

DRUNKS AND THIEVES 2021 PART 2 March 23, 2021

By John Hoffmann

ARREST FOR DRUG DEALING DID NOT GET HIS ATTENTION: Okay, this is not a drunk or a thieves' tale. It is a marijuana story. Actually it is two marijuana stories. The first story took place at three-thirty in the morning. On Saturday night into Sunday morning May 17, 2020 at 3:30am Chesterfield police officers Ryan Broeker and Devin Kitrel observed a silver BMW pulled down the driveway at 15244 Country Ridge Drive. Nobody got out of the BMW. Chesterfield officers for over a year have paid close attention to vehicles on or near driveways due to a steady number of car break-in and auto thefts.



Devin Kitrel Ryan Broeker



15244 Country Ridge

They then observed a male leave the house and go to the passenger window where a transaction was made. Officer Kitrel and Broeker then drove onto the driveway and contacted the person from the house and the occupants of the car.

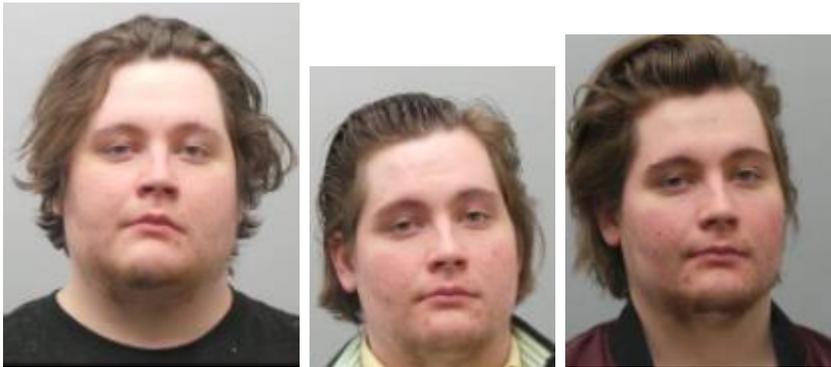
By this time it was raining, raising another question of why the car was stopped and why someone made a transaction in a hard rain.

The person from the house was Jake Beach, 19. Beach told officers he had just bought two THC (active ingredient of marijuana and hash) canisters for \$75. He stated that he did not know the two people and had contacted them online on snapchat.

The driver of the BMW was Nolan Borgsmiller, 22, showing recent addresses in Chesterfield and Ballwin. The passenger was Travis Borgsmiller,

Both of the Borgsmillers said they were just stopping by at 3:30AM to say hi (in a hard rain) to a friend of a friend and they were then going to Jack-in-the Box. Officers reported that Jack-in-the Box had closed several hours earlier.

\$83 was recovered along with THC cannisters from the car and the two from Beach. Beach and Nolan Borgsmiller were released on a citations.



Nolan Borgsmiller's record:

05/23/20	DWI / Refused Breath Test, No Auto Ins.	St. Louis Co PD
05/19/20	Possession of THC, reduced to Health Code Vio	Chesterfield PD
05/17/20	Possession/Sale of THC	Chesterfield PD
07/09/18	Drug Proceeds Forfeiture \$24,535 pending	St. Louis County CT
06/28/18	Felony Drug Poss, Fel Deliver or Sell Drugs Prob	St. Louis Co PD
05/18/18	Drug Proceeds Forfeiture \$2,100 pending	St, Louis County CT
05/15/18	2 Cts Felony Delivery of Controlled Sub probation	Chesterfield PD
05/07/18	2 Cts Felony Delivery of Drugs 3-yr SIS Probation	Ballwin PD
08/04/16	Moving Violation reduced to Parking Vio \$100 fine	Ellisville PD



Travis Borgsmiller

OUTCOME: No charges were filed against Travis Borgsmiller. Jake Beach had his Possession of THC/Marijuana reduced on August 12, 2020 to Littering by Chesterfield Prosecutor Tim “Hire a Lawyer and I’ll Reduce the Charge” Engelmeyer. Judge Rick Brunk accepted the reduction and issued a \$270 fine.

On October 5, 2020 despite being on probation for 5 different cases of felony drugs sales in Chesterfield, Ballwin and St. Louis County, Nolan Borgsmiller had his possession of the THC Cannisters that he was selling to teenagers in Chesterfield reduced to a non-criminal “Health Code Violation” by Engelmeyer and accepted by Judge “Let em Loose” Brunk who fined Borgsmiller \$270.

TWO YEARS EARLIER BORGSMILLER CAUGHT BY CHESTERFIELD POLICE OFFICERS ON A TUESDAY AFTERNOON DEALING DRUGS ON A PARK AND RIDE LOT: It was Tuesday May 15, 2018 at 3:45 in the afternoon. Nolan Borgsmiller and 17-year-old Sophia Grace Autullo were in a black Ford Fusion on the Commuter Park and Ride parking lot on Wild Horse Creek Road selling drugs.

Chesterfield police received a call of a suspicious vehicle, occupied parked on the lot behind a bank and other businesses with cars pulling up to it and then driving away.

Officer McBride, Officer Saffa and Sgt. Whittman responded.

Sophia Autullo was behind the wheel. There was a marijuana smoking pipe in plain view and the car reeked of the smell of burnt marijuana. Both were ordered out of the car.

This is from Officer McBride’s police report:

The female was identified as Sophia Autullo and the male was identified as Nolan Borgsmiller. As the male exited he began crying and asking for us not to arrest him. He explained that he had just been arrested for drugs in Ballwin and that this would ruin his life. I informed him someone had reported suspicious activity here and asked if there was any drugs in the vehicle.

Both individuals said yes that there was drugs in the vehicle and Sophia stated we could search the vehicle. Nolan explained he had "weed" in the car. Both individuals were allowed to stand nearby with Sgt. Wittman while myself and Officer Saffa searched the vehicle.

The pair were clearly dealing marijuana because this is what was found:

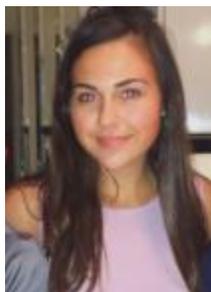
1. Large clear plastic bag containing a large amount of green leafy substance.
2. Medium clear plastic bag containing green leafy substance.
3. Medium clear plastic bag containing small amount of green leafy substance.
4. Large amount of cash.
5. Tar like substance spread out onto wax paper.
6. Several vape devices containing burnt resin
7. Blue grinder containing green leafy substance.
8. Medium clear plastic bag containing edibles that resemble marijuana brownies.
9. large amounts of clear plastic zip bags

Also contained in the vehicle were three blunt style marijuana cigarettes, a mirror containing residue, and a yellow marijuana pipe. (Blunts are hollowed out cigars filled with marijuana.)

Both were arrested. At the police station they were advised of their rights per the Miranda Ruling and both agreed to speak with officers. More from the police report:

Nolan stated he would get the marijuana from friends who would travel to Colorado and buy it for cheap. He would then sell it to various people to make a profit. He was selling marijuana because he had no job and his girlfriend (Sophia) was pregnant. The money seized was from his drug sales.

Sophia stated they were selling weed at that location for the past couple days. The sales were to help them have money.



Sophia Grace Autullo

05/15/18 Possession of Marijuana with Intent to Sell 3 yrs SIS prob Chesterfield PD
05/07/18 2-ct Felony Possession of Marij Guilty SIS probation Ballwin PD

DRUGGIE SHOOTS UP ON THE SIDE OF ROAD AND THEN PASSES OUT IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT: This is another tale of a drug abuser. On Friday night into Saturday morning September 22, 2018 Chesterfield Officers Craig Friemel and Devin Holroyd were dispatched at 3:43 in the morning to 1400 block of Timberlake Parkway for a person asleep in the driver’s seat of a car partially on the road with the bright lights and interior light on. A newspaper delivery man had driven by the car for almost two hours when he decided to call the police. (It was a bit unusual that an officer on patrol did not find this car since it was on a main side street.)

On arrival the officers found the driver sound asleep with the engine off (so much for making a DWID arrest). It was a help the driver had the interior light on. He needed to see as he had been injecting drugs into his arm.

Officer Holroyd observed through the driver’s door window several hypodermic needles. Officer Friemel observed a baggie with capsule of white powder that he thought were filled with heroin, but later turned out to be fentanyl, a similar illegal drug.

They got the driver of the Chevrolet Impala awake and out of the car. A search of the rest of the car revealed a total of syringes and more drugs, an electronic scale and three spoons with residue on them.

The driver, Jason T. Berndt, 42, of Overland, Missouri.

As he was being handcuffed officers noticed on the inside of his right arm a blood trail from a puncture mark.

After booking and processing Berndt was released pending lab tests and warrant application. I found it a bit unusual that his car was not towed, but merely moved off the roadway. After his release an officer drove him back to his car where just a couple hours earlier he was passed out behind the wheel after shooting up.



Jason Berndt

05/06/20	Speeding (30over), Follow Too Close, Imp Lane Use	St. Ann PD
09/22/18	Felony 2-cts Drug Possession, Poss of Drug Paraph	Chesterfield PD
08/11/06	Adult Order of Protection/Stalking	St. Louis Co Court
09/24/04	Adult Order of Protection/Stalking	St. Louis Co Court

Berndt also had eight civil actions involving failure to pay rent or breach of loan contracts.

OUTCOME: On August 07. 2020 22 months after his arrest Berndt pled guilty to both charges and was given a 3-year SIS No-Permanent Record, NO Fine Probation term.

DRUNK DRIVER 2-TIMES OVER THE LIMIT AND SPEEDING LEAVES CHESTERFIELD COURTROOM WITH NO POINTS ON HIS LICENSE AND NO FINE

FOR DWI: Just after midnight on Friday night into Saturday April 20, 2019 Alex Beers (an appropriate last name) was clocked speeding 58 MPH on NB Clarkson Road approaching I-64 in a 2012 Audi owned by his girlfriend, who was seated in the passenger seat.

When he was stopped for speeding officers found he had been drinking. Beers, 31 of University City, admitted having two drinks at a “little party” and said he stopped drinking 20 minutes earlier. Officer Greg Rupp twice in his report mention the Beers had badly slurred speech.

Once out of the car Beers failed a number of field sobriety tests and refused to take a field breath test. He was arrested by Officer Rupp and taken to the Chesterfield Police Station. At the station Beers agreed to take a breath test after trying phone calls to his mother and someone he claimed was a lawyer.



Officer Greg Rupp

The breath test results showed that Beers BAC level was .170% or more than twice the legal limit of .080%. He was cited for Speeding and DWI.



Alex Beers



Alex Beers' eyes

OUTCOME: Once again the Chesterfield prosecutor Tim Engelmeyer and Judge Rick Brunk don't care about the public's safety. Their number one concern is taking care of local attorneys who represent drunk drivers. Beers Speeding ticket that carries 2-points was reduced to a non-moving Parking Violation. He paid \$225 in fines and cost but had

no points on his record. He pled guilty to the DWI and was placed on a "No-Points" "No-Fine" SIS probation. He did have to attend a Victim's Impact Seminar and a Substance Awareness Traffic Offender Program.

THREE OFFICERS CORRAL A TRIO OF SHOPLIFTERS USING MOTORIZED

CARTS: On Saturday February 15, 2020 three officers assigned to retail enforcement at what's left of Chesterfield Mall and all of the stores in the Chesterfield Valley responded to a report of three females, using motorized carts shoplifting at Wal Mart. On arrival the officers were able to see the suspects, two adults and a juvenile teenager at self-checkout registers scanning one item while place three or four unscanned items in bags.

The trio was corralled as they exited the Wal Mart. They and the merchandise they were trying to steal were taken to the loss prevention office where it was determined the following items were being stolen:

HICUT 88530665434 8.98
ACRYLIC KIT 73150900002 15.97
BABYOIL 2260022319 4.94
SHOWER CURTAIN 67571671432 9.88
SPATULA D18 .98
TONGS D18 .98
SPATULA D18 .98
SLOT TURNER 489517611175 2.44
SPOON 489517611223 2.44
SPOON 489517611183 2.44
MS SLIT SPOON 1634690191 .25
S/S DN KNIVE 87521700566 .94
3PK DNR FORK 87521700867 1.68
3PK DNR FORK 87521700867 1.68
BRT 55GTRASH 1121700028 9.97
HAND TOWEL 88771905053 2.97
7PK SET 7355876671 6.88
SOCKS 70157097438 3
BATHMAT 7535398277 6.98

TS SS TEE 880967100129 6.96
 TS SS TEE 880967100087 6.96
 TS SS TEE 880967100105 6.96
 SLEEP PANT 76937383475 14.76
 TS SS TEE 880967100099 6.96
 SLEEP PANT 76937383991 14.76
 SLEEP TOP 76937383959 14.76
 HACCI TOP 76937382146 9.97
 TS SS TEE 880967100117 6.96
 TS SS TEE 880967100075 6.96
 FLEECE THROW 78485787458 2.5
 SOCKS 88309669583 4
 TS SS TEE 880967100113 6.96
 TS SS TEE 880967100095 6.96
 TS SS TEE 880967100123 6.96
 TS CAMI 880959810876 1

 LACE X BACK 4918332554 5
 PEVA LINER 3429913069 7.96
 SZ KENZIE C 2992754113 16.88
 WINDOW SET 78485774662 9.94
 WINDOW SET 78485774662 9.94
 DISH DRAINER 7169116057 11.82
 BATH SHEET 88771905051 7.97
 BATH SHEET 88771905051 7.97
 SMOKY RINGS 75680931021 .94
 TEA/LEMONADE 9147597000 .98
 MILOS NO CAL 9147563006 .98
 HACCI JOGGER 7693782251 9.97
 SOCKS 88309669570 4

The total amount of the loot was \$303.12. The items taken are not commonly stolen because usually drug addicts are the most common shoplifters and they steal more valuable items hoping to get up to 50% of the price tag in cash or drugs.

The reasons the suspects were using motorized carts for the handicapped was clear.

Rita Jean Brandt, 49, St. Louis



Brandt's only other arrest was in 2010 for riding on Metro Rail without paying a fare. She does have four suits on file for non-payment of rent.

The other adult suspect was

Jessica L. Silipo 34, St. Louis Silipo was interviewed after waiving her rights per Miranda Ruling and stated she had come out to the Chesterfield Wal Mart and stolen merchandise two other times.



OUTCOME:

Rita Brandt on 02/27/20 pled guilty to a non-criminal violation of a Health Code Violation and was fined \$316.50 for something she didn't do. . Brandt and Silipo had the same attorney and basically got the same deals.

Jessica Silipo pled guilty on 02/27/20 to a reduced charge of Littering, since she hired an attorney and the Chesterfield prosecutor and judge care more about lawyers making money than local retailers who provide sales taxes being protected from thieves. Silipo, despite confessing to stealing from the Chesterfield Wal Mart on two other occasions was fined \$316.50 for something she didn't do.

VERY DRUNK DRIVER FOUND PASSED OUT IN RUNNING CAR THAT HIT MEDIAN WALL ON HWY 141. On Saturday night into Sunday morning October 13, 2019 at 3:37 AM Chesterfield Police were dispatched to a call of a vehicle that had crashed into the median wall on southbound Hwy 141 at Olive Blvd with the lights on.

On the arrivals of Officers Thompson and Niemeier they found a 2012 Nissan Sentra with Illinois license plates that had the motor running and was in-gear against a median wall.



Off Niemeier Officer Charlie Thompson

Behind the wheel was the driver/owner, Brooke Brown, 31, of East Alton, Illinois, who was breathing but passed out. The car was locked with the windows up. Officers could plainly see empty beer bottles and a ½ full Bud Light Beer Bottle in the console cup holder.

Waking up Brown was not an easy task. This is from the police report:

Officer Niemeier and I attempted to wake up the female by yelling loudly and knocking on the vehicles windows. Eventually the female sat up in a dazed and incoherent state. She initially refused to put the vehicle in park and began to slowly drive forward. We continued to yell and she placed the vehicle in park, then provided loud clear verbal commands to unlock the doors. In a slow and confused state, she complied and exited the vehicle out the front passenger door.

Once out of the car Brown failed field sobriety tests. This is from the police report:

OFFICER'S OBSERVATION MADE PRIOR TO ARREST OR CUSTODY (Check appropriate box(es) and add					
BREATH	ODOR OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE: <input type="checkbox"/> FAINT <input type="checkbox"/> MODERATE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STRONG		ODOR OF MARIJUANA OR CHEMICAL: <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO		
EYES	<input type="checkbox"/> WATERY	<input type="checkbox"/> BLOODSHOT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GLASSY	<input type="checkbox"/> STARING	<input type="checkbox"/> ARTIFICIAL
PUPILS	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> SLOW REACTION TO LIGHT		<input type="checkbox"/> DILATED	
BALANCE AND WALKING	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNCERTAIN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SWAYING	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STAGGERING	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STUMBLING	<input type="checkbox"/> FALLING
SPEECH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SLURRED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CONFUSED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INCOHERENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STUTTERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUMBLING

Brown told officers she had left her boyfriend's house and was now in Bethalto, Illinois.

She answered one question that "yes she was driving a car, because you guys pulled me over" forgetting that she had crashed her car into a wall and passed out.

Marijuana and a marijuana smoking device were found in the car. Brown admitted having smoked marijuana earlier in the evening.

She admitted that she was intoxicated but refused to take a breath test.

Finally at 4:33 AM on October 13, 2019 Brown was asked what the date was and what time it was. Here are her answers:

WHAT TIME IS IT NOW?	WHAT IS THE DATE?
1:30 AM	11/10 OR 11/11



Brooke L. Brown



Brown's eyes

OUTCOME: 02/11/20 Brown pled guilty to four charges in Chesterfield Municipal Court:

DWI; Was placed on a 2-year "No Fine" No Points" "No Permanent Public Record" probation term and required to attend a Substance Abuse Traffic Program and Victim Impact seminar.

Marijuana Possession: 2-year SIS "No Fine" "No Permanent Public Record" probation term.

Possession of Drug Paraphernalia Reduced to Non-criminal Health Code Violation \$266.50 fine.

Open Container of Alcohol While Driving: 2-year SIS “No fine” “No Permanent Rec” probation term.

Brown did have a Chesterfield lawyer as a defense attorney. For city prosecutor Tim Engelmeyer and Judge Rick Brunk it is not that big of a deal for someone to smoke some dope, get falling down drunk, drive, then crash the car and end up with no fine and no public record for any driving offense after probation.

DRUNK DRIVER ROLLS PICKUP TRUCK, HAS TO BE RESCUED BY FIRE DISTRICT THEN GET PROBATION WITH NO FINE OR POINTS. Joseph Brandt, 41, a construction manager from the Brinkman Construction Company at their Overland Park, Kansas office was in town on Monday February 18, 2019 for meetings at the main Brinkman office. He was staying an area hotel and that evening had dinner and at least a couple of whiskeys at an area restaurant.

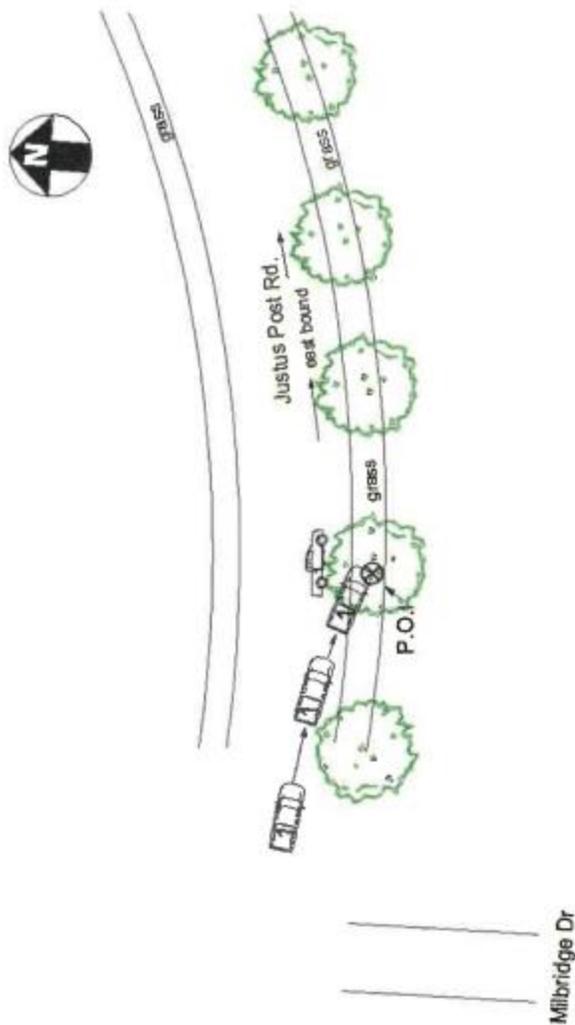


Joe Brandt linkedin photo No Mug shot due to his being at the hospital.

The Chesterfield Police first became aware of Brandt when they received a call at 7:47 PM of a pickup truck that overturned on Justus Post Road after hitting a tree. This is from Officer Tim Carter’s crash report:

My investigation at the scene revealed the following. D1 who appeared to be intoxicated was heading east bound on Justus Post Rd. D1 then ran off the roadway just after passing Milbridge Dr. and struck a large tree. The vehicle then rolled over onto the drivers side and came to a stop back in the roadway again facing east bound on Justus Post Rd.

D1 stated he did not remember anything about the crash.



This is from Officer Anthony Lucchesi's DWI report:

On 02-18-2019 at 1947 hours I received a call in reference to a vehicle accident with injuries and entrapment near the intersection of Justus Post Rd. and Millbridge Dr. located in Chesterfield, MO 63017.

Upon my arrival at 1949 hours I observed a pickup truck (Silver 2015 Ford F150 with MSL: [REDACTED] for 2018) rolled over on the driver side standing vertical, with the driver, later identified as Joseph T Brandt (W/M), trapped inside the front driver seat. As I approached the vehicle I looked through the front windshield, and observed Brandt staring back at me. I asked him through the glass if he was okay to which he stated he believed he was. While speaking with Brandt I observed him to lean forward on his steering wheel when trying to speak, with his answers slow and his thoughts seeming to be disoriented.

Brandt told Officer Lucchesi that he had no recollection of the crash. He stated he had dinner that included two whiskeys straight up on the rocks and was driving back to the Drury Hotel.

At the hospital Brandt refused to give a blood draw.

He was cited for DWI and released to hospital ER employees.

OUTCOME: On October 18, 2019 Brandt pled guilty to DWI and left the courtroom having No Points on his driving record and No Fine.. He was placed on a 2-year SIS probation and attended a Alcohol Traffic Safety Class.

PASSED OUT AT SUBDIVISION STOP SIGN ON A TUESDAY MORNING, DRUNK DRIVER GETS LOW MARKS FOR COOPERATION At 5:46 AM on Tuesday September 18, 2018 Chesterfield Police Officer was dispatched to a man slumped over the steering wheel of a running car at the intersection of Stonebriar Manor and Stonebriar Ridge Drive. The police were called after a resident knocked on the window of the running car and was unable to get the driver to respond.



Officer Frank Wood

Officer Wood arrived six minutes after getting the call. The black 2013 Kia sedan was still at the stop sign. The car was running. The driver's foot was on the brake and the driver was slumped. One thing different from the original call was the driver's window was now down.

Wood had pulled his marked police car to the rear of the Kia and turned of the very bright "take down" lights. When he got to the driver's window he contacted Chad J. Carpenter, 46, of Maryland Heights. He described Carpenter as groggy, with slurred speech and bloodshot eyes with the odor of booze about him and on his breath.

Carpenter claimed he had just stopped to make a phone call. He stated he was coming from a friend's house after playing golf on Monday. He didn't know the address of his

friend's house. He admitted having the usual drunk driver response of "two beers." That would change dramatically later at the police station.

Officer Wood attempted to have Carpenter do field sobriety tests with little success.

This is from his police report:

While explaining the Walk and Turn test, Carpenter could not understand the instructions given to him for heel-to-toe stance. Carpenter repeatedly said he was uncomfortable with the directions for the starting position. At one point, he said he can walk a straight line, and proceeded to walk forward in a strutting manner with his chest out and his arms swaying in an exaggerated manner. Again when asked to stand in the starting position, Carpenter stated "that's not how normal people stand." He was very argumentative and defiant. Finally, Carpenter stated "that's not a fair test," so I moved on deeming that as a refusal.

While explaining the One Leg Stand test, Carpenter was again argumentative in regards to the validity of the test. While I demonstrated the test, Carpenter stated "this is a dumb task," and that again he was "uncomfortable with all this stuff going on." Carpenter began to yell "Is it gonna make a difference?!" At this point I deemed that as a refusal.

I made 375 DWI arrests as a cop and not once did I have someone "strut" with their chest out while "swaying" their arms while doing sobriety tests. Maybe in New Orleans, but never for me in St. Louis, Kansas City or suburban Washington, DC.

Carpenter was arrested for DWI and taken to the police station where he asked to call his lawyer. The lawyer told him not to take a breath test.

Despite refusing to take a breath test he agreed to be interviewed after being read his Miranda Rights. This is when the amount he had to drink changed from two beers. He also denied driving a car when contacted by the police.

This is from the police report and the Alcohol Report:

At 0705 hours, I read Carpenter his Constitutional Rights per the Miranda Warning. Carpenter stated he understood his rights and agreed to questioning. When asked if he was operating the vehicle at the time of the stop, Carpenter said "No." When asked what he had been drinking, he stated "6,7,8 beers and 2 cocktails. Jameson and ginger ale." He stated he began drinking at approximately 1315 hours on 09/17/2018. When asked when he stopped drinking, Carpenter stated he "fell asleep around 12:45 (0045 hours on 09/18/2018)."

WERE YOU OPERATING THE VEHICLE AT THE TIME OF THE CRASH OR STOP?		
<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO		
HAVE YOU BEEN DRINKING?	IF YES, WHAT WERE YOU DRINKING?	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	Beer, Jameson + ginger ale	
TIME STARTED	TIME STOPPED	
1315 yesterday Afternoon	Fell asleep at 0045	
HOW MUCH?	WHERE?	ARE YOU UNDER THE INFLUENCE?
6,7,8 beers 2 cocktails	Friends house	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO



Chad J. Carpenter



Carpenter's eyes

Carpenters' record

09/18/18 DWI PG 2-year SIS No Permanent Record Probation Chesterfield PD
 05/04/14 Moving Violation Reduced to Parking Vio. \$150 fine Charlack PD

06/05/09 Failure to Keep Right Guilty
01/31/92 Failure to Park Veh on Hwy to Right Guilty

MO Hwy Patrol
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OUTCOME: On April 22, 2019 Carpenter appeared in Chesterfield Municipal Court with a LAWYER. Of course that made him eligible “No Points and NO Permanent DWI Record” despite being drunk in a subdivision as residents were starting to go to work. The deal from the two most dangerous men in Chesterfield, City Prosecutor Tim Engelmeyer and Judge Rick Brunk gave Carpenter no trace of a DWI. At the time (prior to August 2019 when forced to by the MO Supreme Court) Chesterfield was refusing to enter any court cases in a public computer bases.

TRIO GO TO WALMART WITH A SHOPPING LIST NOT OF ANY EASY TO HIDE ITEMS TO STEAL BUT LARGE SCREEN TVS. ODDLY ENOUGH THEY GOT NOTICED.

On Thursday October 18, 2018 around 6pm three people ranging in age from 25 to 54 arrived at the Chesterfield Wal Mart Store from St. Louis, not to shop, but to steal large screen TVs (are their any other kind now?). At about 6:50pm Wal Mart security saw the trio placing the loot into a Chevrolet SUV and called Chesterfield Police Special Enofrcement Officers Bromwich and Fenton direct on their cell phones and provided the information.



Officer Jason Bromwich

The officers found the Chevy SUV headed toward St. Louis and stopped it on I-64 at Timberlake Parkway. There in the front seat was Rose Jones and in the backseat was ex-con Monte Connelly, 54. They both had large screen TVs in their labs with the security web and sensors still on them.

This is from Officer Bromwich’s report:

P.O. Fenton and I located the blue Chevrolet traveling east on I-64 near Timberlake Manor Parkway, Chesterfield, MO 63017. I initiated a traffic stop. P.O. Fenton and I observed the vehicle to contain multiple TV's and the front passenger, Jones, and the rear passenger, Connelly, were each holding a TV containing the security spider webbing.

Driving the SUV was James Montgomery, Jr. then 33. Montgomery had a loaded automatic pistol and a baggie of marijuana on him. Jones also had some marijuana on her.

According to Wal Mart security officers the trio entered and exited through the garden department, got a shopping car and loaded it up, then took it near an exit in the Garden Department. Montgomery brought the car up to the curb in front of the garden department. By this time Connelly had filled a second cart. Connelly and Montgomery put the stolen goods from both carts in the SUV.

Here is a list of stolen goods found in the car:

1. Samsung 40 UHD; SKU# 088727620146; \$378.00
2. 32 TCL Roku; SKU# 084604200783; \$138.00
3. LED HDTV; SKU# 081721901103; \$118.00
4. LG 360W SB; SKU# 071919262266; \$229.00
5. 50X60 Throw; SKU# 008791834103; \$8.88; Quantity: 2
6. Pet Bed; SKU# 068113127694; \$9.88
7. Pet Bed; SKU# 068113127726; \$14.84
8. 4PC Carpet; SKU# 003167378142; \$19.72
9. RCA 9 Dual; SKU# 006211879982; \$99.97
10. 120V Inflatr; SKU# 002748860398; \$29.88
11. Roku Ultra; SKU# 082961000301; \$99.00; Quantity: 3
12. Clearstream; SKU# 081784801158; \$99.00
13. 1/2 Impact; SKU# 004556463040; \$80.00
14. Ink D BT RY; SKU# 087861508285; \$46.88
15. Five pair of headphones, unknown sku's, unknown prices

Everything stolen was worth \$1,582.

Connelly refused to make a statement. Montgomery admitted they had gone there to steal. Jones said she was unaware of the planned theft and when they originally went out to the car Montgomery told her he had forgotten his money that was in the car. Then Connelly came out with stolen items.



Monte Wenzel Connelly, 54, St. Louis, MO.

05/21/20	Stealing pending	University City PD
02/14/19	Stealing. False Report pending	University City PD
11/01/18	Stealing Over \$750 Felony pending	Arnold PD
10/31/18	Stealing FTA warrant	Bridgeton PD
10/18/18	Stealing Over \$750 Felony , PG to Stealing 120-days Shock prison	Chesterfield PD
02/11/18	Felony Stealing Guilty 120-days shock prison	Richmond Hts PD
09/08/18	Unreg Veh, No Auto Ins, Driving While Revoked FTA Warrants	St. Ann PD
01/27/18	Felony Stealing Guilty 120-days shock prison	Manchester PD
01/01/18	Felony Stealing Guilty 120-days shock prison	Bridgeton PD
06/17/17	Driving While Susp, No Auto Ins warrant	St. John PD
05/08/17	Stealing, Obstruct Officer warrant	St. John PD
03/16/17	Stealing FTA Warrant	Shrewsbury PD
09/23/16	Disobeyed Stop Sign, Driving While Revoked No Auto Insurance FTA Warrants	No Co Police Co-op
05/31/16	Exp Lic Plates, No Auto Ins, Driving While Rev FTA Warrant	St. Ann PD
07/01/15	Fail to Signal, No Auto Ins, Drive W/Rev warrant	St. Louis City PD
06/30/15	Exp Lic Plates, Driving While Revoked, No Auto Insurance FTA warrants	No Co Police Co-op
02/05/14	Moving Traf Vio, Defective Equip FTA Warrant	Normandy PD
12/09/13	No Auto Ins, Driving While Revoked, Health Code Violation FTA Warrants	Normandy PD
05/28/10	Stealing pending	St. John PD
04/18/08	Felony Stealing Probation revoked 5-years prison	St. Louis CO
11/25/06	Felony Drug Poss Prob suspended 4-yrs prison	St. Louis City PD
02/24/04	2-Counts Robbery, Impersonating Police Officer Guilty 104 days jail	St. Louis City PD
08/24/94	Burglary Guilty Probation revoked 2-years prison	St. Louis City PD



James Montgomery, Jr. 35, Breckenridge Hills

- 09/24/19 Derelict Vehicle pending Breckenridge Hills PD
- 10/18/18 Stealing Over \$750 felony PG SIS probation Chesterfield PD
Carrying a Concealed Weapon in Commission of
Felony (charge dropped) Poss of Marij (dropped)
- 06/30/17 2-Moving Vio reduced to Parking Vio \$232 fines St. Ann PD
- 04/09/16 Failure to Secure Child in Child Seat fine St. Ann PD
- 10/27/15 Moving Violation reduced to Parking Vio \$166 St. Ann PD
- 06/14/14 Unlic Veh, fine St. Ann PD



Rose D Jones St. Louis

- 02/14/19 Adult Stalking Protection Order City of St. Louis
- 10/18/18 Fel Stealing (charge dropped) Poss of Marij Chesterfield PD

OUTCOME: Connelly and Montgomery were formally charged with Felony Stealing. **Jones** was not charged with any thefts. She was issued a citation for possession of marijuana. On 01/07/20 she pled guilty to the marijuana charge and was fined \$16.50. I would have thought she could have easily been convicted of Receiving Stolen Property since she was holding a large screen TV with the security alarm sensor and web wrapping around it on her lap when the car was stopped by police.

Connelly the ex-con had also been charged in nine-months prior to his Chesterfield arrest with Felony Thefts in Manchester, Richmond Heights and Bridgeton. Despite

Connelly having served prison time, St. Louis County Circuit Court Judge William Corrigan sentenced him to 120-shock prison sentence, which is normally used for first timers not people who have served regular prison sentences for Burglary, Robbery, Drugs and Stealing. Since doing his 120-days Connelly has been arrested several times for stealing.

Montgomery did not have a prior felony criminal record and was placed on a SIS probation term.