

## **DRUNKS AND THIEVES 2020 PART 3** May 30, 2020

By John Hoffmann

**30-YEAR-OLD DRUNK DRIVER AVOIDS GETTING CAR TOWED WHEN ARRESTED BY PULLING OVER INTO HIS DRIVEWAY:** Joshua Martindell drew Town and Country Officer Jordan Fowle's attention by driving his recently purchased 2010 black Nissan Frontier SUV with an expired temporary license plate. It was 8:07 on Friday night August 10, 2018 when Officer Fowle turned on the red and blue lights to stop Martindell.

The 30-year-old Martindell pulled into the driveway of his uncle's house at 14024 Clayton Road, where Martindell was living.



The location of the stop, 14024 Clayton Road, in driveway of his uncle, William Haegele's house where Martindell was living.

It was quickly clear to Officer Fowle that Martindell had been drinking and was drunk.

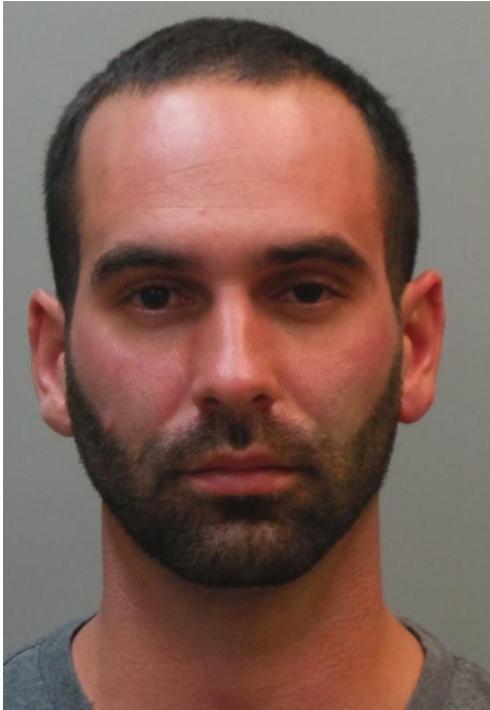


24-year veteran officer Jordan Fowle

This is from Officer Fowle's police report:

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ATTITUDE	DESCRIBE: COCKY, ARROGANT, MOUTHY					

Martindell began to lose his balance on the first field sobriety test he was asked to perform. Martindell then refused to do any other tests or take an unofficial PBT field breath test.



Joshua Martindell



Martindell's eyes

On the way to the police station Martindell began to play the part of Harry Houdini by slipping out of his handcuffs twice.

At the police station Martindell refused to answer any interview questions or take the official breath test.

**OUTCOME:** On February 7, 2019 Martindell pled guilty to DWI and Fail to Registered a Vehicle. Despite refusing a breath test and clearly being drunk, Martindell was placed on a 2-year SIS No-Record, No-Fine, No-Points probation. He was fined \$225 for Failure to Register Vehicle and then walked out of the Town and Country Courtroom with no-points on his driving record despite driving drunk.

**NEWS FLASH: DRUNK DRIVER WITH A PRIOR DWI CONVICTION RECEIVES GUILTY VERDICT, A FINE AND POINTS FROM THE TOWN AND COUNTRY COURT.** Jordan Fowle makes a lot of DWI arrests. Here is another one. On Saturday night into Sunday morning November 4, 2018 at 1:30 AM Officer Fowle was west on I-64 onto southbound I-270. In front of him was a white Jeep Cherokee.

As the driver was entering I-270 he almost sideswiped a southbound vehicle to his left. After the near crash, the driver continued to swerve over lane markers. Officer Fowle pulled the driver over on I-270.

When he contacted the driver and asked for his driver's license, the driver Michael R. Saracino, 30, of 559 Huntleigh Heights in unincorporated West St. Louis County, handed him a credit card. Eventually Saracino found a drivers license.

Fowle immediately thought Saracino was drunk and a liar. This is from the police report:

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In the field Saracino admitted having a “few drinks” but at the police station he claimed he had nothing to drink.

After failing some field tests and refusing to take a field breath test he was arrested.

At the police station in an interview he was asked what city he was in and he stated “St. Louis.” He did not know what time it was and after claiming he had nothing to drink he stated he felt he was not intoxicated. Of course if he had nothing to drink and was not intoxicated a breath test would immediately clear him. He then refused to take the Official breath test. This was not Saracino’s first DWI arrest. The Highway Patrol caught driving drunk in 2012.

He was released on citations for DWI, Improper Lane Use and Failure to signal a lane change.



Michael Saracino



Saracino’s eyes

11/04/18	DWI, Improper Lane Use, Failure to Signal	Town & Country PD
01/23/14	Moving Violatin reduced to Illegal Parking \$100 fine	MO Hwy Patrol
04/17/13	Moving Violation reducted to Illegal Parking \$200 fine	MO Hwy Patrol
10/23/12	Money Laundering Guilty 5-yr SIS probation 2016	MO Hwy Patrol**
07/14/12	DWI Guilty SIS Probation Probation suspended	MO Hwy Patrol*
07/14/12	Refuses Breath Test in Connection with DWI arrest	St. Louis Co Ct
08/24/11	Speeding Guilty \$130 fine	Jefferson Co SO
06/24/10	Moving Violation reduced to Illegal Parking \$200 fine	MO Hwy Patrol

06/06/08	Moving Violation reduced to Illegal Parking \$225 fine	MO Hwy Patrol
02/04/08	Moving Violation reduced to Loud Muffler \$141 fine	MO Hwy Patrol
06/14/04	Speeding Guilty \$95 fine	MO Hwy Patrol

\*\* Represented by Defensive Atty **Scott Rosenblum**

\* Represented by then Def Atty **Steve Stenger**, later the County Exec and now a Federal Prison Inmate

**OUTCOME:** The Improper Lane Use citation reference Saracino almost sideswiping a car on I-270 was reduced to Illegal Parking with a \$150 fine and the Fail to Signal was also reduced to Illegal Parking with a \$225 fine. Sounds like business as usual turning moving violations into No-Points non-moving parking violations.

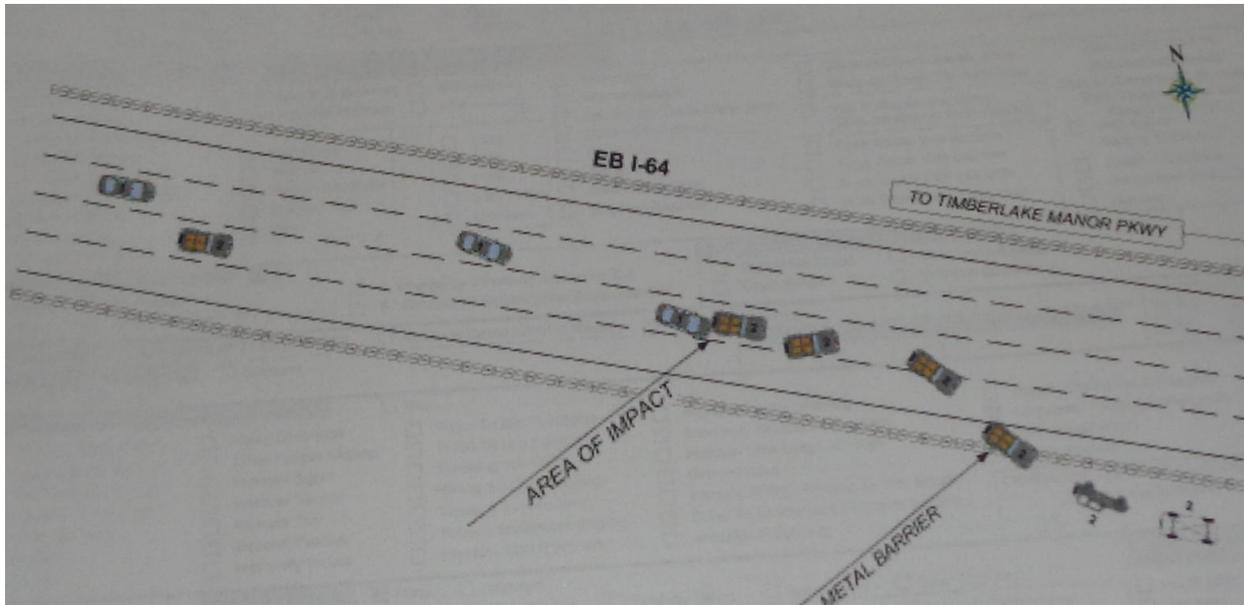
However something unusual occurred on October 3, 2019 in Town and Country Municipal Court 11 months after Saracino was arrested for DWI. He pled guilty to DWI and there was no probation. He was assessed \$924 in fines and costs, got the points and the conviction is a public record and goes on his driving record.

**DRUNK DRIVER FROM BALLWIN, CHANGES LANE REAR ENDS JEEP FORCING IT TO GO OFF I-64 AND OVERTURN. DRIVER REFUSES BREATH AND BLOOD TESTS AND COUNTY PROSECUTOR REFUSES TO WRITE UP BLOOD DRAW WARRANT:** 26-year-old Donald Alexander Newsham, III of Ballwin was driving drunk on eastbound I-64 approaching Timberlake Parkway on Thursday December 27, 2018 at about 10:10PM.

Newsham was in lane #1 of I-64 driving his 2012 Honda Accord when he changed two lanes to his right and then rear-ended a 2003 Jeep Wrangler, being driven by Paul Sellers of St. Peters, Mo and occupied by Colin Tipponeri in the right front seat.

The impact forced the Jeep off the highway, down an embankment while it was overturning. Both the driver and passenger of the Jeep were wearing seatbelts. They received lacerations to the arms and face. The Jeep was totaled and both occupants were transported to Mercy Hospital by Monarch Fire paramedics.

Newsham had lesser injuries suffering a bruised knee and elbow.



Chesterfield Police Officer Greg Rupp was assigned the call. He contacted an independent witness who was driving east and saw the crash happen in front of him. The witness said Newsham’s Honda changed three lanes from lane 1 to Lane 3 and rear ended the Jeep at speed, forcing the Jeep into a guard rail and then down the embankment.



Officer Greg Rupp

Officer Rupp then contacted Newsham and immediately smelled a strong odor of booze on Newsham’s breath. Officer Rupp asked Newsham how much he had to drink and he denied having anything to drink.

Officer Rupp asked Newsham to prove he had nothing to drink and take a field breath test. Newsham refused, saying he “knew his rights.”

In a Monarch fire ambulance about to be taken to Mercy Hospital for his bruises, Officer Rupp explained the Missouri implied consent law to Newsham and asked for Newsham to provide a blood sample at the hospital. Newsham refused this also.

Officer Rupp next called the Assistant St. Louis County prosecuting attorney on-call, Susan Jostes, and asked to obtain a search warrant to draw blood since Newsham appeared to be drunk, just caused a crash that injured two people who required medical treatment. Jostes was just like Newsham. She refused Officer Rupp's request.



Ast. PA Susan Justes, not much help in cases where a drunk driver crashed into a car and sent two to the hospital.

Meanwhile back at the crash scene Officer Holroyd did an inventory search of Newsham's Honda before it was towed. He found two cans of Bud Select Beer and a 12 oz bottle of Schlafly Pale Ale under the driver's seat.



Donald Newsham, III 2-hours after the crash    Newsham's eyes

Newsham was cited for DWI, Failure to Exercise the Highest Degree of Care While Operating a M/V, and Open Alcohol Container.

**OUTCOME:** This is quite a change for the usual Chesterfield Municipal Court cases. Newsham was actually convicted of DWI, with the conviction going on his driving record. On 09/24/19 he pled guilty to all charges. Below was the sentence

DWI: PLEAD GUILTY ON 9/24/19, \$1000 FINE, 90 DAYS JAIL, STAYED EXECUTION OF \$500 OF FINE AND 90 DAYS FOR 2 YEARS, SATOP/VIP AND AA MEETINGS, COSTS OF \$26.50, RECOUP FEE OF \$85.00

OPEN CONTAINER VIOLATION: PLEAD GUILTY ON 9/24/19, FINE OF \$125.50 AND COSTS OF \$26.50

FAIL EXERCISE CARE: PLEAD GUILTY ON 9/24/19, FINE OF \$225.50 AND COSTS OF \$26.50

**38-YEAR-OLD TOWN & COUNTRY RESIDENT DROVE UP ON CURB IN FRONT OF THE JCC, PISSED IN HIS PANTS, TOLD CHESTERFIELD OFFICERS HE WAS EITHER IN DOWNTOWN ST. LOUIS OR ON DELMAR. HE TESTED UNDER THE LIMIT, BUT COULD NOT WALK. HE ALSO WAS REVOKED. HE WAS CONVICTED OF "ILLEGAL PARKING."** This one is unbelievable!

Joshua C. Huffman, 39, of 1643 Cabernet (the only way this would be more appropriate would be is he lived on Busch Drive) Drive in Town and Country off Clayton Road. On Wednesday October 24, 2018 at 1:22AM he became the center of attention to the Chesterfield Police received two calls of a suspicious vehicle that had driven up on the curb of an island in front of the Jewish Community Center. The reports included that the car appeared to be occupied and the headlights were on. This was less than a month after Huffman had been arrested for DWI Town and County and 13 months after he had been arrested for DWI in Ellisville.

On the arrival of Chesterfield Officers Niemeier and Charlie Thompson found a black Toyota sedan that had been driven up on the curb. The car was still running and in gear. The driver was passed out sleeping. Officer Niemeier also noticed that the driver, Joshua Huffman, had pissed in his pants.



Officer Niemeier



Officer Thompson

With fresh piss in play, both officers put on rubber medical gloves. It was decided to get a tool to unlock the driver's door, so officers could put the car in park and turn off the engine. They were afraid if they startled Huffman he step on the gas and try to drive off.

However while they were using the door lock tool, Huffman woke up and agreed to put the car in park and turn it off.

As soon as officer began talking to Huffman they noticed the usual. There was a strong smell of booze on his breath, his eyes were bloodshot, watery and glassy, he stumbled and staggered when he tried to walk and his speech was slurred, confused, incoherent, stuttering and mumbling.



Joshua Huffman



Huffman's eyes

A check of the front seat area of the car revealed several empty beer cans and a ½ full beer can in the cup holder on the center console, plus a loaded handgun.

Officer Niemeier asked Huffman if he knew where he was. He stated that he was in downtown St. Louis or on Delmar Avenue. "I came down 40 (Highway 40/I-64) to Delmar (they are parallel and don't intersect) and now I don't know where the fuck I am," said Huffman.

Huffman failed field sobriety tests and was arrested for DWI. He was taken to the Town and Country Police Station for a breath test. The test result showed Huffman was not intoxicated as it showed his BAC level to be 0.026%. Huffman said he takes drugs for a bi-polar condition but had not taken any recently, but had taken 3 Excedrine tablets for a headache. He also stated he started the evening with an 18-pack of Bud Light beer that he was drinking throughout the evening.

When Officer Niemeier was inventorying Huffman's property he found that Huffman had \$27.84 cents. Huffman told Officer Niemeier that whatever he found he would claim he had \$40 more and report that Officer Niemeier stole the money.

Here is Huffman's record:

10/21/18	DWI, Driving Revoked, Trespassing Guilty all To Illegal Parking with cash fines	Chesterfield PD
09/23/17	DWI pending next ct date in County ct 7/27/20 2 years and 10 months since offense License revocation upheld by St. Louis County Court	Town & Country PD
09/14/17	DWI Guilty SIS probation No Fine, No Points	Ellisville PD
02/08/07	Operated a Vehicle W/O a Valid License Guilty	MO Hwy Patrol

**OUTCOME:** Huffman has been represented by a well known defense attorney Timothy Devereux. Tim Devereux besides being a high priced defense attorney, he is also the municipal judge in Grantwood Village. Would Chesterfield Judge Rick Brunk and Prosecutor Tim Engelmeyer (who is also the judge in Creve Coeur and Augusta) give a fellow lawyer and muni judge a big break? You be the judge. Here is the disposition in this case:

HUFFMAN, Joshua C. W/M 38 10/24/18 1:17 hrs DWI Passed out on parking curb at JCCA

DWI: AMENDED TO ILLEGAL PARKING ON 3/26/19, FINE OF \$123.50 AND COSTS OF \$26.50

DRIVING REVOKED: AMENDED TO ILLEGAL PARKING ON 3/26/19, FINE OF \$123.50 AND COSTS OF \$26.50

TRESPASSING: AMENDED TO LITTERING ON 3/26/19, FINE OF \$123.50 AND COSTS OF \$26.50

Even with the low BAC level, Huffman was clearly messed up. He was operating a motor vehicle as he was behind the wheel with the engine running and the car in gear. The DWI could have been reduced to Improper Lane Use and the Driving While Revoked was a stand-alone charge (if a certified copy of the driving record had been obtained from the Department of Revenue Drivers' License Division). But NO! Taking care of fellow lawyers and municipal court judges is far more important than the public's safety to Brunk and Engelmeyer.

### **TOWN AND COUNTRY POLICE INVEST LONG HOURS IN SOLVING TWO**

**SHOPLIFTING CASES:** The shoplifters were both heroin addicts from St. Louis. They

were driving a Volkswagen owned by a white/male drug addict from St. Charles County when they came to Town and Country.

On Thursday February 8, 2018 their first stop at 10:00 in the morning was at the Total Wine & More store in the Manchester Meadows, where some bottles of liquor were stolen. Next one of them, 47-year-old Rico Boyd, took a shopping cart from the parking lot and pushed it into the At Home store also in the Manchester Meadows Shopping Center.



He pushed the cart into the At Home store and placed two 10-piece pots and pans sets valued at \$80 each into the cart. As he pushed the cart to the front of the store the following occurred between him and a store employee:

she said "are you going to pay for those?". The suspect stated no ma'am and walked out the front door without paying for the items in his cart.

The employee then followed Boyd out of the store and watched him place the stolen items in the VW and the driver then drove off at high speed hitting the shopping cart. The employee obtained the license number of the car.

The suspects were both black males in their 40s or 50s. Boyd was 48 and the driver Earl Hood, 43, homeless.

The case then went to the detective unit. The license plate checked to a Keegan Carr, 38, of St. Charles. Det. Hunt called the Carr residence and eventually on a second try spoke with Carr's father, who said 10 days before February 8 his son left for work but never showed up and did not return home. He added that Keegan was an alcoholic.

Det. Hunt shared store video with the media. That is a stretch over 2-shoplifting cases.

Next Keegan Carr's father called and said his son returned home that morning and has been asleep ever since. He agreed to bring Keegan to the police station.

At 1:30 pm on 02/15/18 Keegan Carr and his father arrived at the Town and Country Police station, where Det. Hunt interviewed Keegan.

Carr stated that on 01/28/18 he went to a parking lot near the Grand Hotel and bought cocaine from two black/males he knew as Rico and Scrappy. He stated that they hung out for the next two weeks during which time they got high and he allowed "Scrappy" (Earl Hood) to drive his car. He stated they stayed at Rico's apartment in the 1900 block of Bacon in St. Louis.

(We think Carr's statement that Rico' apartment was at 1910 or 1911 was very inaccurate. Below is 1910 Bacon. 1911 is an empty lot. Rico's booking sheet shows an address of 3710 Palm Place St. Louis.)



1910 Bacon



110 year old 3710 Palm Pl



1901 Bacon built in 1888

Det. Hunt did searches of police computers using the names Scrappy and Rico. Carr was able to identify Scrappy's photo as Earl Hood.

On February 19, 2019 Det. Hunt and Det. Sapienza did neighborhood canvasses in St. Louis trying to located Rico. One woman thought he lived at 1901 Bacon, but they could not locate him there. He was identified by name as Rico Boyd.

On August 23, 2018 Earl Hood was in the County Jail on separate charges. Det. Hunt went to Clayton and interviewed. Hood claimed he did not know "Rico's" last name adding that they just got "high together." Hood claimed he knew nothing of the thefts in Town and Country. He was shown photos of Keegan Carr and Carr's auto and claimed he had never seen them before.

On August 24 Det. Hunt went to the City Workhouse to interview Boyd who was pending charges. Boyd was not available to be interviewed as he was in court.

On August 27, 2018 Boyd was arrested as a fugitive from Town and Country PD and Det. Katie Exline went to the city and picked him up.

Once back at the Town and Country Police Station Det. Hunt interviewed Boyd. Boyd admitted stealing the booze fro Total Wine and More but said he did not remember stealing the pots and pans from At Home. He was shown security photos of him pushing the shopping cart out of At Home and admitted that it was him in the photo. He stated that he was dealing with a heroin addiction problem at the time.

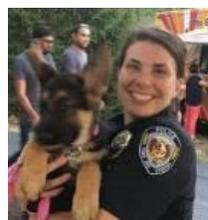
Here are some of the officers investigation this \$160 theft case



Officer Messmer



Det. Chris Hunt



Det. Katie Exline



Det. Jason Sapienza



**Rico D. Boyd**

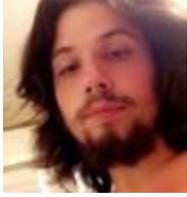
12/18/19	2-cts Burglary, 2-cts Stealing	pending	St. Louis City PD
02/08/18	2-cts Stealing	Guilty	Town and Country PD
01/26/18	3-cts stealing, Dest of Property	Guilty 4-mos jail	St. Louis City PD
10/12/16	Trespassing, Resisting Arrest	Guilty 74-days jail	St. Louis City PD
01/27/11	Resisting Arrest	Guilty 5-months jail	St. Louis City PD
06/18/03	Felony Drug Possession	Guilty 9-years prison	St. Louis City PD
08/14/96	Burglary & Stealing	Guilty prob revoked 6-yrs prison	St. Louis City PD



**Earl Lamont Hood**

Earl L. Hood

01/12/20	Felony Stealing pending	Bridgeton PD
12/31/19	Felony Stealing pending	Clayton PD
05/16/18	Felony Stealing no disposition available	St. Louis City PD
12/13/17	Stealing Warrant	St. Louis PD
11/03/17	2-Counts Felony Stealing Guilty 1-year jail	Crestwood PD
01/09/13	Misd Tampering with Auto Guilty 6-months jail	St. Louis City PD
01/28/07	Robbery, Fel Drug Poss, Fel Tampering w/Auto Guilty 10-years prison	St. Louis City PD
01/22/06	Robbery Guilty 10-years prison	St. Louis City PD
04/06/05	Trespassing Guilty 30-days jail	St. Louis City PD
06/15/95	Robbery Guilty Probation revoked 4-years prison	St. Louis City PD
05/20/95	Misd Tampering w/Auto Guilty 90-days jail	St. Louis City PD
07/02/93	Felony Tampering with a Utility Guilty 4-years prison, reduced to 120 days shock time	St. Louis City PD
15-traffic charges over the last 3-years in warrant or pending		St. Louis City PD



Keegan Carr

06/24/19	Driving While Revoked	warrant	St. Louis City PD
01/03/19	Driving While Revoked	Guilty \$303 fine	Creve Coeur PD
04/25/13	Felony DWI Aggravated Offender	Guilty Probation	Maryland Hts PD
09/10/12	Felony DWI Persistent Offender	Guilty probation	O'Fallon PD
02/27/12	Felony DWI	Guilty probation	Chesterfield PD
08/06/09	Domestic Assault	Guilty probation	St. Peters PD

**OUTCOME:** Town and Country Police put at least 50 hours into these two shoplifting cases. The cost was at least \$2,500. On 09/18/19 Boyd pled guilty to two counts of Stealing in Town and Country Municipal Court. Other than the time he spent in the St. Louis jail on other charges, there was no further sentence as Boyd had no money to pay a fine and additional jail time would cost the city more money.

**ANOTHER SHOPLIFTING INVESTIGATION AND ANOTHER DRUG ADDICT**

**ARRESTED:** Again just like Rico Boyd, the suspect at the Town and Country Schnuck's supermarket on October 23, 2018 at 3:15pm pushed a shopping cart of stolen goods out the door. This time he had bagged the stolen items in Schnuck's bags he had brought with him.



The manager at the Town and Country Schnucks noticed a black/male loading a shopping cart with bottles of vodka and gin plus other groceries. The subject then put them in Schnuck's bags and pushed the cart outside without paying for anything,

Here is what was in the cart:

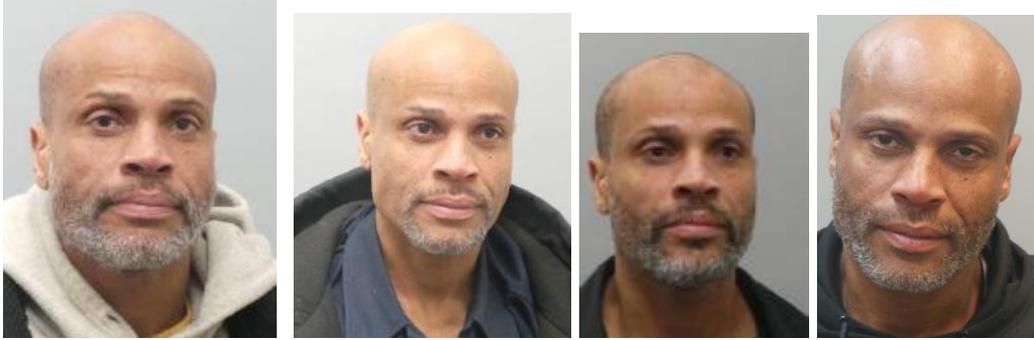
2 Packages of Folgers Instant Crystals	\$18.98
1 Bottle of Old Orchard Cranberry Juice	\$ 2.99
2 Bottles Jose Cuervo Tequila	\$31.98
1 Bottle Absolut Vodka	\$34.99
1 Bottle Tito's Vodka	\$32.99
1 Bottle New Amsterdam Vodka	\$ 11.99
1 Bottle Jack Daniels Whiskey	\$ 50.99
1 Bag of Russet Potatoes	\$ 2.99
1 Roll of Bounty Paper Towels	\$ 3.79
1 Bag charcoal Briquettes	\$ 5.99

Total \$197.68

The manager went outside and stopped the suspect, asking for his receipt. The man acted like he was looking for the receipt until he left the cart, went to a white Chevrolet pickup truck and fled going east on Clayton Road. Before driving off, the suspect told the store manager, "I've been stealing from you all week."

Det. Hunt got the case. It was a stealing where all the items were recovered by the victim. He obtained a photo of the suspect from the in-store video. Schnuck's security at the company headquarters had determined that the suspect was the same person on video stealing from a St. Charles Schnuck's store on 10/18/18.

By running the suspect's photo through a law enforcement data base Det. Hunt learned that the same person was arrested on 10/08/18 by Brentwood Police for stealing from a Whole Foods Store. The suspect was Calvin Burke, 50, and that Burke was currently on probation for Burglary.



Calvin Burke

Hunt did canvasses on neighborhoods connected with addresses use by Burke in past arrests. He found one woman he was a former girlfriend who identified the person in the Schnuck's security photo as Calvin Burke.

When Burke next visited his parole officer, the officer had him turn himself at the Town and Country Police Department.

**Burke's Record :**

02/05/20	Stealing pending	Bridgeton PD
12/21/19	Stealing, Resisting arrest pending	Maplewood PD
08/06/19	Felony Drug Possession pending	St. Louis City PD
07/25/19	Stealing Guilty 2-year SES probation	Richmond Hts PD
07/20/19	Stealing pending	Maplewood PD
07/02/19	Stealing pending	Maplewood PD
04/12/19	Felony Tampering W/Auto, Fel Resisting arrest	St. Louis City PD
01/14/19	Stealing	Overland PD
10/23/18	Stealing Guilty	Town & Country PD
10/17/18	Stealing pending	Clayton PD
10/08/18	Stealing, No Valid Lic Plate, No Ins pending	Brentwood PD
03/17/18	Felony Stealing pending	Richmond Hts PD
11/03/14	Burglary Guilty 120-days prison Shock sent.	St. Louis City PD
11/04/14	1 <sup>st</sup> Degree Burglary Guilty 120-days	St. Louis City PD

Burke has had 12 traffic citations issued to him between 2017-2019

Burke did turn himself in at the Town and Country Police Station as directed by his parole officer.

After being advised of his rights per the Miranda Ruling he gave a verbal statement. At first he denied being at the Schnucks store in Town and Country even after being

shown photos from store security. However he eventually admitted that he was the person in the photos and said he needed to sell stuff (stolen goods) to buy drugs.

**OUTCOME:** On May 28, 2019 Burke pled guilty to Stealing in Town and Country Municipal court. He was assessed court costs of \$26, but no cash fine or jail was sentenced by Judge Niehoff. Since his Town and Country arrest Burke has been arrested eight more times for stealing, drugs, resisting arrest, auto theft and reckless driving in a pursuit to avoid arrest. He is still out among us.

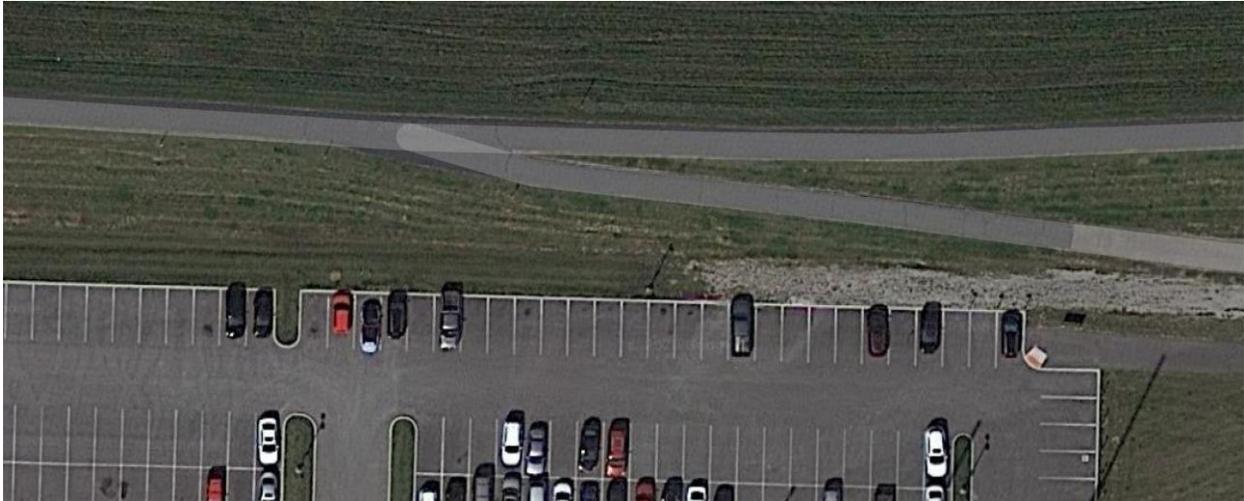
**DRUNK TOP GOLF PATRON PASSED OUT ON PARKING LOT DECIDES TO DRIVE HOME ON THE MISSOURI RIVER LEVEE WALKING & BIKE TRAIL:** Top Golf, is the high rise golf driving range with cocktail service at each tee and bars inside the building located between the Missouri River and the North 40 Outer Road (I-64 service road).

On Saturday morning August 4, 2018 at 4:12am Chesterfield Police Officer Schumacher and Monarch Fire Protection District paramedics were dispatched to the lot of Top Golf on a call of a man slumped behind the steering wheel of a car.

While responding Officer Schumacher was getting update that the car was now being driven on the parking lot and then on the hiking/bike trail on the Missouri River Levee.



On arrival Officer Schumacher saw the car, a white Kia being driven on the bike trail. Luckily at 4:15AM there are not a lot of bicyclists on the trail. He was able to stop the car and contacted the driver, Troy Maurice Hill, 25



Parking lot and bike trail



Troy Hill



Hill's eyes

Hill had the usual strong odor of booze on the breath, glassy, bloodshot and watery eyes, unsure balance causing him to lean on the police car and he mumbled while talking. He admitted that he had been drinking with friends at Top Golf. He failed a number of field sobriety tests and was arrested for DWI.

At the police station Hill agreed to take a breath test. The test was given at 5:28AM or 1-hour and 16 minutes after the call of Hill being slumped over the wheel was first received.

The test results showed that Hill's blood alcohol level was just above the level limit. Considering that Top Golf closed at 1AM this means Hill had at least 4 hours and 28 minutes for his BAC to drop. The test results showed a BAC level of 0.082%.

Hill had traffic warrants from Creve Coeur PD and Ferguson. He was issued a citation for DWI. No citation was issued for driving on the levee hiking/bike trail.

**OUTCOME:** The following is from the Chesterfield Court Clerk's office:  
Hill, Troy 25 8/4/18 DUI 16851 N Outer Rd

**PLEAD GUILTY ON 1/8/19, SIS WITH 2 YEARS PROBATION, ATTEND SATOP/VIP, PAID \$26.50 COSTS AND \$85.00 RECOUP FEE**

An SIS probation means no-points, no-fine and no permanent record if probation is completed without being revoked.

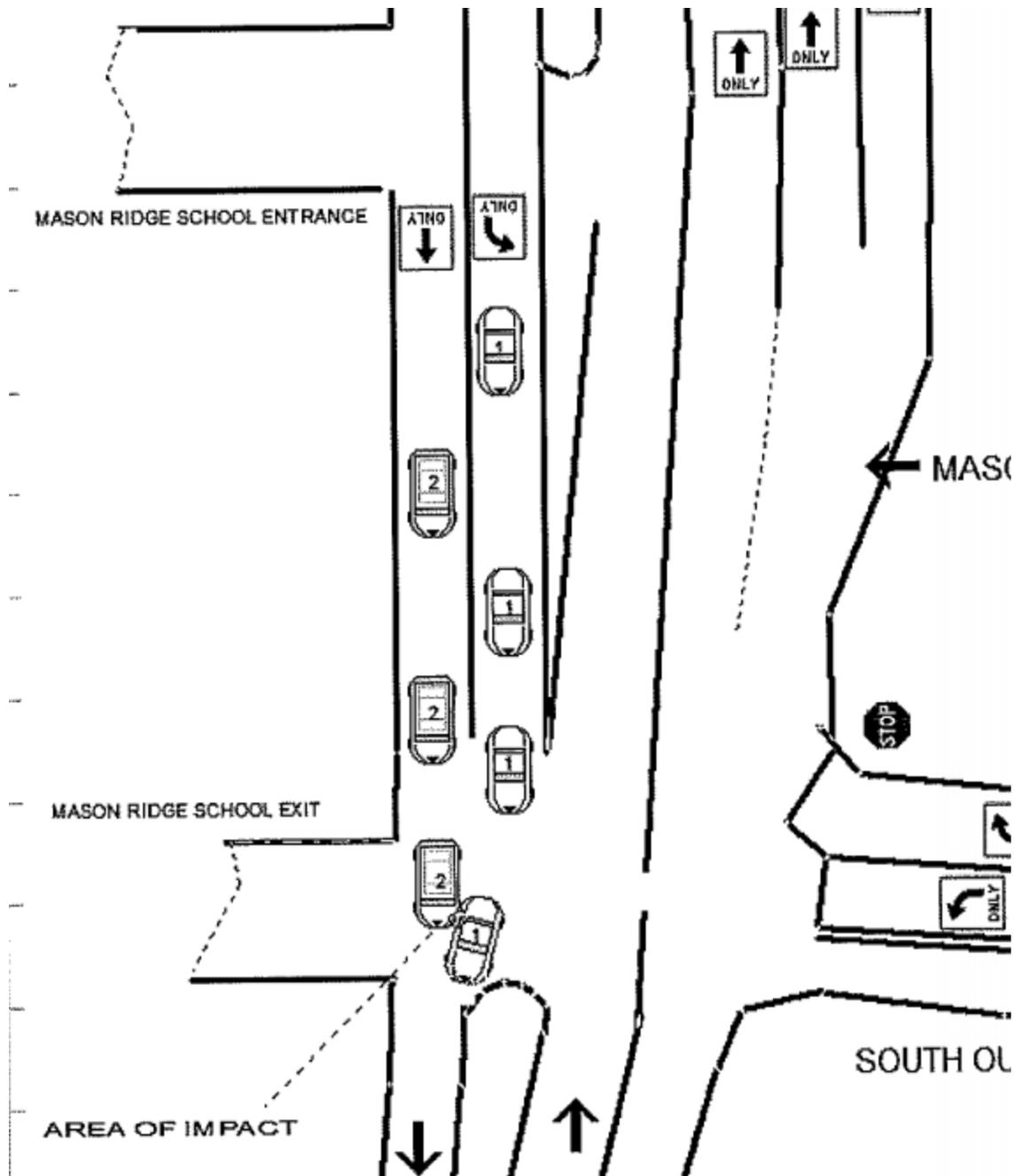
**DRUNK DRIVER IN HIT AND RUN CRASH TURNS INTO SUBDIVISION WITH NO EXIT.** On November 14, 2018 around 9:11PM during a heavy early season snow 25-year-old Demetrice Devon Fisher, Jr. decided he didn't need to stop after hitting the side of Ford Explorer while changing lanes going south on Mason Road in front of the Mason Ridge Elementary School.

The victim, a Town and Country resident, driving a hard to miss Ford Explorer that Fisher just hit in his Toyota Camry, followed Fisher while he called 9-1-1. Instead of escaping to Manchester Road and getting lost in traffic, Fisher turned left onto eastbound Clayton Road and made a "stupid" by turning right onto Tammany Lane that leads into a subdivision with no outlet. The move made the capture of Fisher by Officers Katie Exline and Dan Duddleston pretty easy.

Fisher could not produce a drivers' license or insurance papers, plus the license plates on his car were expired.

He was removed from the car and arrested for Leaving the Scene of an Accident. When he was patted down a small half-empty bottle of green apple vodka and one full bottle were found in his coat pocket. At that time Officer Exline noticed the Fisher's breath smell of alcoholic beverage and his eyes were glassy. Due to the snow falling field sobriety tests were given at the police station.

At the time of his arrest Fisher denied drinking or being in an accident, saying he thought he hit a "curb."



At the police station Fisher failed the sobriety tests and the unofficial field breath test showed his BAC level to be 0.090.

20 minutes later an official breath test showed 0.086, just over the 0.8 limit.

In an interview at the police station Fisher at first continued to deny having anything to drink, but a couple minutes later he admitted having one-shot of vodka six hours earlier.

A passenger in Fisher's car, told officers that Fisher had been drinking and that he knew he hit the car. Fisher later admitted to being aware of the crash.



Fisher



Fisher's eyes

Here is Fisher's record that we could find:

07/02/19	Assault, Resisting Arrest	Guilty 2-yr SIS Probation	Manchester PD
11/14/18	DWI, Leaving Scene of Accident, Expired Lic. Plates		Town & Country PD
09/01/18	Speeding 45-50 over limit, Driving While Revoked,		Frontenac PD
07/11/16	Expired Lic Plates, Driving While Revoked	Guilty	Arnold PD
07/13/14	Moving Violation reduced to Loud Muffler	\$235 fine	MO Hwy Patrol

**OUTCOME:** On 11/08/19 when the Town and Country judge and prosecutor should have been aware of all the other offenses by Fisher but he still got the following deals.

- 1) DWI SIS probation with no-fine and no-points
- 2) Leaving the Scene of an Accident reduced from a 6-point violation to a 2-Point Careless Driving offense with a \$500 fine
- 3) Expired License Plates \$77 fine