

## **DRUNKS AND THIEVES December 2015 Holiday PART 3**



**By John Hoffmann**

**December 31, 2015**

### **IF YOU ARE GOING TO SNIFF AEROSOL TO GET HIGH WHILE DRIVING ON I-64 YOU SHOULD NOT THROW THE EMPTY CANS AT PASSING TRAFFIC:**

On Saturday February 8, 2014 at around 3 o'clock in the afternoon Liam Peterson, then 17 of 15616 Quail Meadow Drive in Chesterfield was a passenger in a black Chrysler 200 sedan, belonging to his parents, WB on I-64 between Chesterfield Parkway and Boone's Crossing. The car was being driven by Kyle Xavier Morris, 21, of 215 Oakwood Farms in Ballwin. Morris pulled up next to a car in the right lane and a Peterson leaned out the window and threw a metal can intentionally hitting the car.

The driver in the car in the right lane, who had been minding his own business, was off-duty Kirkwood Police Officer Jeremy Johnson. Officer Johnson followed the black Chrysler and called 9-1-1. Officer Johnson was directly behind the Chrysler after exiting from I-64 and stopped at a red light on Boones Crossing.

Officer Johnson reported at that time Peterson lowered his window he was pointing and laughing at Officer Johnson. The off-duty officer continued to follow the car as it turned into the IHOP on Chesterfield Airport Road and he then blocked the car in.

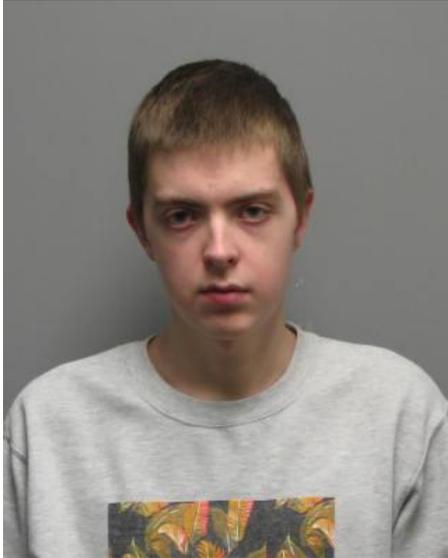
Officer Johnson identified himself as a police officer and ordered the driver Morris and Peterson to remain in the car until Chesterfield officers arrived. At that time Peterson and Morris switched seats in the car. There were also two rear seat passengers.

Chesterfield officers Woodrum, Muench, Hansen and Paubel all responded to the call to the IHOP. Peterson told officers he might have thrown some paper out the window.

However Morris told officers that Peterson was throwing empty whip cream cans out the windows. For you older people reading this without any drug addict kids or grandchildren, sniffing aerosol from whip cream cans is a cheap way to get high.

Officers observed a pink Xanax pill in the front seat behind the wheel. A search of the car revealed marijuana and a scale in the glove box. Since the car was under Peterson's control he was arrested and a search of him after arrest revealed two baggies of marijuana in his pocket.

"Ok dude, I smoke weed. Big deal," exclaimed Peterson.



Liam Peterson

Officer Johnson formally identified Morris to be the driver of the car. Morris' drivers' license was revoked. He was arrested for Aggressive Driving and Driving While Revoked.

When Morris was arrested he turned to Officer Muench and said, "Fuck you motherfucker. I make way more money than you and I will be out of here in no time."

While being transported to the police station Morris continued to try and make friends with the Chesterfield officers.

"I can't wait until I get out of here and find you guys off duty," he said.

Peterson was charged with "Littering" (Yes someone actually charged with littering in Chesterfield and not just having a serious charge reduced to littering by city prosecutor Tim Engelmyer) and Possession of Marijuana.

While in the holdover cell at the police station Morris began hitting his head against the bars. Paramedics from the fire district were called and Morris was transported to a hospital for a Mental Evaluation.

Peterson had encounters with the Chesterfield Police before throwing Ready Whips cans at passing cars, including the day before his February 8, 2014 arrest. He appears to be in contention to replace Theodore "T-Fed" Federer as Chesterfield's "Bad Boy." Here are those earlier charges:

- 01/21/14 Speeding 11-15 MPH Over Limit Chesterfield PD
- 02/07/14 Speeding 26-30 MPH over Speed Limit Chesterfield PD
- 02/07/14 Following Too Closely

Since the 02/08/14 encounter with the police Peterson has had several more:

- 12/12/14 Improper Lane Use Chesterfield PD
- 12/12/14 Driving with Suspended or Revoked Lic Chesterfield PD
- 12/12/14 No Financial Responsibility (NO Insurance) Chesterfield PD
- 06/11/15 Felony Possession of Drugs Bridgeton PD  
Minor in Possession of Alcohol
- 06/20/15 Felony Possession of Drugs (other than marijuana) Ballwin PD  
Charges filed after lab tests on 10/5/15. Peterson pled guilty a week before Christmas and was given a nice present from Judge Gloria Reno who put him on a 5-year SIS probation term.
- 07/01/15 State of Missouri filed suit to receive \$695 from Peterson in forfeiture money having been obtained illegally (pending)
- 09/06/15 2 Counts Felony Possession of of Drugs Missouri Hwy Patrol Camden Co & Misdemeanor Possession of Marijuana & Possession of Drug Para
- 11/19/15 Order of Protection ordering Peterson not to communicate, stalk or come within 500 feet of respondent issued for 1 year



Liam Peterson Mug Shot after an autumn 2015 arrest.

Here are two articles from his September arrest at the Lake of the Ozarks from two radio stations' news websites:

## Teen jailed for illegal possession of various substances

Matt Griffith | September 7, 2015



CAMDEN COUNTY, Mo – A young, Chesterfield man was taken into custody in Camden County for various charges of illegal possession. According to a Highway Patrol arrest report, Liam A. Peterson, 18, was arrested for felony possession of 24 xanax pills, cocaine, marijuana, drug paraphernalia, and being a minor in illegal possession of alcohol.

Peterson was incarcerated at the Camden County Jail Sunday afternoon, September 6, 2015, to be held for 24 hours.

## Teen Behind Bars on Felony Drug Charges

SEPTEMBER 7, 2015 BY KELLEY RAY



A Chesterfield teenager is behind bars on felony drug charges after being arrested by the Highway Patrol Sunday afternoon in Camden County. 18 year old Liam Peterson has been charged with felony possession of cocaine and prescription pills and also faces charges of possession of marijuana, drug paraphernalia and minor in possession of alcohol. Peterson was booked into the Camden County jail.

After posting a \$2,000 bond on the drug charges in Camden County, Peterson failed to appear at his scheduled court hearing in Camdenton on November 10, 2015. A warrant was issued for his arrest.

**OUTCOME:** While **Liam Peterson** appears well on the road to being the next Theodore Federer (T-Fed) Chesterfield City Prosecutor Tim Englemeyer and St. Louis County Assoc. Circuit Judge Joseph Dueker want to make sure the public doesn't know about him despite the fact he was arrested and charged with Felony Possession of Drugs less than 2 months before his plea. **August 13, 2015 Peterson Pled Guilty** before Judge Dueker to the following

- 01/21/14 Speeding Reduced to Illegal Parking \$150
- 02/07/14 Speeding 26-30 MPH Over Limit Reduced to Illegal Parking \$225 fine
- 02/07/14 Following Too Closely dismissed
- 02/08/14 Possession of Drug Paraphernalia Reduced to Littering \$250 fine
- 02/08/14 Littering (Throwing the Whip Cream can at a car) \$100 fine
- 12/12/14 Improper Lane Use fined \$50
- 12/12/14 Driving While Revoked reduced to Illegal parking fined \$325
- 12/12/14 OMV Without Financial Responsibility (No Insurance) dismissed

Peterson should have been assessed 20 points after being found guilty on the original charges. But thanks to Tim Engelmeyer reducing or dismissing all but one "moving violation" he got 2-points.



Tim Engelmeyer walking away again from protecting the public and doing his job.

**OUTCOME:** Kyle Morris was arrested 37 days before this incident for DWI in The City of St. Louis. He pled guilty on August 14 to the St. Louis DWI and was given a 30-day jail sentence. On the Chesterfield case on June 3, 2014 **Kyle Morris** had the Careless and Impudent (Reckless Driving) charge reduced to "Illegal Parking." He was fined \$200. He also pled guilty of Driving on a Revoke License. He was placed on 2-years SIS probation (NO fine No Points). He did have to make a \$200 contribution to Crimestoppers, attend an Anger Management Class and write a letter of apology to Officer Johnson.

Despite the fact that he had been driving a vehicle with teenagers getting high on aerosol fumes, intentionally slowed down and maneuvered a car next to a motorist so a passenger could throw a metal can at the car, and having been arrested a month earlier for DWI, he received NO POINTS in a deal put forward by Tim Engelmeyer and accepted by Chesterfield Judge Rick Brunk.



Judge Brunk creates another Parking Violator out of a serious offense.

**CHRISTMAS EVE SHOPLIFTING WAS INTERRUPTED FOR ONE SUSPECT:**

Christmas Eve is an odd day. It is very busy for police and then very quiet for police. Stores are busy with last minute shoppers making it easier for thieves to work with busy clerks and crowded aisles. Also in the case of drug addicts who steal everyday to support drug habits, they have to work twice as hard since everything is closed on Christmas Day and even drug dealers are hard to find.

Shoplifting calls, car break-ins on shopping center lots and auto accidents are common until about 4 pm. By 6 pm when the last store has closed things go from very busy to very still. The next flood of calls facing cops usually comes on Christmas Day and it is in the form of family disturbances, fueled by lots of relatives in one place and lots of liquor.

On December 24, 2014 at 3:50 pm two younger adult males entered the Macy's store in Chesterfield Mall. Security watched as they cased men's furnishings and took a number of items to an area near an exit to the store and to the mall. They then left and contacted the driver of a white sedan along a curb away from the exit near the stashed items.

They entered the car and the driver took them back to the doors close to the goods. The two reentered the store, now watched by security officers on video and one on the floor.

The grabbed the goods and ran for the doors. The lead thief made it to the car and it took off. The second thief was stopped by a security agent. He was identified as Darian Brown, 19, of 7516 Dajoby (off of Hanley Road north of Olive Blvd.)



Here is what Brown had stolen:

- 1.) Tommy Hilfiger brand gold in color watch with UPC: 020204091697 valued at \$93.75
- 2.) Polo brand stocking cap, red in color, with UPC: 2020409169 valued at \$42.00
- 3.) Polo brand stocking cap, gray in color, with UPC: 2020437695 valued at \$42.00
- 4.) Polo brand stocking cap, black in color, with UPC: 020204376954 valued at \$42.00
- 5.) Tommy Hilfiger brand, tan leather backpack with UPC: 828128211203 valued at \$150.50

Brown admitted stealing the caps and the backpack, but said he owned the watch and did not steal it. He said he bought it at the Macy's at the Galleria in Richmond Heights. The Macy's Inventory Control Data Base said otherwise. It showed the watch was still at the Chesterfield store and was unsold.

When this was pointed out to Brown, he changed his story and said he bought it from a "guy" for \$40 and the price tag of \$93.75 was still on it when it was taken from Brown's pocket.

Brown was charged with Stealing Under \$500 and Possession of Stolen Property. The charges were filed in the Chesterfield Municipal Court.

**OUTCOME:** Brown's case was moved to the St. Louis County Associate Circuit Court, but was still prosecuted by Tim Engelmeyer.

Despite this being a planned theft that involved the repositioning of the get-away car and the fact that Brown lied about the theft and did not identify his accomplices, Engelmeyer reduced both charges to "Littering" with a \$250 fine on Count I and a \$150 fine on Count II.

The problem with pleas like this is there is nothing to keep the defendant from stealing again. The worse that happens is the charge is reduced to "Littering." A better deal is to place him on a 2-year SIS probation (which involves no fine) for at least one count. If he is not arrested again in the two-years the charge is dropped and there is no record to follow him through his life. It puts something over his head to behave.

All the Littering charges do is collect money for Chesterfield and that is not what justice is supposed to be about.

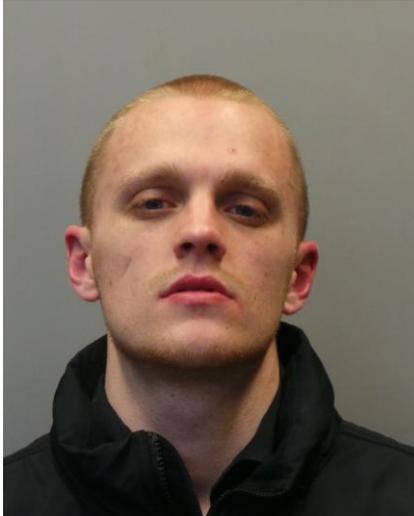
Engelmeyer has complained in the past that with retail theft often the witnesses being store clerks disappear. However that would not be in this case. There were three store security officers and a video recording that could be used at trial.



Engelmeyer's deals often do not promote justice, but they do create the image of Chesterfield being swarmed by Litterbugs.

**21-YEAR-OLD EX-CON STOPPED FOR SPEEDING AND DRUNK DRIVING, REFUSES BREATH TEST AND PLACED ON A NO-FINE, NO-POINTS 2-YEAR PROBATION:** On February 15, 2015 at 1:43 am Cody Coleman, 21, of Manchester was speeding 16 MPH over the limit while EB on I-64 at Maryville Center Drive driving a

1999 Buick. When he was stopped by Officer Hamel of the Town and Country Police, his breath had a strong smell of intoxicants, his speech was slurred, he was mumbling, his eyes were watery and bloodshot and he could not stand still without swaying.



Coleman stated he had two glasses of wine earlier at Ruth Chris' Steakhouse.

Officer Hamel asked him to recite the alphabet beginning with the letter "J" and ending with the letter "X." Coleman gave him **J.K.L.M.N.O.P.Q.R.X.Y.Z. '**

Officer Hamel then had Coleman perform a number of field sobriety tests which he failed. He was arrested and for Speeding and DWI. At the police station he refused to take a breath test.

This is not Coleman's first arrest. In fact he was an ex-con at the age of 21.

On **June 18, 2011** three days after his 18th birthday Coleman was arrested in the City of St. Louis for **Felony Possession of Drugs**. On May 9, 2012 he pled guilty and was placed on probation. The probation was suspended and a warrant was issued for Coleman's arrest after his arrests for felonies in St. Louis County.

On February 2, 2012, Coleman was arrested for **Felony Stealing Over \$500** and **Destruction of Property** by officers with the Manchester Police. The offenses occurred on August 01, 2011. He pled guilty on July 12, 2012 and was placed on probation on both charges. His probation was revoked on February 21, 2013 and he was sentenced to 5-years in prison concurrent with other crimes.

On July 18, 2012 Coleman was arrested after being charged on July 6, 2012 with **Felony Stealing** by officers with the St. Louis County Police.

On October 24, 2012 Coleman was arrested for **Assaulting a Police Officer** in Manchester. In this case undercover officers had just brought stolen property advertised on Craig's List from a passenger in Coleman's car. When officers moved in to make the arrest Coleman attempted to drive away and hit a police officer with his car knocking the cop to the pavement. He pled guilty on 02/21/13 and was sentenced to 5-years in prison.

On February 21, 2013 Coleman also pled guilty and was sentenced to five years in prison to run concurrent with the two other stealing cases.

**OUTCOME:** It was a very quick five years in prison as two years after being sentenced Coleman was out driving drunk. His case had been filed in Town and Country Municipal Court and was moved to Associate Circuit Court by his attorney. Town and Country prosecutor Doug Malone prosecuted the case before Judge Joseph Dueker.

On September 10, 2015 Coleman pled guilty to DWI before Judge Dueker who placed the ex-con (with felony drug possession, theft case and an Assault on a Police Officer convictions) to a No-Points, No-Fine probation. On the speeding charge Coleman was fined \$223.50.

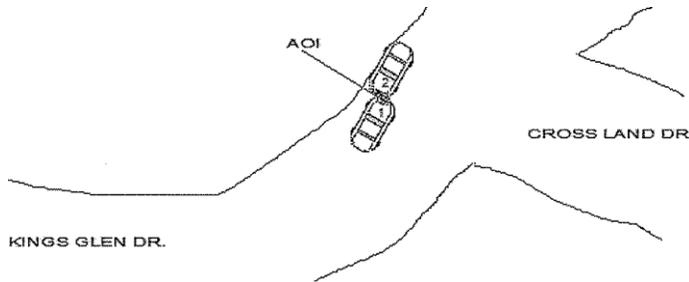
Some of Town and Country Police DWI reports are alarmingly short and leave out information with officers depending on the video recordings of the arrests. However prosecutors, defense attorneys and judges do not have 30-to-45 minutes to review an arrest video. They do have the couple of minutes it would take to read three or more paragraphs about the arrest, including spontaneous statements made.

As a former police supervisor I always considered officers doing thorough reports including statements made on the ride to the police station and backgrounds as In-Service Training, because if they did it often enough on the DWI and shoplifting cases they would not think twice about doing it on the serious burglary, assault or murder cases.

**28 SHOTS AND A PITCHER OF MARGARITAS BETWEEN TWO WOMEN LED TO TWO ARRESTS. ONE ARRESTED AT THE CRESTWOOD BAR FOR FIGHTING AND ONE ARRESTED ON CLAYTON ROAD AFTER CRASHING INTO A CAR ON A SIDE STREET.** On February 28 Tiffany Frautschi and her campaign manager Lindsey

Butler discovered a gas leak at a home in the Mason Oaks subdivision and called the fire department.

Two nights earlier it was Butler's husband Brian, who witnessed a hit and run crash in the same subdivision. He was able to get the suspect to briefly stop. He then called the police, she fled the scene and the cops stopped the driver, Lauren Musgrove, 25 of St. Ann along with her Boxer-Pit Bull mix breed dog on Clayton Road.



Cpl. Chris Moore was responding to the call and passed Musgrove's Ford on Clayton Road. The car had extensive front end damage and a head light knocked out. He turned around and stopped the Musgrove car on Clayton Road at Dry Ridge.



Lauren Musgrove

Things did not go well from the start at the scene of the traffic stop. This is from Cpl. Moore's report:

I made contact with the driver and asked her what happened to her car. The driver said she was not sure. I asked her where she was coming from and she said she was coming from South County and that she was at a friends. I asked the driver several times to produce her driver's license and each time she said call my cousin. The driver finally produced her driver's license identifying her as Lauren Musgrove. Musgrove admitted to crashing into a vehicle but was highly confused and did not know where the crash happened.

I smelled a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage on her breath; and I noticed her eyes were watery, bloodshot, glassy, staring and dilated. Musgrove said she had nothing to drink when asked and later said she drank a couple of beers.

The part about having "a couple of beers" is an important item which we will get to in a little bit.

Musgrove failed what field sobriety tests she agreed to take. Then she refused to take any more or answer questions.

Musgrove's vehicle was identified as the striking vehicle by debris found at the scene and she matched the description given by Brian Butler.

After refusing to take the breath test things continued to slide down hill at the police station. Again from Cpl. Moore's report:

Musgrove was irrational and uncooperative for almost the entire booking process. She had to be placed in a cell twice after failing to comply with requests to photograph and fingerprint. Musgrove, while in the cell, repeatedly punched and kicked the walls and doors in the cell. Each time Musgrove was allowed to calm down prior to completing the booking process.

She and her dog were released from custody to a relative who posted bond.

Here is where the rest of story comes out and we find where she was coming from and how much she had to drink. Again from Cpl. Moore's report:

While preparing my report I was contacted by Officer James Gehm of the Crestwood Police Department. (314) 729-4800 Officer Gehm said he was dealing with an incident that occurred in Crestwood at the El Agave Mexican Restaurant. Officer Gehm said a female matching the description of Musgrave was with another friend in the El Agave Restaurant and had created a disturbance. Officers were dispatched and upon arrival Musgrave entered her car on the lot as they arrived and sped away. Officer Gehm said the car was a blue Ford Taurus with a Missouri plate of [REDACTED]. Officer Gehm said a disturbance was still in progress inside the bar with the remaining female who was arrested. Officer Gehm said he did a computer inquiry of the license plate in the Crime Matrix computer. Officer Gehm said the inquiry showed I had arrested Musgrove and her plate was in the system after I had issued tickets. Officer Gehm said the female who had driven from the lot was drinking with the other female inside the restaurant prior to the arrival of the police. Officer Gehm sent me a faxed copy of the receipt which showed the two females had ordered 28 shots of tequila and a pitcher of margaritas. Officer Gehm said he did not have any charges pending against Musgrave and called out of concern that she was reported to be highly impaired prior to driving off the parking lot. The copy of the receipt was submitted as evidence.

That's right she and a friend had split 28 shots of tequila and a pitcher of margaritas.

**OUTCOME:** Musgrove was represented by Steven Clark, a municipal judge in Hanley Hills and Valley Park and is the prosecuting attorney in such well known St. Louis County municipalities as Velda Village Hills, 0.12 sq mile city (not to be confused with the larger 0.16 sq mile Velda City) and well known speed trap, Country Club Hills that has 0.18 sq miles of land.

Despite refusing to take a breath test, there being a video of her condition, the fact she fled a traffic crash Musgrove was allow to plead guilty to a DWI and was given a SIS No-Points and No-Fine Probation term. Her Leaving the Scene of an Accident Charge which is a 6-point violation was reduced to a 2-point Improper Lane Use charge and she was fined \$500.

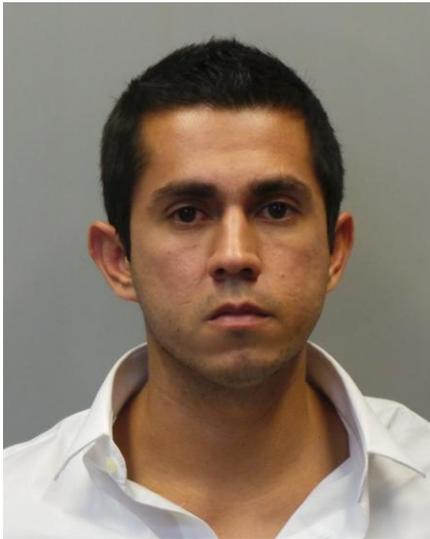
So go ahead have 14 shots of tequila and half a pitcher of margaritas , get so lost going from Crestwood to St. Ann that you are driving on a dead end street off of Mason Road in Town and Country and collide with a parked car and the flee the scene. Not much will happen to you if you have the right defense attorney and are in front of Town and Country prosecutor Doug Malone and Judge Dean Waldemer.



Part time Judge Steve Clark gets a good deal for his very drunk client from part time Judge Dean Waldemer.

**DRUNK DRIVER, WITH REVOKED LICENSE AND PRIOR DWIs, REFUSED TO TAKE BREATH TEST IS ACTUALLY CONVICTED AND SENTENCED TO SERVE SOME JAIL TIME.** Here is an exception to the rule, a drunk driver who actually got 12-points and is spending every weekend in the county jail for half of a year.

Steve Neira, 30, of North St. Louis County was observed by Town and Country Officer Fowle both speeding 75 MPH in a 60 MPH zone and weaving in and out of his lane while driving westbound on I-64 approaching I-270. Neira had a revoked driver's license due to a prior DWI as he drove his 2010 blue Hyundai home from a wedding where he had been taking photos. It was a Saturday night that had turned into a Sunday morning at 3:25 AM on December 7, 2014.



Steve Neira

Officer Fowle stopped him after he exited I-64 and was on I-270 north of I-64. Neira's breath smelled of intoxicants. His eyes were bloodshot and glassy and his speech was slurred. When asked for his driver's license he said he did not have one.

Neira denied that he had been drinking, but later said he had a glass of wine earlier. He then refused to perform any field sobriety tests or take any breath tests. It was determined that his driver's license had been revoked since June 28, 2014.

During the traffic stop, the arrest and the booking procedure Neira, born in Villavicencio, Columbia was speaking English with Officer Fowle. But briefly things changed. This is from the police report.

I read the Missouri Implied Consent Law aloud to Neira at 0400 hours on 12/07/2014. At that time, Neira stated he didn't speak English. I explained to Neira that the during the entire traffic stop and our conversation in the booking area was recorded with him speaking in English. Neira agreed that he did speak English and requested an attorney. Neira was given access to his cell phone to call his attorney for over 20 minutes. Neira only called his brother to arrange a ride home. Neira never attempted to call his attorney. At 0425 hours on 12/07/2014 Neira stated he wished to refuse the Intoximeter machine test of his breath.

Since he had a prior DWI the case was handled through the County Prosecutor's Office.

**OUTCOME:** Despite having a prior DWI and a revoked driver's license, Neira apparently was not too concerned after getting this one. Two weeks later on December 21, 2014 he was arrested for DWI, Driving on a Revoked License and another moving violation in the North County town of Charlack. (Charlack is 0.26 sq miles but has a section of the St. Charles Rock Road and I-170.) Charlack is one of the many smaller towns that was impacted by the new State Law that allow only 12.5% of the town's revenue to be generated through municipal court traffic fines. The police department was disbanded in October in favor of contract policing.

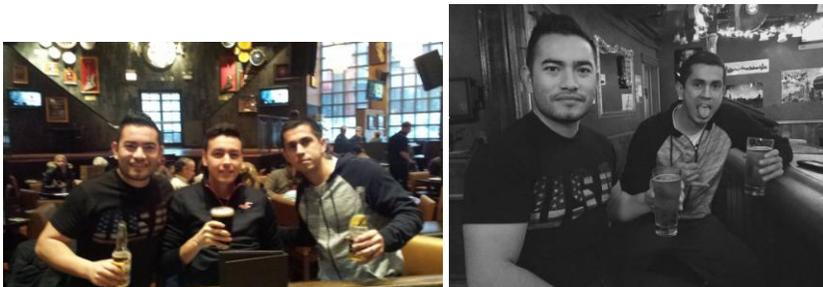


The Charlack Police did not file felony charges against Neira despite this being his third DWI, which is a felony in Missouri. The citations were all filed in Charlack Municipal Court. He was given a No-Points, NO-Fine SIS probation term after pleading guilty to the DWI (a 12-point charge) on June 15, 2014. The revoked license charge (normally 12 points) and a moving violation were reduced to "Illegal Parking" and he was fined \$400 on each charge for a total of \$800 going into the coffers of the City of Charlack.

**TOWN AND COUNTRY OUTCOME:** The charges from the Town and Country arrest were filed in St. Louis County Associate Circuit Court. On October 8, 2015 Neira pled guilty to the DWI and Driving While Revoked Charges before Judge Joseph Dueker. There were no probation terms.

Neira was sentenced to 10 days in jail for Driving While Revoked. He was sentenced to 90 days in jail for the DWI, but was allowed to serve the sentence over 45 weekends beginning on October 23. This of course means Neira missed any Halloween parties this year. His driver's license should stay revoked for a while longer as he picked up 18 points.

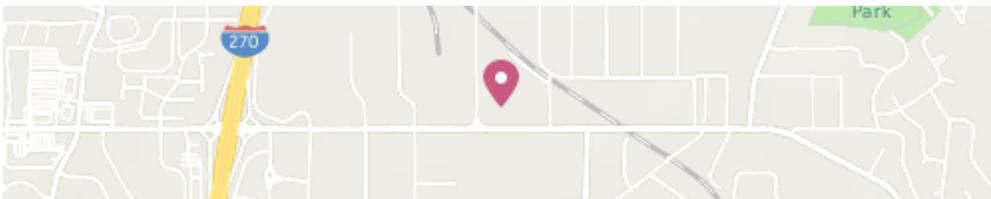
Alcohol apparently is an important part of Neira's life. Here are some photos from his facebook page taken after his two December 2014 DWI arrests:



Here are some facebook posts by Neira: (the first one is in between the two December DWI arrests)

**[Steven Neira](#) was 🤔 feeling annoyed at [Maryland Heights Municipal Court](#).**

December 11, 2014 · [Maryland Heights, MO](#) ·



[Maryland Heights Municipal Court](#)

**[Steven Neira](#)** 🤔 *feeling thoughtful*

October 8 at 1:05pm ·

Time to pay for my mistakes.

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**EX-CON DRUG DEALER RECEIVES NO FINE AND NO POINTS PROBATION FOR DOING 99 MPH.** Alvin Wang is a convicted drug dealer.



On May 13, 2008 Wang was arrested by the County Police for Felony Attempt to Distribute Controlled Substance.

On May 19, 2008 the State of Missouri seized \$1,374 from Wang in connection with drug sales.

On March 18, 2010 he was arrested again by the County Police for Felony Intent to Distribute Controlled Substance and misdemeanor Possession of Marijuana.

On March 31, 2010 the State seized \$1,463 from Wang in connection with drug sales and \$7,245 from a co-defendant.

Wang Pled Guilty to all the charges from the 2008 and 2010 arrests on October 15, 2012. He was sentenced to 120 days in jail on the marijuana possession charge. On the three felony Drug Distribution Charges he was sentenced to 7-years in prison, but was immediately placed on a 5-year SES probation term. He received an early release from probation status on 07/01/2015.

On Friday night/Saturday morning January 17 at 3:07 am he was eastbound on I-64 approaching I-270 when he was clocked at 99 MPH by Town and Country Police Officer Hamel. He was also charged with having no proof of insurance on the car. He was driving a 2013 Audi, so apparently his seized drug sales money was having no effect on his lifestyle.

**OUTCOME:** His lawyer moved the case to Associate Circuit Court in Clayton by making a jury demand. The case was still prosecuted by Town and Country Prosecuting Attorney Doug Malone. In a plea bargain agreed to by Malone Wang pled guilty on September 12, 2015 to Speeding 99 mph in a 60 MPH Zone and was given a No Points No Fine one-year SIS probation term.

The "No Insurance" charge was reduced to "Illegal Parking" and he was fined \$150.

This is typical justice supplied by the Town and Country's hired lawyers from Curtis, Heinz, Garrett and O'Keefe law firm. This is the same group that represents such ethically straight cities as Ferguson and Velda City.

The County judge that allowed this sentence for a three time convicted drug dealer and someone doing 99 MPH was Joseph Dueker.

Uniform Citation

Violator's Copy



ORI NO. MO 0957200 TOWN AND COUNTRY POLICE  
STATE OF MISSOURI  
DIVISION OF 21st CIRCUIT COURT

**140061174**

STATE OF MISSOURI		DIVISION	
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF <b>TOWN AND COUNTRY MUNICIPAL</b> COUNTY <b>1</b>			
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COURT DATE <b>02/19/2015</b>	COURT TIME 7:00 <input type="checkbox"/> AM <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PM	COURT PHONE NO. <b>(314) 432-1420</b>	
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WITHIN CITY / COUNTY AND STATE AFORESAID, NAME (LAST, FIRST, MIDDLE) <b>WANG, ALVIN</b>			
STREET ADDRESS <b>4355 MARYLAND AVE 232</b>			
CITY <b>ST LOUIS</b>		STATE <b>MO</b>	ZIP CODE <b>63108</b>
DATE OF BIRTH <b>04/05/1991</b>	RACE <b>A</b>	SEX <b>M</b>	HEIGHT <b>508</b> WEIGHT <b>130</b>
DRIVER'S LIC. NO. [REDACTED]		CDL: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	STATE <b>MO</b>
EMPLOYER			
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DID THEN AND THERE COMMIT THE FOLLOWING OFFENSE. THE FACTS SUPPORTING THIS BELIEF ARE AS FOLLOWS: <b>EXCEEDING SPEED LIMIT 60 MPH ZONE REAR RADAR CAR 6. SAME DIRECTION. *380.050 NO PROOF OF INSURANCE.</b>			
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IN VIOLATION OF: STATUTE/ORDINANCE - CHARGE CODE <input type="checkbox"/> RSMo. <b>320.010</b> <b>90000050</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORD.			
SEAT BELT VIOLATION: STATUTE/ORDINANCE - CHARGE CODE <input type="checkbox"/> RSMo. <input type="checkbox"/> ORD.			
<input type="checkbox"/> IN FATAL CRASH <input type="checkbox"/> IN CRASH <input type="checkbox"/> DWI / BAC		OCN	
OFFICER <b>/s/ P.O. Hamel</b>	BADGE <b>00126</b>	TRP / ZONE	DATE <b>01/17/2015</b>

In November Wang was arrested for DWI in St. Louis County by the Highway Patrol. We notified Town and Country Police of the obvious violation of his probation for 99 MPH in a 60 MPH zone. They in turn notified County Probation, so perhaps Wang may eventually get some points for doing 99 in a 60 zone. His probation revocation hearing is set for January 8, 2016.

**MANCHESTER RESIDENT PICKS UP THIS FIFTH DWI** Driving on a flat tire is an age old method to attract the attention of the police. Officer Scott Schlager was working New Year Day night shift from 6 pm until 6 am January 1-2, 2014. It was about 1:30 in the morning when Schlager could not help but notice a 2001

black GMC Sierra large size SUV being driven southbound on Woods Mill Road with the right rear tire flat. At Clayton Road the driver turned left and did not signal.

Officer Schlager stopped the SUV after it made the left turn and contacted the driver Richard Paul Williams, 47, of 6 Montrouge Ct in Manchester. Officer Schlager asked Williams if he knew he had a flat tire. Williams said he did and was just trying to get home.

Schlager noticed that Williams' breath had a heavy smell of intoxicants, that his eyes were bloodshot. However, Williams' speech was not slurred. As someone who made 375 DWI arrests I found that when suspects have some signs of over whelming intoxication but something like balance or speech are good it is often a sign of a long time alcoholic who has learned to compensate for the effects of excessive alcohol.



Richard Williams

Officer Schlager performed several field tests including a field breath test, all which indicated Williams was drunk. Williams was arrested and his GMC was towed.

At the police station Williams agreed to take an official breath test. That test showed his BAC level to be .185% or more than twice the legal limit. In an interview Williams stated that he did not think he was intoxicated. He said he had five beers at the 100 West Bar.

Officer Schlager is not known for writing very detailed police reports. In the interview with Williams, he said in the last three hours he had picked up his kids at the movies. Schlager reported at the time of arresting Williams and towing the car someone picked up the passengers. However he never reports who the passengers were. There is an old saying in police work and among judges and prosecutors of "If it isn't in the police

report, it didn't happen." Now videos of the arrest are curtailing detailed report writing with some officers.

At the police station Officer Schlage was able to determine the following DWI convictions involving Williams:

1989 St. Louis County Police  
1994 Jefferson County Sheriff's Office  
1996 St. Louis County Police  
2004 Manchester Police

Williams was charged as a Felony Persistent DWI Driver.

Williams also has had garnishments and judgments over bank and credit card debts and an Order of Protection issued against him. In 2000 he served four days in jail for driving on a revoked license.

**OUTCOME:** On October 29, 2015 or 667 days after his arrest Williams pled guilty in Associate Circuit Court before Judge Barbara Wallace to the felony Persistent DWI. He was not sent to jail, but instead was placed on 7-years probation. However the conviction did go on his driver license record that will result in another one-year or longer revocation period.

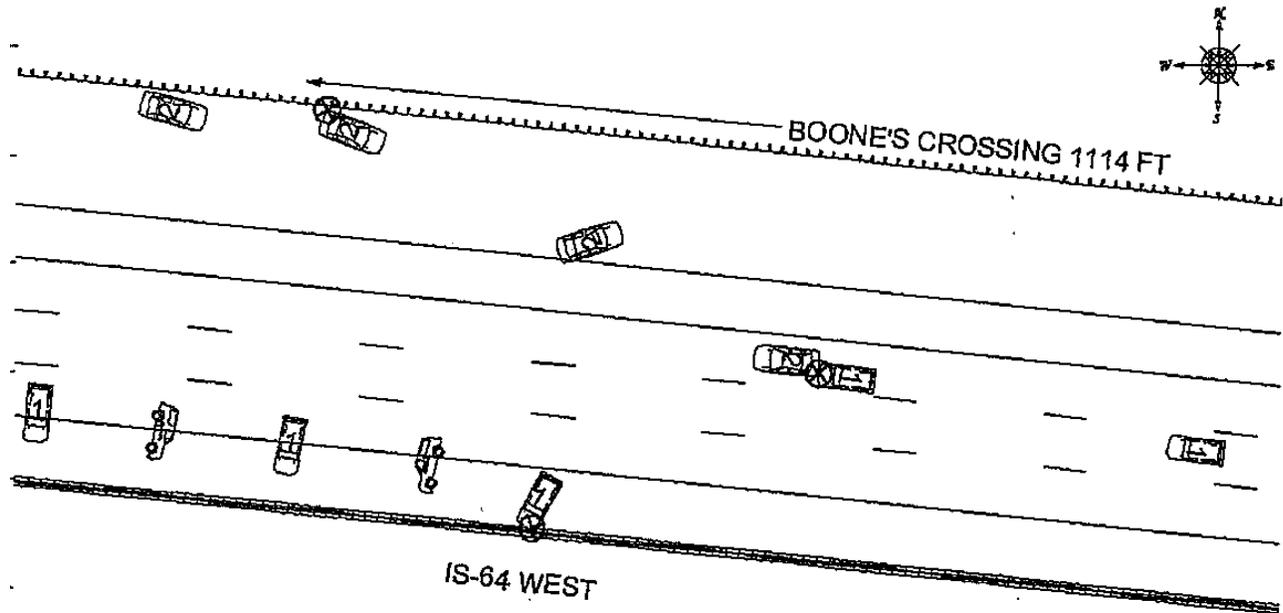
**DRUNK DRIVER CAUSES A SPECTACULAR ACCIDENT ON I-64, INJURES INNOCENT DRIVER GETS NO-POINTS AND NO FINE PROBATION DESPITE SECOND DWI ACCIDENT BEFORE SENTENCING:** Here is a perfect example why our local criminal justice system is not protecting us and Tim Engelmeyer should be fired.

ON Wednesday night December 17, 2014 at 9:15 pm Matthew Smith of Highland, Illinois was minding his own business driving his 2010 Chevrolet Malibu at the speed limit westbound in the curb (far right) lane on I-64 approaching Boone's Crossing. Unknown to Smith, rapidly approaching his location was drunk driver Brian Sheets, 27, of Villa Ridge Missouri driving his father's 1997 Chevrolet Blazer SUV which in seconds would end its life as a useful motor vehicle.

Witnesses who were luckily enough to get out of harm's way reported that Sheets was driving wildly across the lanes on the interstate before hitting Smith's Chevy sedan. After the rear impact Smith's car went to the right, spinning around but never overturning. Smith and his passenger were both injured but had friends take them to the

hospital of their choice. Smith said he was in the far right lane doing 60 MPH when Sheets came from no-where at high speed and crashed into his car.

After impact Sheets' Chevy Blazer veered to the left completely overturning twice before coming to rest on its wheels. Every inch of the 17-year-old car was damaged, top, bottom, front, back and both sides.



When Chesterfield Police Officers John Bodi and Mark Bruegenhemke arrived at the scene Sheets told them he could not remember what happened. Sheets injuries were serious enough that the Monarch Fire Prevention District ambulance crew did not even bother taking him to St. Luke's Hospital. Instead he went straight to Mercy Medical Center.

Officer Bodi re-contacted Sheets at the hospital. Sheets stated that all he could remember was waking up in an ambulance. He agreed to give a blood sample as it had appeared he had been drinking.

The blood sample came back showing Sheets' BAC level was .146%.

According to police reports there was no citation issued for Careless and Impudent Driving or any other charge for causing the accident. Only a DWI citation was issued, sent to Sheets by mail after the blood test came back from the Highway Patrol lab. Sheets' lawyer moved the case from Chesterfield municipal court to the Associate Circuit Court in Clayton.

Prior to appearing in court for a plea Sheets was involved in another DWI-Interstate Highway accident case. This one happened on Saturday September 26 on I-44 in Franklin County. This time he was driving a 1997 Pontiac Sunfire that he totaled when driving off the highway and hitting a guardrail. Trooper Hedlund of the Missouri Highway Patrol arrested Sheets for DWI after he was released from the emergency room.

**From The SULLIVAN INDEPENDENT NEWS October 7th Edition:**

Sept. 26; Brian E. Sheets, 28, Villa Ridge, was arrested on the patrol charge of alleged DWI. Sheets was held at the Franklin County jail.

**FROM MISSOURI HIGHWAY PATROL ACCIDENT DATA BASE:**

Date Time County Location Troop TPR. M. W. HEDLUND (255) ASSISTED BY TPR. D. C. HIGHLEY (267)

150606351 0 0 09/26/2015 8:20PM FRANKLIN WESTBOUND I 44 AT THE 249.6 MILE MARKER C Vehicle

1997 PONTIAC SUNFIRE EXTENSIVE TOWED TO/BY STURM'S TOWING SHEETS, BRIAN E MALE 28 NO VILLA RIDGE, MO UNKNOWN WESTBOUND Injury Information  
 SHEETS, BRIAN E MALE 28 MINOR NO VILLA RIDGE, MO DRIVER TRANSPORTED BY MERAMEC AMBULANCE TO MERCY HOSPITAL WASHINGTON Misc. Information VEHICLE 1 TRAVELED OFF THE LEFT SIDE OF THE ROADWAY AND STRUCK THE GUARDRAIL

Injury Information								
Veh. #	Name	Gender	Age	Injury Type	Safety Device	City/State	Involvement	Disposition
1	SHEETS, BRIAN E	MALE	28	MINOR	NO	VILLA RIDGE, MO	DRIVER	TRANSPORTED BY MERAMEC AMBULANCE TO MERCY HOSPITAL WASHINGTON
Misc. Information								
VEHICLE 1 TRAVELED OFF THE LEFT SIDE OF THE ROADWAY AND STRUCK THE GUARDRAIL								

**OUTCOME OF CHESTERFIELD CASE:** Chesterfield prosecutor Tim Engelmeyer and County Judge Joseph Dueker apparently thought Sheets was a good candidate for a probation term, instead of any fine or points going against his license. This was after he totaled two cars and injured two people besides himself. Plus he had served 30 days in the St. Charles County Jail for Domestic Assault. Thanks to Engelmeyer Chesterfield Style justice prevailed.

Sheets pled guilty to DWI on October 15, 2015. He was placed on a 2-year SIS probation term, which means no points and no-fine. He does have to attend DWI

Alcohol school and prove the two victims have received restitution for their damages and treatment of their injuries.

What Sheets did not get was a fine or points going on his license, despite the fact that he was arrested for a DWI accident three weeks before his plea. Now I found a newspaper article and Highway patrol summary report of the arrest and accident, but apparently this was too difficult for either Englemeyer or Judge Dueker to accomplish.



Englemeyer and Dueker both public safety hazards.

**CHESTERFIELD-MELBOURNE TEENAGE SHOPLIFTING GANG EASILY CAUGHT:**

On Tuesday July 23, 2014 at 2:50 in the afternoon Chesterfield Police Officers McBride, Deckard and Martin responded to a call of multiple shoplifting suspects at the Wal Mart Store. When Officer McBride arrived he went to the security office and watched the suspects put small bottles of liquor into their purses. The Wal-Mart security officer (assess protection associate) reported seeing them earlier take items off the rack and pass them around without the items returning to the rack.

They were stopped leaving the store and arrested. Three of four suspects were remarkably honest and confessed right away. The one that didn't had another suspect rat her out for not being honest.

**Eleanor Saunders, 17, originally from St. Louis who now lives in Melbourne, Florida** immediately apologized and said what she stole was in her purse. Officers found the following:

1. 5 Travel Size bottle of Captain Morgan's Rum \$1.28 each total \$6.48
2. 1 pair of Wal-Mart brand Mizzou shorts \$17.48
3. 1 Wal-Mart brand black t-shirt \$7.50
4. 1 20- oz bottle of Coca-Cola \$1.58
5. 1 Can of Wal-Mart brand Raspberry Lemonade \$0.88

Total \$33.84



Eleanor Saunders

**Taylor Mraz, 18** also from Melbourne Florida denied having anything or stealing anything. She was about to be proved a liar. Here are the stolen items found in her purse:

1 3 necklaces at \$3.00 each total \$9.00



Taylor Ann Mraz



**Kamaya D. Johnson, 18, of Chesterfield** admitted stealing some items which were in her purse and further added before the searches of purses that Mraz had stolen property in her purse too. So much for sticking together. Here is what was found in the Johnson's purse:

1 Axe travel size body spray \$1.97  
2 Travel size container of Vaseline \$1.47  
3 2 Necklaces @\$3.00 each total \$6.00  
4 1 set of Ear Plugz earphones \$10.00  
total \$19.44



Kamaya Johnson



Johnson also informed on the waiting getaway car was in the parking lot occupied by two guys. The Chevy Malibu was found.

Other than Taylor Mraz, this was an honest group of thieves. One of the two males in the getaway car, **Kane Gilbert, 18, of Chesterfield** admitted stealing a Scosche FM Digital FM Transmitter valued at \$29.88, which he said he threw into some bushes when he saw the police cars pull on the lot.



Kane Gilbert

**OUTCOME:** Kane Gilbert pled guilty to an amended charge of Littering in August of 2015 and was fined \$300. He actually did commit this offense as he threw the stolen item into some bushes.

Kamaya Johnson Pled Guilty in Municipal Court to a reduced charge of Littering and was fined \$300.50 plus \$26.50 in court costs. Johnson stole \$19.44 worth of property and was extremely honest and helpful once she was caught.

Eleanor Saunders Pled Guilty in Municipal Court and was fined \$300.50 plus court costs for her theft of \$33.84 of merchandise.

Taylor Mraz pled guilty was was fined \$300.50 plus court costs for stealing \$6 in chains.

All four defendants also had to attend a Theft Offenders Program. All in all this was clearly an example of crime not paying.

**DRUNK DRIVER DOING 75 MPH ON NORTH OUTER FORTY ROAD, WITH OPEN CONTAINER AND NO INSURANCE LEAVES COURT WITH ONLY TWO POINTS ON DRIVERS LICENSE.**

On Thursday morning September 25, 2014 at 1:42 Chesterfield Police Officer Turntine observed a gold 1999 Toyota Corolla speeding on I-64 and exit onto the North Forty Outer Road.

The car was clocked doing 70 MPH in a 45 MPH zone on the North Forty Outer Road. The driver then turned right onto Chesterfield Parkway. Officer Turntine was able to stop the vehicle as the driver turned into the Conway Cove apartments.

There Danica Wessel handed the officer an expired Car Insurance Card and an Ohio drivers' license. Wessel, 22, lived at the Conway Cove apartments. She appeared to have been drinking as her eyes were bloodshot and her breath smelled of intoxicating beverages. Wessel failed field sobriety tests and a field breath test. She was arrested for DWI. In her car police found an open bottle of Vodka.



Danica Wessel

At the police station she took an official breath test that showed she was intoxicated, but barely. The test results were 0.87% and the level of intoxication in Missouri is 0.80%.

In an interview at the station Wessel stated she had two or three mixed drinks at a friend's apartment and did consider herself under the influence of alcohol.

She was cited for DWI, Speeding, Fail to Signal a Turn, Open Container in Vehicle and No Proof of Insurance.

**OUTCOME:** On July 8, 2015 in front of Chesterfield Judge Rick Brunk Wessel pled guilty to following charges and amended charges: 1) DWI with a no-record, no points and no fine SIS probation. 2) The Failure to Signal Charge was reduced to "Illegal Parking" and she was fined \$350. 3) The Open Container charged was amended to "Littering" and Wessel was fined \$200 and costs. 4) The No Proof of Insurance was dismissed, leaving only the 4) Speeding citation, which Wessel pled guilty to and was fined \$75 and costs with 2-points going on her driving record.

So Prosecutor Tim Engelmeyer allowed Brian Sheets, very drunk driver driving a SUV out of control on I-64 who caused a multiple injury accident and totaled two cars in a DWI accident, to plea to a deal where he got NO Points on his record and one where David Coldewe used a dump truck as a weapon during morning rush hour traffic to cause an accident involving someone he did not like, get No Points on his driving record, but Wessel got two points and she was barely over the legal limit. Chesterfield Justice or the lack of justice is very interesting.

**DRUNK DRIVER DOING 23 MPH ON TWO FLAT TIRES ON I-64 GETS NO POINTS AND NO FINE AFTER TESTING WELL OVER THE LEGAL LIMIT.** Once again Judge Rick Brunk and Prosecutor Tim Engelmeyer out did themselves being able to claim they convicted a drunk driver without anything much happening to the guy.

While Chesterfield police officers do not set up radar or run LASER Speed enforcement, they do patrol I-64. On Sunday July 20, 2014 at about 10:46 pm Chesterfield Police Officer Woodrum was about to enter WB I-64 from Chesterfield Parkway when he noticed a very slow moving blue Dodge sedan in the far right lane.

Officer Woodrum got behind that car and determined that it was moving 23 MPH in the 60 MPH zone with a minimum speed of 40 MPH. One of the reasons for the slow moving car was that it had two flat tires both on the left side of the vehicle.

Officer Woodrum stopped the car before the Boone's Crossing exit and met the driver, David Lois, 47, of Manchester. This is from Woodrum's report:

As soon as the vehicle came to a stop the driver, who was the only occupant in the vehicle, exited the vehicle and approached the back bumper of the vehicle. When the driver exited the vehicle he lost his balance and fell back towards the car. As he walked towards the back of the car, he steadied himself with his left hand on the trunk of the car. I instructed the driver to return to the driver seat of the vehicle which he did. Once returned to the vehicle, I advised the driver, who I later I identified as Lois, David B (W/M DOB: [REDACTED]) why I stopped him. I asked Lois why he was going so slow and he stated he had a flat tire.

Officer Woodrum had a pretty good clue of Lois' condition before he got to the part where Lois said he only had two beers at Harpo's.

I observed two flat tires on Lois' vehicle, both on the driver's side. I asked Lois why he was driving flat tires and he stated he was trying to make it to the next exit ramp. During this exchange I observed Lois' voice to be slow and slurred. I asked Lois what he had been doing this evening prior to the traffic stop and he stated he had been visiting a friend at Harpo's (135 Hilltown Village Center). I asked Lois if he had been drinking and he admitted to having 2 beers in the last 3 hours. Lois' eyes appeared glassy.



Drunk driver David Lois



Drunk drivers' best friends Judge Brunk and PA Engelmeyer

Field sobriety tests showed what surely Officer Woodrum already knew...Lois was drunk. He was arrested and transported to the Chesterfield Police Station.

At the station Lois agreed to take a breath test, which showed his BAC level was .143%. It was also determined that Lois' drivers' license was revoked. **This was Lois' third DWI offense and he was not charged with a felony. He was also on probation for a felony drug charge in the City of St. Louis.**

He was cited for DWI and Driving on a Revoked License.

**OUTCOME:** On July 21, 2015 Lois pled guilty to the DWI and was given a No-Record, No-Points, No-Fine two year SIS probation term by Chesterfield Judge Rick Brunk. The Driving While Revoked charge was apparently dropped by Engelmeyer. Lois who was so drunk that he was driving on I-64 at 23 MPH on two flat tires and literally fell out of the car when he was stopped, left the courtroom with nothing, no fine, no points and no permanent record if he completes probation.

**WHO ARE THE REAL VICTIMS OF THIS BUDDY SYSTEM IN THE MUNICIPAL COURTS. IT IS YOU AND ME.** Prosecutors and judges that allow drivers with serious dangerous violations of the traffic code to hide behind \$500 "Illegal Parking" deals are stealing money from you and me.

The insurance industry traditionally charges people with bad traffic records higher premiums. The ones with really bad traffic records can't buy regular insurance, but have to go to a high-risk carrier. But with people like Tim Engelmeyer reducing serious violations to "Parking Violations" the bad drivers don't have any traffic offense record on file with the State drivers license unit.

In other words you and me who don't get tickets are underwriting those people who should be paying more for insurance. Instead, their dangerous driving records disappear with a moving violations being reduced to a Parking Tickets.

We focus on Chesterfield and Town and Country but Judge Donald Anderson of Ellisville seems to be just as bad. While I am quite sure there are far more people convicted of Illegal Parking and especially Littering in Town and Country and Chesterfield than there are actual charges filed, under Anderson the ratio is probably even higher.

The Ellisville Municipal Court had tried to delay or hide verdicts on three occasions I have gone there to simply obtain original charges (statement of charges) or dispositions.

Mayor Bob Nation accused me of reporting bad information when I wrote how a Chesterfield Officer claimed the person he had arrested for DWI had just been arrested by another agency for DWI. The mayor said his police chief and prosecuting attorney could not find such information that it turned out his officer correctly reported as the suspect was driving on a temp license issued by the Ellisville Police after they seized his regular license after a DWI arrest.

I was told by the Ellisville Court Clerk that the court record on the case had been ordered sealed by Judge Anderson. I filed a complaint with the Circuit Court and a month later was told the court staff was mistaken and the file was not sealed and I obtained the information.



In October of 2015 I went to the Ellisville Court to find out the original charge that Anderson reduced to Littering against Matthew Lutterman who was later charged with stealing guns from cars. I was told the Court staff was too busy and would not tell me the charge and for me to come the next week.

On December 29 I went to the Ellisville court to find out what the original charge was against a Chesterfield woman that was reduced to "Littering." This time I was told that the court records contrary to Supreme Court and Circuit Court rules were not open to the public. I was told that a 72-hour records request had to be filed with the City Clerk. I filled out the form, but complained to the City Clerk that I would be filing complaints and asked how policy by a city clerk can trump orders from the Missouri Supreme Court and the Presiding Judge. An hour later the information was emailed to, but I should have been able to get it and be on my way in 60 seconds.

It is clear that Anderson has created in Ellisville a grossly high number of people convicted of \$200, \$300, \$400 and \$500 Parking Violations that is far more than the parking tickets the city police ever issue. The same goes for Litters. I would doubt if five people a year are actually charged with littering by the police, but I would not be

surprised if 50 people are convicted of it after having drug and theft charges reduced to Littering. You would think that Ellisville after all the hi-jinks with the improper and failed impeachment of Mayor Adam Paul would want everything in the open especially what goes on in court.

**FIXING THE PROBLEM:** We have been writing for some time that the first thing Town and Country and ESPECIALLY Chesterfield need to do is to replace their current prosecutors and judges with people who will not reduce serious offenses to "Illegal Parking" and "Littering" convictions. People should not leave courtrooms after pleading guilty to DWI with No Points on their Driving Record and No Fine, even if they to pay to attend special classes as part of their probation.

We have been randomly selecting cases to review for over three years. They all show they same thing. If you hire a local lawyer you get a deal in our municipal courts. That is not the way the courts are supposed to work. The police have a job of finding bad and dangerous drivers and arrest criminals. The court's job used to be to confirm that the police are right and that the police followed the rules. It now appears as if the courts' job is to give special treatment to defendants who hire lawyers who are buddies to the local prosecutors or judges and justice is completely out of the picture.

Members of the Board of Aldermen and City Council apparently don't have any desire to find people for these positions who will start doing the job properly.

Chesterfield prosecutor Tim Engelmeyer claims I cherry pick a few cases and in reality it is nothing like what I report. That could not be further from the truth. I randomly select these cases to review and over three years they all show one thing...at the municipal court level the prosecutor and judge don't care about the welfare of the citizens, just generating revenue and helping out fellow lawyers.

In Chesterfield Tim Engelmeyer should be fired along with Judge Rick Brunk. However I hear rumors coming out of City Hall that some on the City Council don't want to fire Engelmeyer, but want to promote him to the position of City Attorney. I cannot confirm this from any member of the City Council, but if it is true it is pretty sad. Plus this is clearly the job of the new Council elected in April and not the job of lame duck members of the Council who want to get back at Mayor Bob Nation and take care of their buddy Engelmeyer.

Here are some easy ways elected officials could start fixing the problem and show the citizen that public safety comes before revenue.

- 1) Pass policy that no one holding the position of judge or prosecutor can be a defense attorney in other area municipal courts. This would eliminate the "you take care of me and take care of you" attitude that has permeated local courts. This is a clear conflict of interest.
- 2) No one can be a judge in one town and a prosecutor in another. How can you fairly hear the facts against a person in one town after you prosecuted them in another? By allowing someone to hold both jobs you create conflicts of interest.
- 3) Pass laws that eliminate the amount of plea bargaining your local prosecutor and Municipal Judge can do. I have written a draft bill that anyone is welcome to use.

### ***Charging Honesty Bill***

***Whereas a primary reason for municipal government is to provide health, safety and welfare to residents and the public at large and***

***Whereas one of the main reasons for police traffic enforcement is to identify dangerous drivers***

***Whereas a job of the Municipal prosecutor and judge is to verify charges filed by the police are correct and fair and convict people driving dangerously as the final step in identifying dangerous drivers***

***To ensure this is done***

***No moving violation charge may be reduced to a non-moving traffic violation or reduced to a parking violation charge or may be reduced to a non-traffic related charged.***

***The only charge reduction allowed by city prosecutors or judges shall be to lesser and included moving violation offenses.***

An example of a lesser and included offense would be how Careless and Impudent Driving requires two elements, such as Speeding and Disobeying a Stop Sign. A prosecutor could reduce the charge to Violating a Stop Sign, but not reduce it to "Illegal Parking."

Driving While License Revoked could be reduced to Driving Without a Valid License because the defendant technically did not have a valid one if it was revoked, but the charge could not be reduced to "Illegal Parking."

It would be refreshing to see alderpersons and councilpersons to step forward and do something to clean up the corrupted municipal court system. However, I doubt that it will happen and most likely the Missouri Supreme Court will force reform down the throats of elected officials.