

DRUNKS AND THIEVES 2022 PART 9
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DRUNK FEMALE DRIVER CRASHED INTO THE REAR OF A TRACTOR TRAILER, THEN OVERTURNED. WHEN THE OFFICER ASKED FOR HER DRIVER'S LICENSE SHE REACHED INTO HER PURSE AND HANDED HIM A VIBRATOR. You can't make this stuff up.

On Friday November 15, 2019 at the end of evening rush hour at about 6pm the driver of a red 2008 Ford Taurus was in the center lane of WB I-64 near Boone's Crossing. According to three witnesses the driver of the Ford, Regina Marie Schneider, 39, of St. Peters' MO was swerving from Lane 1 (fast passing lane) to Lane 2 (middle lane) and then attempted to go back into Lane 1, but didn't make it on all four wheels.

Schneider's car hit the rear of the tractor trailer and then rolled down Lane 1 before stopping on its right side against the median.

When Chesterfield Officer Todd Lantz of the Chesterfield Traffic Unit arrived on the scene Monarch Fire District paramedics from a nearby fire station had not arrived yet. Schneider claimed she was not injured despite her car overturning and Officer Lantz having to help her out of the car.



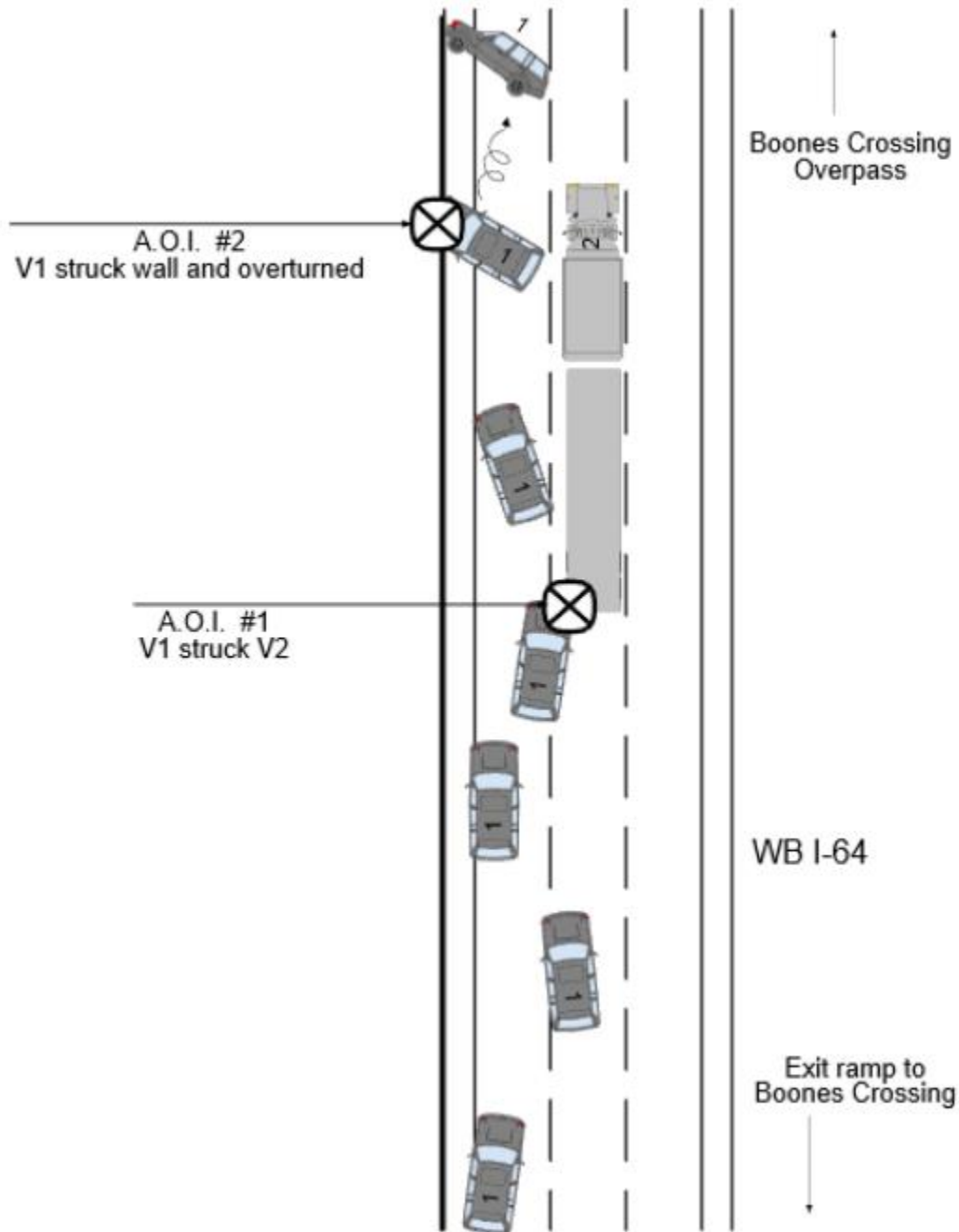
Officer Todd Lantz

Once released by the paramedics Officer Lantz contacted her and asked for her drivers' license. She reached into her purse and promptly handed him a "sex toy."

Paramedics were already talking to her and asked if she was injured. She stated she wasn't. I requested her driver's license and she reached into her purse and pulled out a sex toy. She said "I have my vibrator in there." She started to hand it to me

but I informed her I did not need that. She was unable to locate her driver's license.

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Schneider had trouble standing. She was holding onto the witnesses who helped her out of the car and then paramedics to keep from falling.

She agreed to take several field sobriety tests and failed all.

Schneider appeared to be highly intoxicated with bloodshot eyes, strong odor of booze on the breath, slurred speech and unbalanced when standing. She admitted to have been drinking vodka and tea at work prior to the crash.

The car was totaled. This is from the police report:

VEHICLE DAMAGE (Mark all damaged areas)		<input type="checkbox"/> None / No Damage	
INITIAL IMPACT NO:	② ③ ④ ⑤ ⑥ ⑦	⑱ - Undercarriage	2
<input type="checkbox"/> NA 2	① ⑮ ⑯ ⑰ ⑧	⑲ - Windshield	2
	⑭ ⑬ ⑫ ⑪ ⑩ ⑨	20 - Burned	2
		21 - Towed Unit	

She agreed to take a field breath test and that showed her BAC level to be .29%.

Once the paramedics saw her BAC level being so high they insisted that she be transported to a hospital to be examined for head injuries.

At the hospital she agreed to have a blood draw to check the official BAC level. That showed one-hour and 40-minutes after the crash her BAC level was still going up and was at .293%.

She was cited for DWI, Inattentive Driving, and another moving violation that was reduced to a non-traffic offense. She was left at the hospital for more tests so there is no mug shot to share.

OUTCOME: On 08/17/20 Schneider pled guilty to DWI and was placed on a 2-years SIS (No-Fine, No-Points, No-Permanent Record) by Judge Rick "Hire a Lawyer and we will give you a deal" Brunk. She pled guilty to an amended charge from a Moving Violation to a Health Code Violation that she never did. She was fined \$350 Finally she pled guilty to a moving violation of Inattentive Driving and got points plus a \$360 fine.

This is Judge Brunk at his best. In a case with 4-independent witnesses involving an out of control drunk driver at rush hour overturning her car and testing almost 4-times over the legal limit the drunk driver does not have an actual DWI conviction on her record.

Here is Schneider's driving record that we could find. She had lots of moving violations that she was never convicted of.

11/15/19	DWI, Inattentive Driving, Fail to Produce Lic	Chesterfield PD
01/10/13	Moving Violation reduced to Loud Muffler \$200 fine	MO Hwy Patrol
06/24/11	Moving Violation reduced to Parking Vio \$195 fine	St. Charles Co SO
05/18/07	Moving Violation reduced to Loud Muffler \$225 fine	MO Hwy Patrol
08/27/97	Speeding	MO Hwy Patrol

SPEEDER DOING 94 mph ADMITS SMOKING MARIJUANA EVERYDAY AND TAKING PAIN MED, BUT REFUSED TO GO TO THE HOSPITAL FOR A BLOOD TEST.

On Friday 11/22/19 at about 9:50pm Chesterfield Police Officer Timothy Schumacher clocked a 2019 Dodge Challenger on WB I-64 doing 94 MPH in the 60 MPH zone. Upon stopping the vehicle he identified the driver as Patrick Dalton Sanford, 21, of Lake St. Louis. Sanford said he was speeding because his girlfriend in the passenger seat had back pain and her paid meds were at her house.

Officer Schumacher was assisted by Officer Todd Lantz. Sanford appeared to be impaired. Lantz asked him how much he had to drink. Sanford replied, "Nothing really." Officer Lantz asked how much "nothing was" and Sanford replied he had one vodka and Sprite.

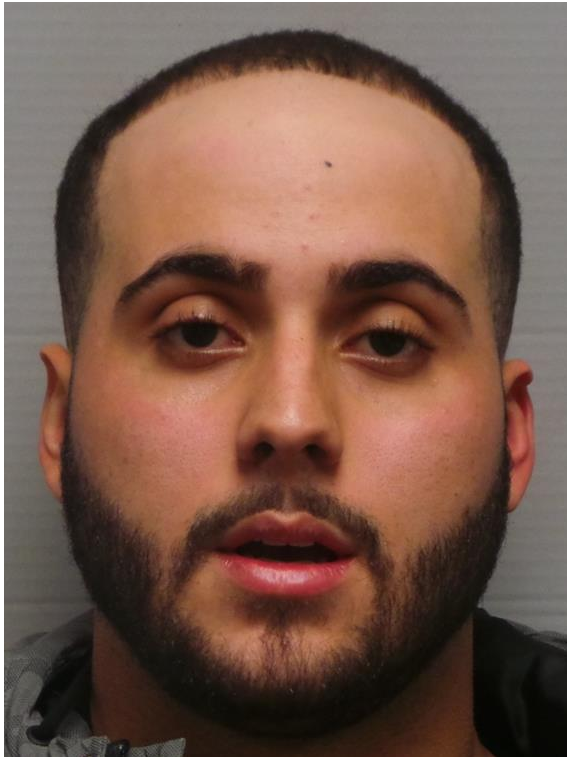
Sanford had some booze on the breath and his eyes were bloodshot and officers reported his speech was slurred. He took field sobriety tests that he failed.

He was arrested for DWI and taken to the police station. At the police station he took an official breath test that showed his BAC level was well under the legal limit at .038%.

Officer Lantz believed that Sanford was under drugs due to his impairment and at first got Sanford to agree to go to St. Luke's Hospital for a blood draw. Sanford then said, "You are going to find THC in my system. You are going to find some benzo-opiates. I had a root canal and I do weed every day."

Sanford then got hostile over the idea of having a blood drug test and he changed his mind and refused to go to the hospital. This is from the police report:

At 2257 Sanford stated "Fuck all that shit. Give me all my shit. So I can get out of here. I ain't gotta go to the hospital. Charge me with whatever." I asked him, "are you refusing to submit to a blood test." He stated "Yeah".



Patrick Sanford



Sanford's eyes

11/22/19	Speeding 94/60, DWID	Chesterfield PD
09/21/19	Criminal Ord Vio reduced to Health Code Vio \$285	Creve Coeur PD
07/07/18	Moving Violation reduced to Parking Vio \$167 fine Unregistered Vehicle Guilty \$30 fine	MO Hwy Patrol
12/18/17	Moving Violation reduced to Parking Vio \$167 fine	MO Hwy Patrol
05/23/17	Moving Violation reduced to Loud Muffler \$159 fine	Van Buren PD
03/30/15	Moving Violation reduced to Loud Muffler \$100 fine	MO Hwy Patrol
07/14/14	Moving Violation reduced to Loud Muffler \$150 fine	MO Hwy Patrol

OUTCOME: If you notice that Sanford is a dangerous driver but you would not know it by looking at his record. The Chesterfield Prosecutor Tim “Let em Loose if they hire a lawyer” Engelmeyer even reduced one charge to a Health Code Violation as Creve Coeur judge.

In the Chesterfield Court Sanford had a lawyer and was well taken care of by PA Tim Engelmeyer and Judge Rick Brunk. On March 5, 2021 the DWI was reduced to Careless and Impudent Driving with a \$250 fine. The Speeding 94/60 was dropped to a Health Code Violation with a \$350 fine.

CLASSIC 43-YEAR-OLD AMERICAN CAR WEAVING RESULTS IN MODERN DWI

ARREST: On Friday night into Saturday January 30, 2021 at 12:55am Cpl. Dan Duddleston of the Town and Country Police was behind a classic American car on Eastbound I-64 between Mason Road and I-270. The car was a 1978 Buick Riviera.

Cpl. Duddleston was about to get a close look of the car as the driver was weaving from lane to lane.



1978 Buick Riviera



2021 Cpl. Duddleston

He pulled the car over on after the driver made an illegal last minute lane change and exited onto Ballas Road.

Cpl. Duddleston had avoided COVID as he contacted the driver, Derrick Chatman, 46, of Richmond Heights, he could easily smell the odor of booze from Chatman’s breath and the smell of burnt marijuana from inside the car.

Cpl. Duddleston asked Chatman who much he had to drink. He replied “Not much.” He was asked to expound on his answer and his reply was “One glass of wine.”

The next question from Cpl. Duddleston was, “How long has it been since you smoked marijuana?” Chatman spoke but he didn’t answer the question. He replied that he had a medical marijuana permit which he handed Cpl. Duddleston.

The permit allows you to obtain and use marijuana for pain relating to a medical condition, but not to get high and drive.

Chatman agreed to take some field sobriety tests. At the rear of his car on a cool winter night with the temperature around 30-degrees Cpl. Duddleston could easily smell the marijuana and booze coming from Chatman. Here are observations of Chatman from Cpl. Duddleston’s report:

OFFICER'S OBSERVATION MADE PRIOR TO ARREST OR CUSTODY (Check appropriate box(es) and ad	
BREATH	ODOR OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE: <input type="checkbox"/> FAINT <input type="checkbox"/> MODERATE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> STRONG ODOR OF MARIJUANA OR CHEMICAL: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO
EYES	<input type="checkbox"/> WATERY <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> STAGGERING <input type="checkbox"/> STUMBLING <input type="checkbox"/> FALLING

Chatman failed field sobriety tests. He agreed to take a field breath test that indicated he had more than one glass of wine. The test showed his BAC level to be .131%.

<p>PRELIMINARY BREATH TEST (PBT) POSITIVE FOR ALCOHOL?</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> REFUSED</p> <p>RESULT <u>.131</u> %</p>
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Chatman was arrested. While the classic Buick was towed to Kirkwood, Chatman was driven to the Town and Country Police Station. There he agreed to take an "official" breath test. That showed his BAC level was dropping but he was still clearly drunk coming in at a .128%.

<p>BLOOD ALCOHOL CONCENTRATION BY WEIGHT</p> <p>.128</p>
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In an interview the amount of liquor consumed increased from 1-glass or wine to 1 ½. However he did admit that he was under the influence.

Chatman's driving record:

02/26/22	No Auto Insurance	University City PD
01/30/21	DWI, Improper Lane Use	Town & Country PD
04/05/21	Speeding 11-15 over limit, Driving W/Revoked	Maplewood PD



Derrick Chatman



Chatman's eyes

OUTCOME: On 08/27/21 Chatman appeared with a defense lawyer and pled guilty to DWI. Judge Niehoff placed him on a 2-year SIS (No-fine, No-Point, No-Permanent Record) Probation. He also pled guilty to the Improper Lane Use (Weaving and illegal exit move) and was fined \$191 and got the points.

IF YOU HAVE BEEN DRINKING TRY NOT TO DO 24 MPH OVER THE SPEED LIMIT ON YOUR WAY HOME: This used to be 50% of the drunk driver arrests. This one is about a guy with one traffic ticket in 14 years and no arrests of any kind. Played college basketball at Drake and was a walk-on guard his senior year at St. Louis University scoring 4-points in 11 minutes of play.

On Saturday December 19, 2020 Sean Duff of Chesterfield was driving his Honda Ridgeline west on I-64 west of I-270. Duff was speeding. Also driving west on I-64 in front of Duff was Cpl. Dan Duddleston in a Town and Country police car.

Cpl. Duddleston looked in his rearview mirror and saw that the Honda pickup was approaching at a high rate of speed. Cpl. Duddleston turned on his moving radar to the rear antenna and clocked the Honda at 84 mph. He stopped Duff on I-64 near Mason Road.

Duff would later admit he was drinking with friends at a bar.

Cpl. Duddleston noticed that Duff had a moderate smell of booze on his breath, his eyes were bloodshot and speech slurred.

Duff did not ace the field sobriety tests. He took a field breath test that showed he was drunk with a BAC level of .131%.

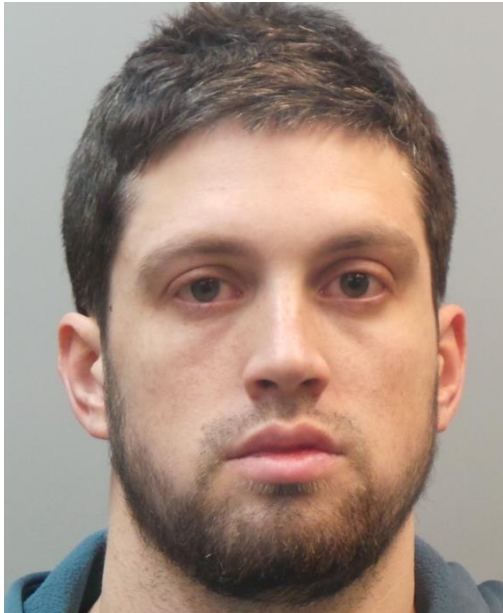
PRELIMINARY BREATH TEST (PBT)
POSITIVE FOR ALCOHOL?
 YES NO REFUSED
RESULT .131 %

He was arrested and taken to the Town and Country Police Station. There he agreed to take an "official" breath test. The test showed his BAC level was dropping but he was still above the legal level of .08%. The test showed his BAC level to be at .096%.

BLOOD ALCOHOL
CONCENTRATION
BY WEIGHT

.096

He was a little confused. In an interview he said he thought it was about 1am, but it was 11pm. He stated he had a margarita and a Bud Light Lemonade at the Wheelhouse Bar. He said he started drinking at 9pm and stopped at 11pm. However at 11pm he had been under arrest for over an hour and was at the Town and Country Police Station where Cpl. Duddleston was not serving drinks.



Sean Duff



Duff's eyes



2012-13 Billiken Sean Duff



Duff's b-ball eyes

OUTCOME: On 07/01/21 Duff pled guilty to DWI and Speeding. Judge Andrea Niehoff placed him on a 2-year SIS (No-Fine, No-Points, No-Permanent Record) probation for DWI. He was fined \$266 for Speeding.

DRUNK CHESTERFIELD WOMAN CRASHES OFF EDISON AVENUE HITTING TWO LARGE ROCKS.

On Thursday May 7, 2020 at 7:35pm Chesterfield officers Matt Adams and Beckerman were dispatched to a single car crash on Edison Road. A St. Louis County officer was on the scene and reported the driver appeared to be drunk.

The driver was Susan Schaeffer, 57, who lived nearby on Clarkson Farm Drive. She not only appeared to be intoxicated to the County officer, but to Officer Adams too. This is from the beginning of his report.

YES NO

OFFICER'S OBSERVATION MADE PRIOR TO ARREST OR CUSTODY (Check appropriate box(es) and add any	
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SPEECH	<input type="checkbox"/> SLURRED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CONFUSED <input type="checkbox"/> INCOHERENT <input type="checkbox"/> STUTTERING <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MUMBLING <input type="checkbox"/>
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	DESCRIBE: Black Dress and Sandals SOILED BY:

Upon my arrival, I observed a black 2017 Volkswagen Touareg, bearing MSL [REDACTED], for 2021 with heavy damage to the front right fender well area and front right wheel. PO Beckerman was speaking with the driver, Susan Schaeffer ([REDACTED]1963) at her vehicle. Schaeffer appeared to be unsteady on her feet and stumbled backwards when she moved from her car.

As Schaeffer walked to the front of her vehicle she used it for support. I asked Schaeffer if she was injured from the crash and she stated "no sir". I asked Schaeffer if she could tell me what happened and she replied "just heading home". I asked Schaeffer where she was coming from and she stated "work". I asked Schaeffer if she had anything to drink and she replied "yes sir I have". While making contact with Schaeffer I observed a strong odor I associate with an alcoholic beverage coming from her breath and she was swaying side to side.

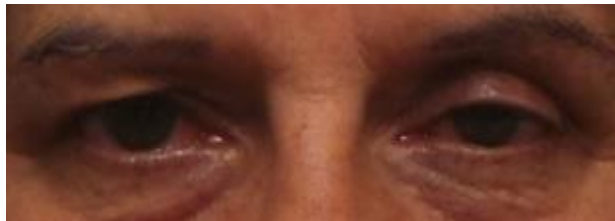
Officer Adams perform field sobriety tests on Schaeffer. The tests showed she was intoxicated.

He also found an open drinking glass containing liquor in the car and spilled booze on the front seat console.

Schaeffer was arrested for DWI and transported to the Chesterfield Police station. Schaeffer at first agreed to take a breath test and be interviewed but asked to call a lawyer. After the phone call she refused to take a breath test or be interviewed.

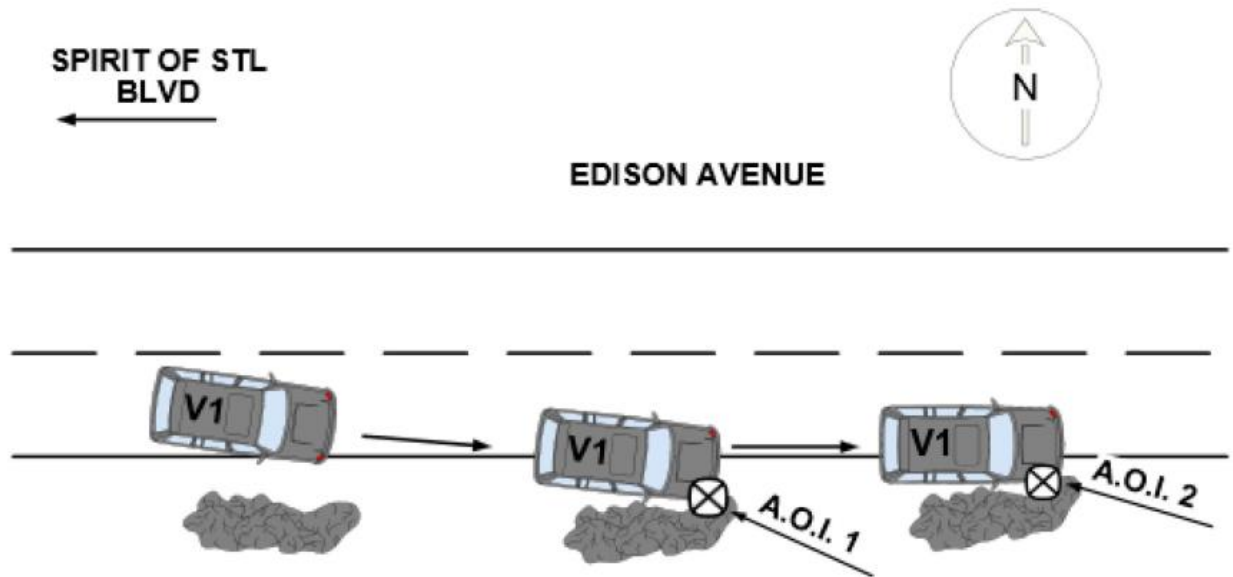


Susan R. Schaeffer



Schaeffer's eyes

Diagram of the crash on Edison Avenue.



OUTCOME: On 02/11/21 Schaeffer pled guilty in front of Judge Rick Brunk meaning she got off on having a drunk driving crash and refusing to take a breath test. She was placed on a 2-year SIS (No-Points, No-Fine and No Permanent Record) probation. She was at least required to attend two DWI programs.

Since she hired a local defense attorney and Chesterfield Prosecutor Tim Engelmeyer reduced the Improper Lane Use Citation to a non-traffic Health Code Violation with a \$250 fine for something Schaeffer never did. The Operating a Motor Vehicle with an Open Contain of Alcohol was also reduced to a Health Code violation with a \$100 fine.

Thanks to Engelmeyer and Bruck a very drunk driver who had trouble standing, who refused to take a breath test and drove off the road crashing her car, left court with no points on her driver's license record. This was the usual Chesterfield Justice.

20-YEAR OLD CHESTERFIELD RESIDENT WITH TWO FAKE IDS AND A BOTTLE VODKA IN THE CAR IS ARRESTED FOR DWI: On Saturday night into Sunday May 31, 2020 Chesterfield Police Officers Todd Lantz and Niemeier were on a special assignment when they witnessed a red Chevy Cruze speeding on Chesterfield Parkway. They paced the car at 55 mph in a 40 mph zone.

They stopped the car on Chesterfield Parkway at Lydia Hill and found the driver to be intoxicated. They requested an assist car to handle the DWI so they could return to their special assignment. Officer Jeff Ovca was sent.



Todd Lantz



Officer Niemeier

The driver of the car was Andrew Roger Shearn, 20, of Chesterfield. When first pulled over he was uncooperative and wasn't answering questions. This is what Officer Ovca encounter from the police report:

I approached the driver, later identified as Shearn. I observed his eyes to be glassy and blood shot. I asked how much he had to drink tonight, and he said nothing. Shearn's speech was slurred, and I observed a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage emanating from his breath as he spoke.

I asked Shearn if he wanted to be honest and explained I could smell alcohol and his eyes were indicative of consuming alcohol. He stated he did not wish to answer any questions. I asked if he would submit tovfield sobriety testing and he said no.

Officer Ovca arrested Shearn. During the arrest he retrieved Shearn's wallet from the car at which time he found a drivers' license in the name of Timothy Shearn, with a birth date above 21 years. Later at the police station while inventorying Shearn's property Officer Ovca found another fake Missouri Drivers' License in Shearn's name showing him to be above 21.

At the police station Shearn requested to call a lawyer, but instead called his father Dennis Shearn, who is an expert on DWIs as he has been arreste at least three times for DWI and refused to take a breath test 3 times dating back to 1996 and as recently as 2017.



Dennis Timothy Shearn (Like father, like son)

After speaking with his father Andrew Shearn refused to take a breath test or be interviewed.



Andrew Shearn



Shearn's eyes

OUTCOME: On 02/24/21 Shearn pled guilty to DWI and since he had hired a local defense attorney he got the Judge Ric Brunk special sentence of 2-year SIS (No-Fine, No-Points, No Permanent Record) but did have to attend a victim impact seminar and an alcohol abuse program. He pled guilty to Speeding and was fined \$100. The Open Container/minor in possession of alcohol was reduced to a Health Code violation with a \$300 fine.

WITH AN OPEN BOTTLE OF TEQUILA IN THE PASSENGER SEAT, DRUNK DRIVER RUNS A RED LIGHT IN FRONT OF A COP. On July 16, 2020 there wasn't much traffic out due to the Pandemic. In fact a number of bars and restaurants were either closed or having early closing times.

At 2:23am on the Thursday morning Chesterfield Police Sergeant Teresa Koebbe (Now a Lt) was on Chesterfield Parkway (east) near I-64. She noticed something unusual. There was an auto being driver on the North Outer Road. This was unusual for several reasons because 1) there was almost no traffic during this early stage of the Pandemic with most people staying home. 2) The car she saw was a 2008 Pontiac Vibe Sport Wagon. (General Motors stopped making Pontiacs eight months later due to a lack of demand) 3) The driver ran the red light from the 40 Outer Road onto Chesterfield Parkway/ 4) After running the red light the driver began lane weaving.



Pontiac Vibe



Sgt. Koebbe

Sgt. Koebbe stopped that car and contacted the driver, Katherine Schamel, 22, of Manchester. Sgt. Koebbe immediately noticed a strong smell of perfume but then also smelled the alcohol on Schamel's breath.

There were cans of beer on the rear seat and an open bottle of Tequila on the front passenger seat.

A patrol officer arrived at the scene to assist Sgt. Koebbe and did a partial field sobriety test that Schamel failed. She refused to take a field breath test.

Outside of her car the smell of the perfume lessened and the odor of booze on her breath got stronger. She was arrested.

At the police station she refused to take an official breath test, be interviewed or sign documents.

While being booked her property from her purse was being inventoried. As Sgt. Koebbe was counting her money she reached through the screen at the booking desk and grabbed the cash loudly proclaiming it was her money. She was then re-handcuffed. Shortly afterwards Sgt. Koebbe showed her the empty purse and how all the contents were in a property envelope.

During booking Schamel was argumentative and confrontational.

She was issued citations for DWI, Disobey Red Electrical Signal, Improper Lane Use and OMV With Open Container of Alcohol.

Here is her driving record we could find.

03/12/22	Unreg Veh, Defective Equip, Exp Op's Lic, No Auto Ins	Ballwin PD
09/30/21	Exp Lic Plates, Expired Driver's Lic (Valley Park)	St. Louis Co PD
08/17/21	Unreg Veh, Exp Drivers' Lic, No Auto Ins (Fenton)	St. Louis Co PD
02/01/21	Expired Drivers' Lic, Expired License Plates	St. Louis Co PD
07/16/20	DWI, Red Light Vio, Imp Lane Use, OMV W/Open Alcoh	Chesterfield PD
04/26/20	Speeding 26-30 Over Limit 03/16/21 1yr SIS Probation	Des Peres DPS
12/12/16	No Lic Plates	Mo Hwy Patrol



Katherine V Schamel



Schamel's eyes

OUTCOME: On 03/15/21 Schamel with a local defense attorney Pled Guilty to DWI. She was placed on a 2-year SIS (No-Fine, No-Points, No-Permanent Record) probation. Chesterfield Prosecutor Tim Engelmeyer, whose job is apparently to help out area defense attorneys and not worry about the public's safety, reduced the Open Alcohol Container charge to a Health Code Violation with a \$255. The Improper Lane Use was reduced to a Parking Violation with a \$191 fine. Schamel then pled guilty to something she actually did, Disobey Red Electric Signal and was fined \$70.

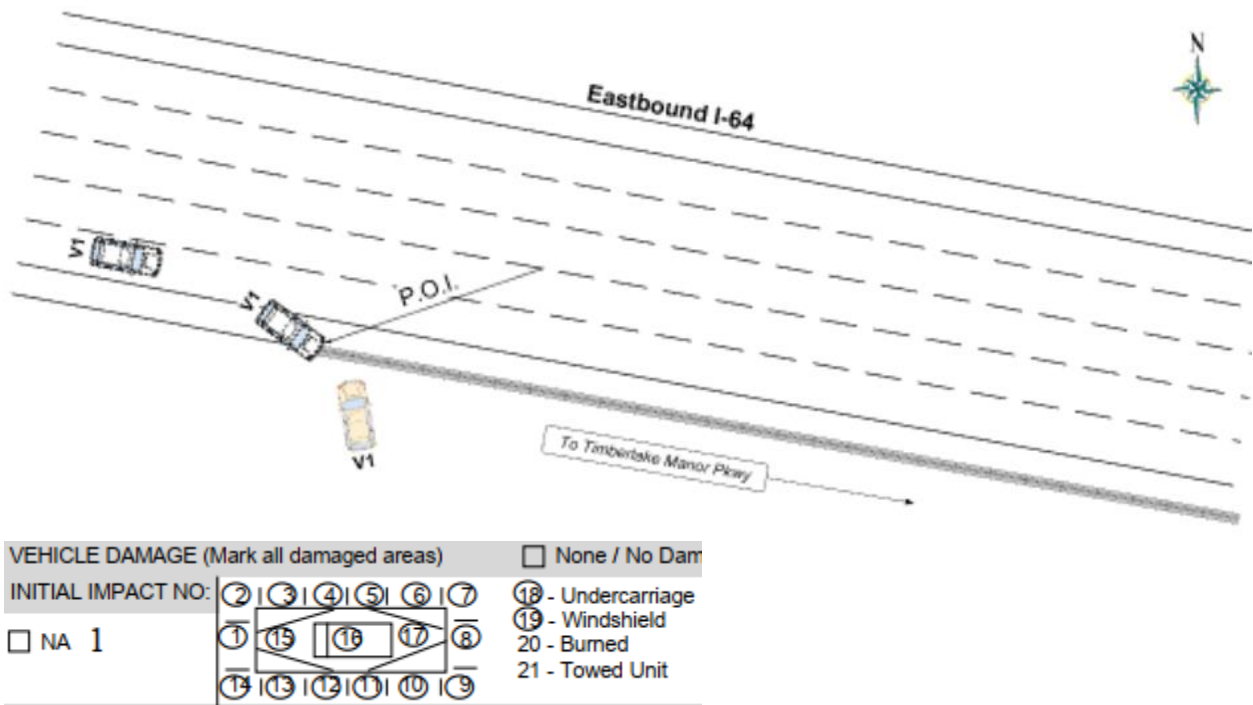
VERY DRUNK DRIVER STOPS LANE WEAVING AFTER DRIVING OFF OF I-64 TOTALING THE CAR INTO AN EMBANKMENT OF SOUTH OUTER-40 ROAD.

Chesterfield Police officer Russell Hesser was following a 2003 Lincoln Aviator EB on I-64. It Friday morning September 18, 2020 at 3:19. Officer Hess noticed how the Lincoln was weaving from lane to lane.

Officer Hesser briefly lost sight of the Lincoln after it crested a hill. When Officer Hesser crested the hill he observed the car had stopped serving from lane to lane and instead swerved off the interstate highway, hit a guard rail then went down an embankment to the South Forty Outer Road.



Russell Hesser



By the time Officer Hesser reached the car, the driver, Elias Sarmiento, was standing outside of the car. The car's gas tank had ruptured and Officer Hesser could smell

gasoline. He told Sarmiento to step away from the car several times, but Sarmiento ignored him. Officer Hesser then grabbed Sarmiento and pulled him away from the car.

Sarmiento complained of neck and back pain. A Monarch FPD ambulance was dispatched. Sarmiento was then transported to Mercy Hospital.

Prior to the arrival of the ambulance Officer Hesser noticed that Sarmiento's breath had a strong smell of intoxicants. His eyes were bloodshot, his balance was unsure and his speed was slow. Spanish was his first language. Sarmiento had no drivers' license and could not provide proof of insurance on the SUV he was driving.

Sarmiento was a cook at Syberg's restaurant in Chesterfield Valley. He stated after work he went to the nearby Bar Louie where he had 4 beers.

Officer Hesser went to Mercy Hospital. There he explained the Missouri Implied Consent Law to Sarmiento he agreed to have a blood draw of determine his BAC level.

The lab test on the blood came back showing Sarmiento's BAC level to be .191%.

Sarmiento had been cited for DWI, Improper Lane Use, No Driver's License and No Proof of Insurance.

NO PHOTO AVAILABLE

OUTCOME: Hang-on this is a perfect example of how Chesterfield Prosecutor Tim Engelmeyer and former Judge Rick Brunk do not give a damn about the safety of the driving public and residents of Chesterfield if a defense lawyer has been hired.

On 11/12/20 with a defense lawyer from Olivette, Sarmiento pled Guilty to DWI. He was placed on a 2-year SIS (No-fine, No-points, No-Permanent record) probation term. His Improper Lane Use charge was reduced by Engelmeyer to a non-traffic Parking Violation with a \$191 fine. The No Drivers' License charge was also reduced to a Parking Violation with a \$191 fine. He was fined \$150 for failure to proved proof of insurance on a car registered to another person.

Here was a person who was a unlicensed driver, very drunk, lane weaving, who drove off an interstate highway onto a service road, who left court with No-Points on his driving record. Of course while not convicting him of a moving violation Engelmeyer and Brunk picked the pocket of an immigrant cook who also had to pay the defense lawyer.



Let'm Loose Brunk Let's Make a Deal Engelmeyer

IT TOOK THREE TOWN & COUNTRY OFFICERS TO GET DRUNK DRIVER FROM TENNESSEE STOPPED. On Friday night into Saturday morning March 20, 2021 at 1AM Town & Country Police Officer Alexander Gowen was running radar of traffic on WB I-64 east of Ballas entering Town and Country when he clocked a Nissan pickup truck at 90 MPH in the 60 MPH Zone.

Officer Gowen attempted to stop the pickup truck that was swerving from lane to lane using both his flashing lights, spotlight and siren. The driver made no attempt to pull over. Officer Gowen made no attempt to pursue the driver, who he thought might be drunk, due to safety reasons for other motorists. He turned off his flashing lights and then followed the truck at a safe distance.

He also had radio'ed this event to other T&C officers. Sgt. Freddie Yaakub and Officer Danny Palmer responded and boxed in the Nissan truck on I-64 in Chesterfield. The driver pulled over on the shoulder. Since he refused to stop earlier officer did a Felony Car Stop and got the driver out of the vehicle right away and handcuffed him.



Off Gowen Sgt. Yaakub Officer Palmer

The driver, Lawrence A. Epps, 51, of Cookeville, Tenn. (Epps is a nurse anesthetist in Cookeville). Epps was clearly drunk. He had a strong odor of booze on his breath, his eyes were bloodshot, his balance was unsure and he had trouble following basic instructions.

He was arrested for DWI, Careless and Impudent Driving, Fleeing to Elude.

At the police station he agreed to take a breath test, but then refused to follow instructions on simply blowing into a mouthpiece. After three failed tries he was deemed to have refused the test.

In an interview he stated that he was driving from Cookeville, TN to Kansas. He stated that he had one Tall Boy beer at 3pm before leaving.

At one point in the interview Epps stated he was currently in Cookeville. He continued to deny being intoxicated until he was being placed in a holding cell to sober up.

At that time Officer Gowen asked him for the last time if he thought he should be driving. He had a new answer. This is from the police report:

I asked Epps if he thought he should have been driving; Epps stated no. I asked Epps why he should not have been driving; Epps stated because he was drunk.



Lawrence A. Epps



Epps' eyes

OUTCOME: Epps hired a local defense attorney from Town and Country. On July 29, 2021 Epps pled guilty to DWI in Town and Country Municipal Court. He was given the usual of a 2-year SIS (No-Points, No-Fine, No-Permanent Record) probation term. He also pled guilty to Careless and Impudent Driving and was given a \$366 fine. The Fleeing to Elude charge was reduced to prosecutor Keith Cheung to Illegal Parking with a \$191 fine.

EITHER SHE WAS LYING OR IT WAS ONE REALLY HUGE GLASS OF WINE.

Saturday night into Sunday Morning May 2, 2021 was pleasant. At 2:14am it was still around the 70-degree mark.

Officer Josh Hamel was on patrol in the area of Woods Mill Road and Clayton Road when he noticed the driver of a gold older model (2008) Honda Accord disobey the red light for SB Woods Mill at Clayton Road. The driver turned right onto Clayton Road without stopping to look for thru Clayton Road traffic.

Officer Hamel followed the Accord west on Clayton Road watching it weave across several WB lanes going into Chesterfield. He then stopped the car west of Schoettler Road.

As soon as he contacted the driver, Lori Goad, 43, of Ballwin, he smelled a strong odor of intoxicants inside the car and on her breath. He had her turn onto a parking lot and turn off the car. He then recontacted.

He asked her how much she had to drink. "A little bit of wine," was her reply. Officer Hamel asked how much a "little bit" was and she claimed "one glass." This is from his police report:

Goad's eyes were watery and bloodshot. Her speech was slurred and mumbled. I asked Goad to state the English Alphabet from "J" to "X". She stated, "Um, yeah, I don't know." I then asked Goad to state the English Alphabet from "A" to "Z". She stated, "A,B,C,D,E,F,G,A,F,A,K...Oh, God...I did not, I swear I did not drink that much. I had like 1 glass." I asked her if she would like to try it again. She agreed to try again and stated, "...err, oh my God. Why can't I even do it." After the Alphabet Test, I asked Goad to count backwards from 75 to 61. She stated, "74,73,72,71,70,69,68,67,68,66,67,66,65,64,63,62,61,60,59,58,59...err, I'm sorry."

She then failed the regular field sobriety tests. He agreed to take a field breath test. That showed her BAC level was at .189%.

PRELIMINARY BREATH TEST (PBT) POSITIVE FOR ALCOHOL?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/> REFUSED
RESULT <u>.189</u> %

Her BAC level would indicate she was a terrible liar or she had a huge glass of wine.

From the police report this was Officer Hamel's first observations of Goad.

OFFICER'S OBSERVATION MADE PRIOR TO ARREST OR CUSTODY (Check appropriate box[es] and add a

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> WATERY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BLOODSHOT <input type="checkbox"/> GLASSY <input type="checkbox"/> STARING <input type="checkbox"/> ARTIFICIAL EY
PUPILS	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSTRICTED <input type="checkbox"/> SLOW REACTION TO LIGHT <input type="checkbox"/> DILATED
BALANCE AND WALKING	<input type="checkbox"/> UNCERTAIN <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SWAYING <input type="checkbox"/> STAGGERING <input type="checkbox"/> STUMBLING <input type="checkbox"/> FALLING
SPEECH	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SLURRED <input type="checkbox"/> CONFUSED <input type="checkbox"/> INCOHERENT <input type="checkbox"/> STUTTERING <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MUMBLING
CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR	DESCRIBE: WHITE TANK TOP, JEAN SHORTS, FLIP FLOPS SOILED BY: N/A

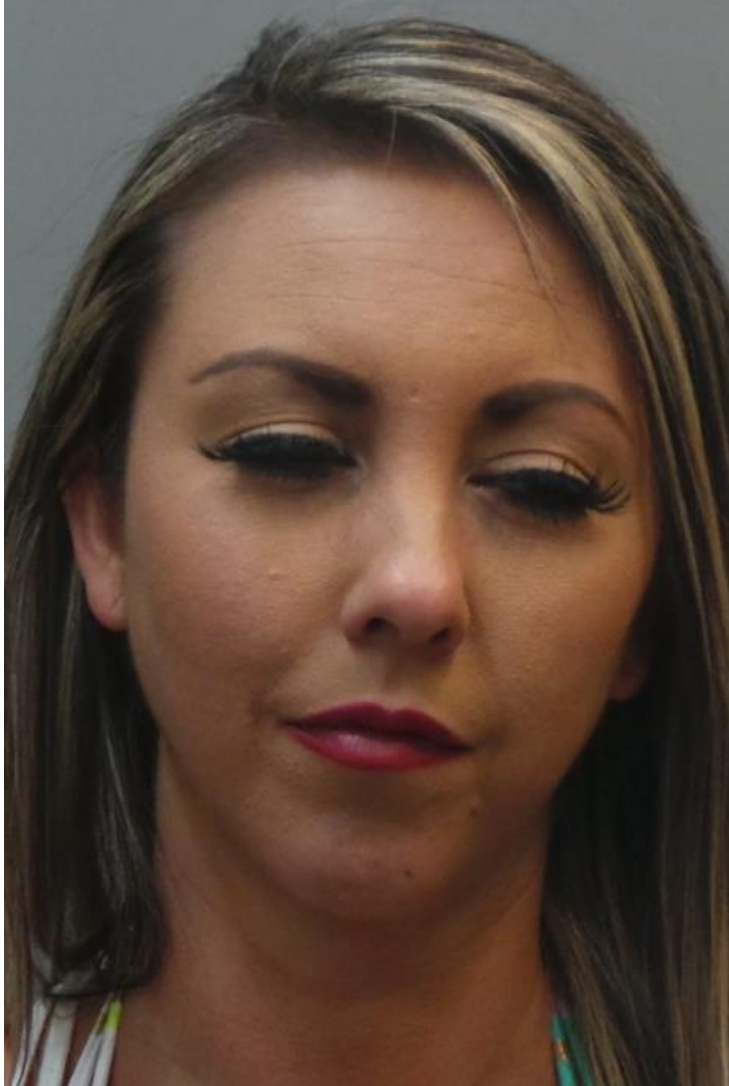
At the police station Goad agreed to take an "official" breath test. That showed her BAC level was going up. It came back at .194%.

<p>BLOOD ALCOHOL CONCENTRATION BY WEIGHT</p> <p>.194%</p>

Despite the BAC results, her inability to count or say the alphabet or performed balance tests, Goad stated that she did not consider herself intoxicated.



Officer Hamel



Lori Goad

OUTCOME: Goad, who did not appear to have prior DWIs, appeared in Town & Country Municipal Court with a lawyer. She pled guilty to DWI and was given the usual 2-year SIS (No-Points, No-Fine, No-Permanent Record) probation term. She pled guilty to Disobeying a Red Electric Signal and was fined \$191.