They refused to release the Accident report despite there being convictions, saying it

was still connect to the DWI incident. We received the DWI and accident reports by other means.

On Friday morning 01/29/16 at 4:26am Chesterfield Police Officer Woodrum was dispatched to a possible auto accident in the area of Long Road and Wild Horse Creek Road. A resident in the area thought he heard a vehicle crash. On his way to the area Officer Woodrum observed Lisa Estrada walking on Long Road near Chesterfield Towne Center. He stopped her and she denied she had been driving or crashed a car. She said her husband had stopped their car and ordered her to get out.

In reality Estrada and her husband Christopher Estrada have been estranged for years, but not divorced and at some point that late night/early morning she went to his house on 16718 Kingstowne Drive in Wildwood and took the 1997 Mercedes Benz that was in the driveway. Lisa who lives in O'Fallon, Missouri did not steal the Mercedes since it and the house were still in her name and Christopher's name.

Woodrum left Lisa Estrada and went back to look for the accident. He could not find it and then went back and contacted Lisa Estrada who was now at the BP Station near Chesterfield Airport Road. She stuck to her story that her husband kicked her out of the car. But then the story changed and she said she has been walking since Kingstowne Drive in Wildwood and had been walking for hours.

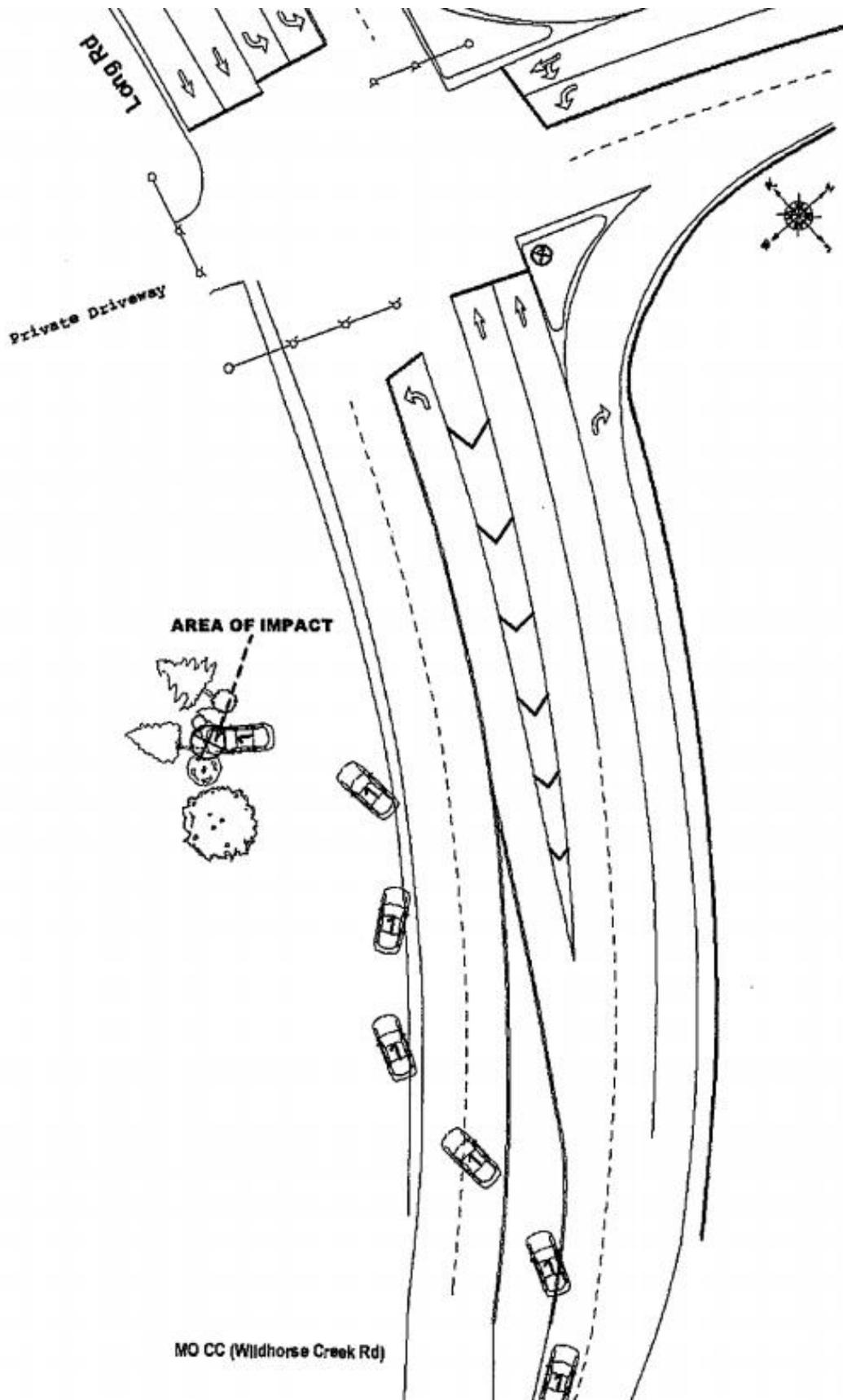
By now Woodrum could tell she was drunk. He told her he hoped her husband was not drunk. She agreed that she was drunk but said she did not know about her husband.

Then another police officer found the wreck on Wild Horse Creek near Long Road.

Woodrum then asked Lisa to fully identify herself. She gave the name of Lisa Lotti and a Social Security Number. The Social Security number turned out to belong to a dead person.

Woodrum then asked Estrada to ride with him back to the accident site and see if she could identify the car. She agreed to.

Here is the diagram of the crash scene from the police report:



The estranged husband was eventually contacted by a County Police Officer, who informed him his Mercedes had been involved in an accident. He said the car should be in the driveway. This is also from the report:

number and said his name was Chris Estrada. PO Ovca DSN 195 called him on the phone. Chris E. stated they were still married but had been estranged for years. He said he had been at home since 10pm that night. At 330 am he said there was a knocking on his door and he received a call from Lisa E. which he did not answer. He said further knocking on his door occurred approximately half an hour later and he called 911. When St. Louis County officers arrived they informed him of the vehicle crash. Chris E. said he believed the Mercedes was in the driveway but did not notice it was gone until that point. He also said he was unaware that Lisa E. had a key for it.

It should be noted that later in the morning PO Quach DSN 260 responded to Chris E's residence where he filled out a voluntary statement on form CPD-20 regarding the incident. PO Quach DSN 260 also had a voluntary statement (form CPD-20) filled out by a Lynn T. Frerichs (who was also at the residence) who stated she had been with Chris E. from 2230 hours on 1/28/2016 up until this incident. PO Quach DSN 260 seized both voluntary statement forms and submitted them into evidence.

I looked in the car and found there was no key in the ignition. I asked Lisa E. if she had a key for the vehicle and she said she did not. I asked Lisa E. if I could look in her purse. Upon searching, I found a Mercedes key for the wrecked vehicle.

Officer Woodrum then arrested Lisa Estrada for DWI, Leaving the Scene of an Accident. It is difficult to make a DWI without someone who can put the driver behind the wheel. Here is Officer Woodrum's probable cause list that Estrada was driving drunk:

- Her physical proximity to the vehicle crash on foot only moments after I had been radio-dispatched to the call
- I found no other pedestrians present near the vehicle crash site that could have been related to the incident
- Her alibi that she had been a passenger and that ex-husband was operating the vehicle was untrue according to Chris E. and Lynn Frerichs
- Chris E. was unaware the car had even left his driveway
- Lisa E. claiming she did not possess a key to the vehicle when she, in fact, did have a key

Estrada also considered resisting arrest. This from the police report.]

tests. I began to secure her with handcuffs. During the handcuffing process, Lisa E. began to defensively resist. She said she was not driving the car and tried to pull away but her right hand was already cuffed. Without further incident I was able to secure her other hand and then double-lock the handcuffs after ensuring proper fit. I secured her in the prisoner cage of car 15 and conveyed her back to the Chesterfield police station where she was booked on arrest # 16/000081.

At the police station Estrada refused to take a breath test. Since this was a Felony Drunk Driving Case as Estrada had five prior drunk driving convictions, had one felony DWI charge pending and was on probation for Felony DWI, a search warrant was obtained and blood was drawn at St. Luke's Hospital and later sent to the Missouri Highway Patrol Crime Lab. The reports we obtained did not have the blood test results. (Originally appeared in the September 4, 2017 Ex-Alderman Newsletter 293)

Since we first posted this article Estrada has had more Probation Violations filed against her. She has one set for 01/11/18 in connection with a 2012 DWI arrest and 2014 conviction and probation term. There has been no disposition for her 2015 DWI and Assault of a Police Officer in St. Charles. That case will be 3-years old when it is next on a docket on 01/18/18. She also has an assault case out of Lake St. Louis that has been pending for a year-and-a-half now on a court docket for 1/29/18.

CHESTERFIELD OUTCOME: The DWI was not issued by State Prosecutor Bob McCullough's office or by Tim Engelmeyer. The rest of the cases were filed in Chesterfield Municipal Court by heard in Clayton where Estrada pled guilty on 06/29/17 and was fined \$675 on four charges.

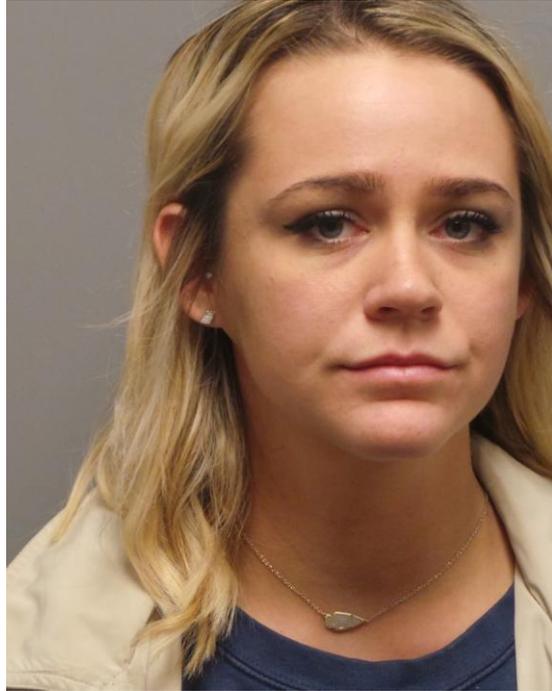
AT LAST SOMEONE ARRESTED FOR STEALING AT THE SUNGLASS HUT: Week after week the Chesterfield Police Blotter shows thefts from the Sunglass Hut at either Chesterfield Mall or more likely the Premium Outlets Mall. So it was nice to see that on December 22, 2016 at about 11:30 someone got caught. In fact two were arrested in connection with a theft of a pair of sunglasses and numerous other thefts in the mall.

Just three days before Christmas the Chesterfield Police had three officers on a plain clothes detail working at the outlet mall. After being contacted by the Sunglass Hut about a \$175 theft, Mall Security called a cell phone of the officers. (Do you remember when sunglasses sold for \$5 on a swivel rack at Katz Drug Stores?)

The officers quickly found the suspects still in the mall but heading to an exit to a parking lot. They contacted Ashley Hahn, 21, of Ellsville and Taylor Bozich, 21, of Eureka at the time of her arrest.



Ashley Hahn



Taylor Bozich

The women were asked if they had a pair of sunglasses just stolen from the Sunglass hut. This is from the police report:

Bozich reached into her purse and produced the pair of Rayban Sunglasses that were reported stolen from Sunglass Hut. Bozich apologized for taking the glasses. I then asked both subjects if they had any other items from any other stores that were not paid for, at which point Hahn stated to me "everything we have is not paid for".

Even the large handbag that was hiding all the rest of the morning's loot had been stolen. Here is a list of the stolen items recovered:

Express tank Top-White Size M UPC 70224609 \$24.95
Express Yoga Pant-Grey Size XS UPC 70125795 \$36.95
Express Yoga Pant-green Size XS UPC 70219449 \$36.95
Express Shirt-Tan Size M UPC 70234110 \$24.95
Express Shirt-White Size S UPC 70234204 \$24.95
Express Shirt-Black Size S UPC 70200034 \$34.95
Kate Spade Purse-White UPC 9868701460 \$199.00
Kate Spade Purse-Black UPC 9868998277 \$199.00
Kate Spade Earrings-Clear UPC 9868650663 \$38.00
Kate Spade Earrings-Black UPC 9868662765 \$58.00
Fossil Bracelet-Tan UPC 9648329939 \$48.00
Fossil Wristlet-Tan UPC 796483235038 \$38.00
Fossil Key Chain/Charm UPC 723764506266 \$38.00
Fossil Bracelet-Gold UPC 9648325154 \$58.00
Boots-Tan famous Footwear Brand Unknown price or UPC
Rayban Sunglasses UPC 9019C25814
Express Tank Top-White Size M UPC 70224609 \$24.95
Express Shirt-Champagne Size M UPC 70234217 \$24.95
Top Shelf Shirt-White Size 4 UPC 5045433804271 \$40.00

Top Shelf tank Top-Green UPC 5045435791432 \$30.00
Kate Spade Purse-White UPC 9868701460 \$199.00
Kate Spade Purse-Black UPC 9868997034 \$229.99
Victoria's Secret Underwear-Pink Size XS \$14.50
Victoria's Secret Underwear-Teal Size XS \$14.50
Victoria's Secret Underwear-Black Size XS \$14.50
Nordstrom Sweater-Grey Size XS UPC 3903162443 \$68.00
Nordstrom Necklace-Gold UPC 3904707121 \$248.00
Estee lauder Night Cream UPC 2713126463 \$19.99
Lancôme Bi-Facial Cream UPC 605533325117 \$17.99

The Sunglass Hut had a video recording of the original theft.

The two women were charged with Stealing, Possession of Stolen Property and Possession of Theft Devices even through the theft devices were never explained or identified in the police report.

OUTCOME: On May 13, 2017 the Possession of Stolen Property Charge and the Possession of a Theft device charges against **Ashley Hahn** were reduced to "Littering" with a \$326.50 fine on each count. The theft charge was dropped as the Sunglass Hut Video showed that Bozich stole the sunglasses.

On June 16, 2017 **Taylor Bozich** got a similar sweet deal from Chesterfield prosecutor Tim "Never Actually Go To Trial" Engelmeyer despite of video showing her stealing the sunglasses plus her and Hahn being in possession of well over \$1,000 in stolen property. She pled guilty to three counts of "Littering" with two fines of \$326.50 and one fine of \$225.50 for possession of the unknown theft device.

With all the thefts at the Sunglass Hut, wouldn't it have been nice to get an actual conviction for "Stealing."

Apparently when Hahn isn't looting a shopping center at Christmas time she likes to spend time in the sun or in a tanning salon. These photos are from her facebook page:



Bozich's photos appear to be normal. (Orig appeared in Ex Alderman Newsletter 299 on Oct. 16, 2017)

PERSON WHO WORKS IN CHESTERFIELD MALL STEALS A CELL PHONE LEFT IN A BATHROOM STALL BY A HOUSEKEEPING EMPLOYEE, THEN FIGHTS OFFICER AND RESISTS ARREST: The phone belong to a housekeeping employee of Chesterfield Mall who set it down on a toilet paper roll while she cleaned a stall on Friday November 25, 2016. She forgot about the phone when she left. When she noticed it missing she returned to the bathroom and found it gone.

She left the bathroom and was contacted by another employee at a Mall store asking if she was missing a cell phone. That person entered the stall, saw the phone and then chose another stall thinking the owner would be back for the cell phone while she was using the toilet.

When leaving the restroom she saw a Black/Female with red dreadlocks and wearing a Great Wraps shirt walk out of the bathroom with the cell phone.

The victim went home without the phone and the next day reported the theft to her boss. They in turn went to Great Wraps in the Food Court and learned that the person matching the description was Arthenna Yvonne Brooks. Brooks, 22, was due in at 11 o'clock. The victim and her boss went to Great Wraps at 1 PM at which time Brooks gave her the phone back, but it was missing the pick case and the SIM card making the phone non functional. Brooks said she had the SIM card at her home.

The boss and the victim went to the Mall Security Office and the police were called. Officer Pousson responded.

Brooks was now called to the security office and when she showed up she seemed surprised that a police officer was there. Brooks told the officer that she didn't know where the SIM card was. Officer Pousson asked why she took it out of the phone. This is from his police report:

Brook became visibly angry in her facial expression and in a loud voice said "I already told you". I told Brooks she didn't tell me and asked her again why she took the sim card out of the phone. Brooks turned her back to me and started to walk out of the office. I told Brooks to stop but she did not. I put my left hand on Brooks left forearm and told her to stop again but Brooks forcefully pulled her left arm forward pulling her arm from my grasp. Brooks continued walking away from me. I told Brooks she was under arrest for Stealing and to stop. I put both of the hands on her left arm and Brooks tried to pull away from me again but was unable to. Brooks began yelling and cursing at me to let her go. She continued to try and pull away from me. Brooks refused to comply with all my commands to stop resisting. I made two attempts to put Brooks left hand on the small of her back while giving her commands to so. Each time I tried to put a handcuff on she pulled her left hand to the front of her body. I asked K█████g to assist me in putting Brooks hands behind her back. K█████ walked to the front of the security desk and took hold of both of Brooks hands. He placed both of her hands on the small of her back and I was able to put handcuffs on Brooks. The handcuffs were double locked and checked for proper fit. Brooks continued to yell and curse. Brooks was trying to pull her hands out of the handcuffs and twisting her hands back and forth in the handcuffs. I told her to stop pulling against the handcuffs several times but she did not comply. I

While claiming the SIM card to the stolen phone must have been at her house. However it was located at the Chesterfield Police Station while Brooks was being processed when an officer searched her fanny pack.

Mall security video recordings were checked and Brooks was seen leaving the at close with the phone and with a White/Male

While the phone was valued at \$800 the County prosecutor's office refused to issue a felony charge. Instead a city ordinance violation was issued.



OUTCOME: On 07/18/17 Brooks apparently without a lawyer pled guilty to stealing at the Chesterfield Municipal Court. She was fined \$173.50 and with court costs of \$26.50 she owed \$200.

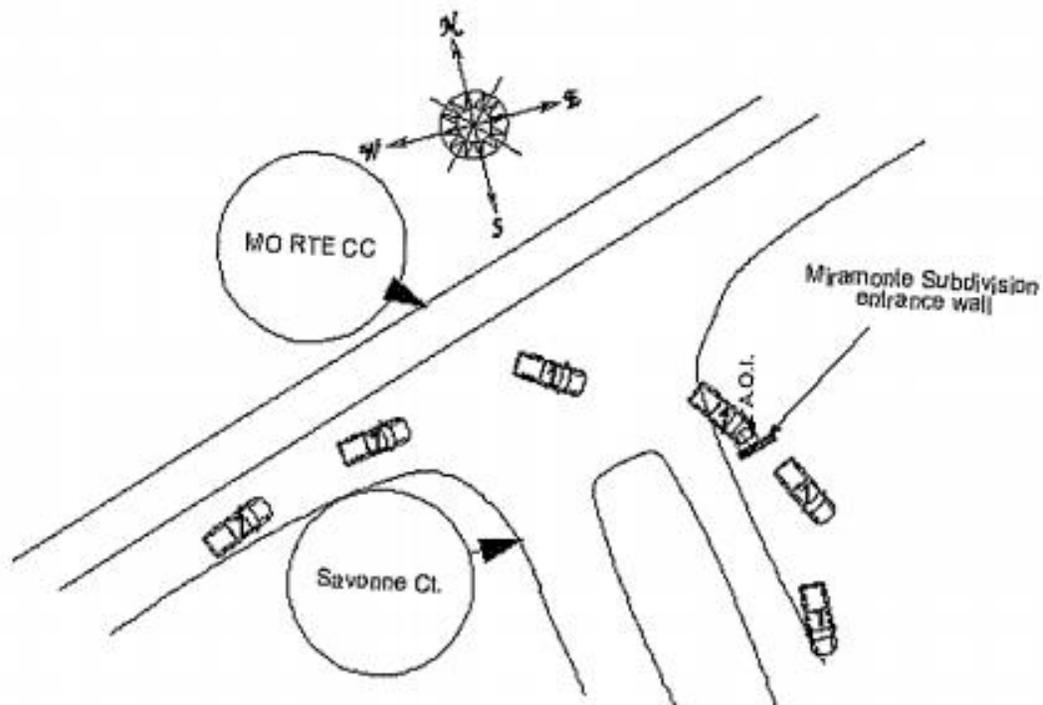
Brooks only other record was that she was cited by St. Louis Police for riding the Metro Link train without a fare card. (Orig appeared on 10/23/17 in Ex-Alderman Newsletter 300)

DRUNK DRIVER IN ONE-CAR CRASH INTO SUBDIVISION WALL. DRIVER AND THREE PASSENGERS WERE ALL 19 AND ALL HAD BEEN DRINKING AT HARPO'S:

On December 27, 2016 at 12:08 AM Chesterfield Police officers were dispatched to a one-car accident with the car into a subdivision entrance wall on Savonne Ct. and Wild Horse Creek Road.

When officers arrived they contacted the driver Ethan Scott Harris, 19, of Highland Valley Circle in Wildwood. Harris had been driving a Ford F-150 truck.

Harris said one of his passengers told him to turn right onto Savonne and he turned late and drove off the road.



It quickly became clear from the very slurred speech, glassy eyes, breath reeking of booze, and stumbling when trying to walk.

Harris admitted that he had been drinking since 9 o'clock at Harpo's. His three passengers were all 19-years-of age and intoxicated.

Harris failed field sobriety tests and refused to take a field breath test. He was arrested and transported to the police station. There he agreed to take a breath that showed he was intoxicated with a .140% BAC,



Officer Sosuh charged Harris with DWI, Minor in Possession of Intoxicants (due to his BAC reading) and False ID. Officer Sosuh didn't not explain how he found a fake drivers license on Harris in his report, but he apparently did. Also Harris was charged with Improper Lane Use, for driving off the road and crashing into the wall, but that charge was not mentioned in the report.

Also the intoxicated 19-year-old passengers in the truck, Lindsay Bloss of Wildwood , Samuel Charlton of Wildwood and Max Lipel of unincorporated St. Louis County were all charged with Minor in Possession. This is from the police report by Officer Ovca.

Each minor showed visible signs of intoxication, and admitted to drinking alcohol at Harpos located at 136 Hilltown Village Center. Both Bloss and Lipel advised if they arrived at Harpos prior to 9 pm, Harpos does not card individuals.

The next day Charlton was also charged with being in Possession of Drug Paraphernalia after a subdivision trustee inspecting the damage to the wall found black back pack thrown away from the crash site with ID belonging to Charlton and drug smoking pipes.

OUTCOME: On March 21, 2017 Harris pled guilty to DWI and was placed on a SIS NO-Fine, NO-Points and NO-Permanent Record probation. Below is what happened on the other charges.

Plead Guilty on 3/21/17, SIS with 2 year probation, SATOP and VIP, paid costs of \$26.50 and recoup fee of \$85.00

Minor Poss. Alcohol – Nolle Prossed on 3/21/17

Filing False Declaration – Amended to Littering on 3/21/17, paid fine of \$225.50 and cost of \$26.50

Improper Lane Use – plead guilty on 3/21/17, fined \$198.50 and cost of \$26.50

HARPO'S NEEDS CLOSE POLICE ATTENTION: We just randomly check police reports. There are two regular themes. The Chesterfield Police Blotter's top retail victim are the two Sunglass Huts. The other one is the high number of incidents

involving intoxicated people, violence, intoxicated subjects (often involved in crashes or DWI arrests) at or from Harpo's. There is no other Chesterfield establishment with the repeat police calls or intoxicated people compared to Harpo's. Just the case we have come across should be enough to suspended Harpo's City Liquor License for a couple of days. Clearly the police need to have regular patrols outside of Harpo's and what is known in the police world as "bar checks" inside Harpo's. That is were officers walk through a business with a liquor license looking for underage drinkers, intoxicated persons or any other illegal activity.

This case involved four underage persons getting drunk at Harpo's and then being involved in a wreck. (Originally appeared in Ex Alderman Newsletter #301 on October 30, 2017)

DRUNK CHESTERFIELD WOMAN WITH A PRIOR DWI IN ONE-VEICLE ACCIDENT ON I-64. We last wrote about Angela DeVasto, 24, in March of 2017 when she had her 20-year-old sister Gracie were drinking at Harpo's and were arrested when they began fighting each other outside of the bar. Chesterfield prosecutor Tim Engelmeyer dropped both peace disturbance charges against the sisters.

We next saw DeVasto in the Town and Country Municipal Court on August 1, 2017 when she pled guilty to a DWI from October 29, 2016 at 3:43 AM. It was her second DWI, and she was sentenced to 90 days in jail, but immediately given a 2-year SES probation term by Judge Andrea Niehoff.

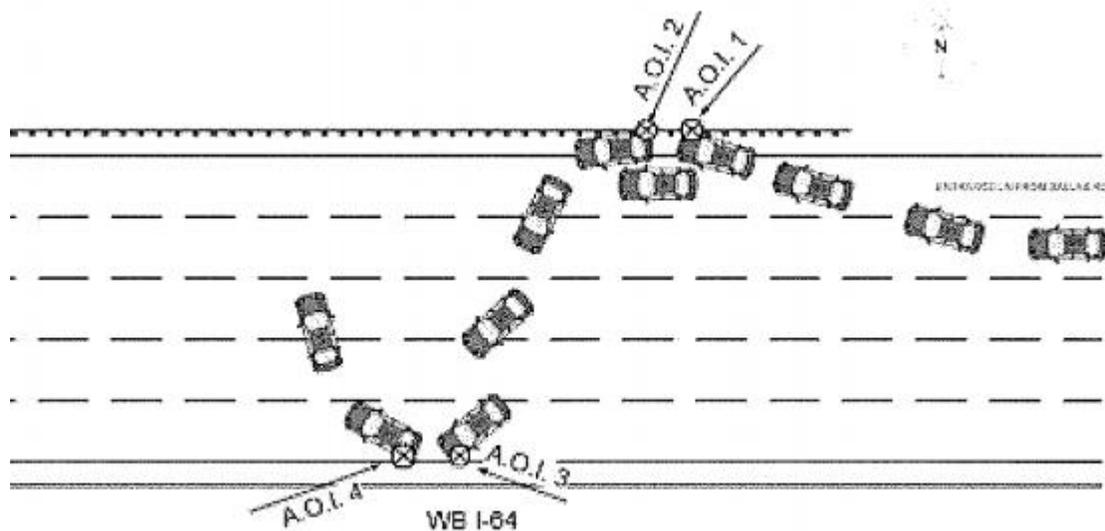


Here are the facts in that case.

According to a witness who was behind DeVasto on Westbound I-64 near Ballas Road at 3:43 on the Friday night/Saturday morning, DeVasto (driving a 2005 Nissan Altima) was driving at a high rate of speed in the right lane when she approached a slower moving vehicle. The witness said she swerved right out of control, hit a guardrail and went back across the highway.

DaVasto said she was westbound on I-64 when she came upon a vehicle stopped in the right lane and tried to go to the right to avoid it and lost control.

Here is the diagram prepared by Officer Lauren Becker of the Town and Country Police that showed DeVasto had four different points of impact:



Becker reported that DeVasto showed the usual signs of a drunk. Slurred speech, poor balance, strong smell of booze on her breath. She was having mood swings from angry to crying. A field breath test showed DeVasto was intoxicated.

She was arrested and transported to the T&C police station. There she agreed to take an official breath test. The results showed DeVasto's BAC was .153%.

After pleading guilty on this case on August 1, 2017 DeVasto was arrested for Felony DWI (Third DWI arrest) by Town and Country officers on 11/18/17 at 2:31 on I-64 at the West City Limits. That case has been filed in the Associate Circuit Court.

(Orig appeared in Ex Alderman newsletter 309 on 12/24/17)