

DRUNKS AND THIEVES Christmas 2016 Edition



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CHRISTMAS TIME IS HERE, DRIVING 102 MPH WHILE DRUNK IS HERE: It was almost like in a Charlie Brown Christmas, but no one was singing. On Saturday night into Sunday morning December 28, 2014 Sgt. J. Wolfe clocked a Nissan Altima by pace at 102 MPH on NB I-270 from Clayton Road.

Besides going 102 MPH, the driver was weaving from lane to lane. We looked at the dash cam video and observed the weaving:



Weaving to the left



Weaving to the right



lane straddling

Sgt. Wolfe pulled over the 2015 Nissan at I-64 and Ballas Road where he contacted a very drunk **Daron Shanks, 34** of Warrenton, MO. Shanks had all the usual signs of being drunk, with the heavy smell of intoxicants on his breath, bloodshot eyes, confused speech and unsure balance.

Shanks said he was speeding because his girlfriend in the front passenger seat needed to use the bathroom. This was not explained further in the report. The only open restrooms at 2am along I-64 would be in the emergency rooms at Missouri Baptist or Mercy Hospitals.

As usual, being a sergeant means it is impossible for Sgt. Wolfe to write his own arrest report or do the field sobriety tests. Cpl. Chris Moore was called to do the remainder of Sgt. Wolfe's work.

Shanks told Cpl. Moore he had two or three drinks earlier in the evening. If you look at Shanks' mug shot you might think those were Big Gulp sized drinks.

Shanks did take the field breath test which he failed. He was arrested and taken to the police station. There he refused to take the "official" breath test.



Daron Shanks



Field Breath test reading of .139%

At the police station Shanks turned into a bit of a smart ass, but a polite one according to Cpl. Moore's report. He agreed to be interviewed.

When asked if he had been operating a motor vehicle at the time of the police stop, his replied was, "I don't know."

He was asked what he was drinking and replied, "Who knows."

He was cited for Speeding and DWI.

OUTCOME: On April 7, 2016 Shanks pled guilty to the DWI. He was not let off with no points and no fine. He received a \$500 fine from County Judge Joe Dueker after Shanks had the case transferred from Town and Country Municipal Court to County Court. Dueker also sentenced him to 30 Days in the County Jail, but did put him on a SES probation instead of jail. Shanks was further ordered to install a breath test interlock device on his car.

City prosecutor Ed Sluys dismissed the 102 MPH in a 60 MPH zone citation.

The normal license revocation for refusing to take a breath test was dropped since Shanks' license was revoked on the DWI conviction.

Also two weeks before his guilty plea Shanks was divorced having only to pay \$50 in support monthly per each of his two children. That's a whole \$1,200 a year in support. I doubt that would clothe two kids. It clearly would not buy him beer for a year.

Here is what Shanks posted on his facebook page after pleading guilty:

Can't even begin to wrap my head around what just happened!!! I feel like a bunch of people are taking turns kicking me in my stomach!!!! I really need you guys to keep me in your thoughts and prayers!

Maybe if Daron didn't drive drunk at 102 MPH he wouldn't feel like that.

Shanks' next post was for people to buy motorcycles from him at a St. Charles motorcycle dealer.

WHAT YOU SHOULDN'T DO IF YOUR ARE DWI: DON'T ALMOST REAR END OF POLICE CAR, SWERVE AT THE LAST MINUTE AND THEN GO THROUGH A RED LIGHT: On Monday night into Tuesday October 7, 2014 at 12:30 AM Jason Okimi was driving his blue 2011 Ford Fusion north on Highway 141 drunk. Okimi had two prior DWI convictions at the time.

Also driving north on Highway 141 at the same time was Town and Country Police Cpl. Berry. At 12:31 Berry noticed that a car was approaching the rear of his patrol car at a high rate of speed. At the last second the Ford swerved and went around the police car narrowly avoiding a crash and then proceeded through a red light at Highway 141 and the EB I-64 exit ramp.



Okimi in the blue Ford passing a marked Town and Country Police car after almost rear ending it.



The traffic light is red and Okimi in his blue Ford are in frame one is just at the stop line and in frame two he is in the middle of the intersection as he is running the red light.

Cpl. Berry stopped the Ford and contacted the driver Jason Okimi, 24, living at an apartment in Maryland Heights. It did not take Cpl. Berry long to figure out that Okimi drunk. His breath had a strong odor of intoxicants, his eyes were bloodshot , his speech was slurred plus he admitted having two other DWI convictions and had only drunk six Bud Light beers. He also developed a hostile and combative attitude.

Okimi failed a few sobriety tests when he refused to do any more.

Here is some of the dialogue between Okimi and Cpl. Berry we captured after we reviewed the video of the stop and arrest:

Berry: Have you had anything to drink.

Okimi: No alcohol!

Berry: Your speech is slurred. Why?

Okimi: I have been working 60 hours a week.

Berry: Have you been in trouble before?

Okimi: Yeah, drugs and alcohol.

Berry: There is fresh damage to your car. What happened?

Okimi: I fell asleep and ran into a ditch.

Berry: Have you been arrested for DWI before?

Okimi: Yeah,

Berry: How many times?

Okimi: Twice.

Berry: Nothing to drink right?

Okimi: Nothing in the last couple of hours.

Berry: What did you drink before then?

Okimi: Some Bud Lights.

Okimi performs two field sobriety tests poorly and then starts a new line of conversation.

Okimi: What is the probable cause for the stop? There is no probable cause for you to keep having me do tests. I work at a bar.

Berry: What bar?

Okimi: The Evergreen Farms. It's a restaurant and bar. I'm covered in alcohol 24-7. (The Evergreen Farms is located on Hwy 79 in Foley, MO. It is open from 8am to 12 midnight. It is a biker bar.



Okimi: You said there was no probable cause.

Berry: You almost hit my police car, you ran a red light, I smell alcohol on your breath, your eyes are glassy and bloodshot.

Okimi: Your job is based on probable cause.

Berry: Everything we do is on video. You can watch it with your lawyer.

He was arrested for DWI. Prior to his car being towed, it was searched and an open Bud Light beer can with beer in it was found in the door.

Okimi begins to resist Berry and another officer as they try and handcuff him and he begins to pull away. The assisting officer tells him to quit resisting or he will be tasered. Okimi continues his rant as he is being placed in the back seat of the police car.



Okimi: What am I under arrest for?

Berry: DWI.

Okimi: What's your proof of that? What's the deal?

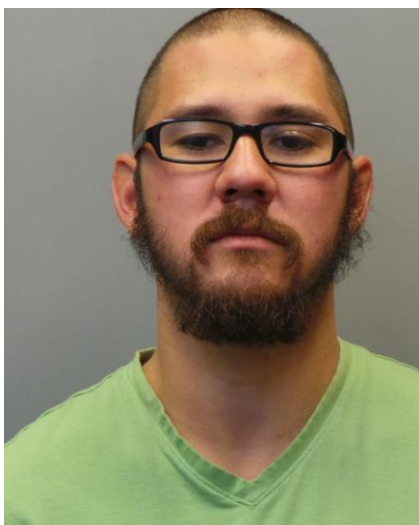
Berry: It's a big deal because it's your third offense, you almost hit my police car and you ran a red light.

Okimi: Why am I under arrest, because I didn't hit your police car? You didn't have the fucking probable cause to arrest me. I'm being arrested for DWI for not hitting your police car. So that's what this is all about!

Okimi: You are an officer of the law. I pay taxes. You work for me. My taxes pay your fucking salary.

Berry: Has a taser ever been pointed at you before?

Okimi: Yeah. Once in a bar fight."

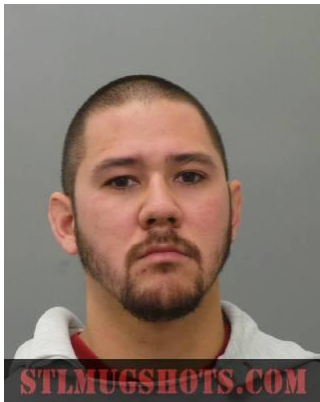


Jason Okimi

It was interesting at the police station. Okimi, who refused to take all the field sobriety tests agreed to take the Official Breath Test. That showed his **BAC level to be .251%**. That is more than three times the legal limit.

Okimi was released pending warrants for Felony DWI. Two days later he was arrested by officers of the Maryland Heights Police Department for Felony Possession of Drugs.

Once the Felony DWI Warrant was issued Okimi was arrested again on 11/21/14.



Here is part of his arrested and court records that we could find. There are more hidden in municipal files that are not included in the casenet statewide court system.

08/15/16	Driving While Revoked	Ellisville PD
07/06/15	Auto Accident Personal Injury Judgment \$2823	St. Louis CO Circuit Court
03/23/15	Eviction Order and \$1,210 judgment	St. Louis CO Circuit Court
01/24/15	Moving Violation reduced to \$300 Parking Vio	Valley Park
10/09/14	Felony Possession of Controlled Substance	Maryland Heights PD
10/07/14	Felony DWI	Town and Country PD
11/19/11	Fail to Obey Lawful Order of a Police Officer	Ellisville PD
	Peace Disturbance	
09/01/10	DWI Refused Breath Test	DOR

OUTCOME: On April 29, 2016 Okimi pled guilty to the Felony DWI before Circuit Court Judge Kristine Kerr. He was sentenced to 4-years in prison, but was immediately placed on a 5-year probation term after serving 7-days Shock Time in the County Jail.

At the same time Okimi also pled guilty to the Felony Drug charge. Judge Kerr sentenced him to 7-years in prison and immediately placed him on five-years probation.

If you hadn't noticed, 3-time DWI offender on probation got a moving violation reduced to a \$300 Parking Violation in Valley Park. Who is the city prosecutor in Valley Park? It is the Chesterfield City prosecutor and Creve Coeur judge Tim Engelmeyer. Once again Engelmeyer refused to look out for the public safety of citizens and refused to document another serious violation by a person with a felony traffic record.

It will be interesting to see what Ellisville judge Don Anderson does with the Driving While Revoked case in his court. Anderson is also famous for allowing serious traffic violations to turn into expensive parking tickets.

SPEEDING DRUNK DRIVER, WITH A PRIOR, REFUSING BREATH TEST AND GETS NO-FINE, NO-POINTS PROBATION: It was a Friday night into a Saturday morning on January 16, 2015 at 1:08 AM when 5-foot-2 125 lb Kathleen Schaller, 28, from Ballwin was speeding on westbound I-64 past Mason Road in her black 2009 Ford Escape when Sgt. Wolf clocked her a 88 mph.

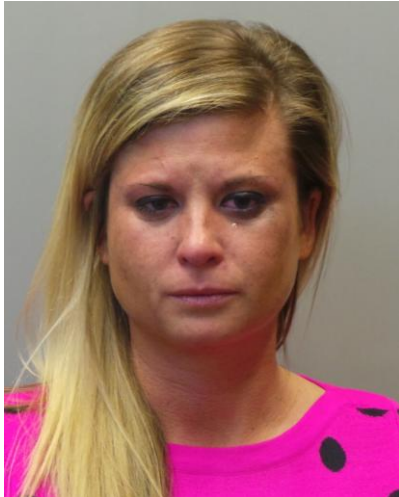
Besides speeding Schaller was weaving across three lanes of traffic.

Sgt. Wolf stopped her and quickly found out that she had been drinking, Her breath had a strong odor of booze, her eyes were bloodshot, speech was slurred and once out of the car she could not stand still without swaying.

As Sgt. Wolf always does, he called another officer to come to the scene and end up writing the report. That officer was patrolman McNutt.

Schaller failed her field sobriety tests. She refused to take a field Breath test and the official breath test at the police station.

This was not Schaller's first DWI arrest. She had a DWI arrest in 2004.



Kathleen Schaller

OUTCOME: For some reason this case was filed in Town and Country Municipal and Schaller's defense attorney had it transferred to the Associate Circuit Court in Clayton. It was there where Town and Country prosecutor Ed Sluys on May 5, 2016 ignored the fact the Scaller had a prior DWI and had refused to take a breath test. He agreed to a deal where Schaller would Pled Guilty to DWI but receive a No-Record, No-Points, No-Fine probation.

The normal probation term for a DWI is two-years. Apparently repeat offender Schaller is extra special. Her probation term is just six-months. If she got over the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays there is no probation over her head. If she gets it in Town and Country there is a chance she will not even be fully prosecuted. (By Christmas her DWI Conviction had disappeared from her record.)

She had the Improper lane Use citation (weaving across three lanes of I-64) reduced to Illegal Parking. She pled guilty to the Illegal parking and was fined \$200. The Speeding citation was not reduced and after pleading guilty she was fined \$200 and received 2-points.

The new Town and Country prosecutor, Ed Sluys from the embattled law firm of Curtis, Heinz, Garrett and O'Keefe (Ferguson's longtime law firm) at first seemed to be an improvement. But the more cases we review the more it seems that Sluys will deal away serious DWI cases even involving repeat offenders if they have the right lawyer representing them. Sluys is from England where DWI is a serious matter and cases are not reduced. It is too bad the Sluys is not bringing some of the attitude to the job in Town and Country.



Ed Sluys the English Monty Hall

DRUNK DRIVER WITH A RECENT PRIOR DWI TAKES OUT A MAILBOX, HITS FIRE HYDRANT, LIGHT POLE AND THEN STOPS AFTER HITTING A TREE. SHE DENIES HAVING ANYTHING TO DRINK BUT TESTS OVER THE LIMIT. SHE THEN GETS A NO-FINE, NO POINTS PROBATION DESPITE BEING ARRESTED FOR DWI THREE MONTHS EARLIER: Leah Uhlenbrock, 19, of Chesterfield had been arrested

for DWI on May 5, 2015 by a Greene County Sheriff deputy outside of Springfield, MO. She was issued a temporary paper driver's license after her license was seized in connection with the DWI arrest.

On August 23, 2015 a Saturday night/Sunday morning she was drunk again. A little after 3:35 she would be meeting police officers again.

Leah claimed she was on her way home to St. Albans, the high end community on the edge of Franklin and St. Louis Counties. However she was driving toward a cul de sac on Greystone Manor in Chesterfield, MO. On this morning she had an apparent problem of passing out or falling asleep. In front of 1146 Greystone Manor Parkway her 2004 black Jeep Liberty left the roadway, knocked over a mailbox, sideswiped a light pole, knocked over a fire hydrant and came to rest after hitting a tree.

When Chesterfield Police Officer Adams and others arrived Uhlenbrok had a cut on her hand. A Monarch ambulance responded and the paramedics treated her cut and did not transport her. She told police she did not know what happened.

Officer Adams could smell the odor of alcoholic beverage on Uhlenbrok's breath. Her eyes were badly bloodshot. She staggered when she walked and she mumbled when speaking.



Leah Uhlenbrock

After failing a number of field sobriety tests Uhlenbrok was arrested and driven to the Chesterfield Police Department. There she agreed to take a breath test. The results of that test showed her BAC level to be .093%. Legally intoxicated in Missouri is 0.08%.

While being booked at the police station Uhlenbrook passed out/fell asleep and had to be shaken awake.

During a post-arrest interview Uhlenbrook denied drinking, but then said she had a half-glass of wine over a 2-hour period. This is from the police report:

HAVE YOU BEEN DRINKING? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO		IF YES, WHAT WERE YOU DRINKING? <i>HALF GLASS OF WINE AT SISTERS BUT NO</i>	
TIME STARTED <i>9 o'clock</i>		TIME STOPPED <i>11 o'clock</i>	
HOW MUCH? <i>Half Glass</i>	WHERE? <i>Sisters House</i>	ARE YOU UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF AN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE? <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	

Uhlenbrock was charged with DWI, Improper lane Use and Driving a Suspended Driver's License.

OUTCOME: Despite having been arrested for DWI three-and-a-half months earlier and having a suspended driver's license due to that arrest, City Prosecutor Tim Engelmeyer thought she should have not have a DWI conviction on her record.

On 03/29/16 he recommended that she be placed on a No-Record, No-Fine, No-Points probation for DWI for her guilty plea. Of course Judge Rick Brunk went on along with this deal. The Driving While Suspended charge was reduced to a 2-point No Operator's License charge. She was fined \$250 and court costs. She did plead guilty to the Improper Lane Use charge and was fined \$250 and \$23 court costs.

Things went a little different in front of Greene County Judge J. Ronald Carrier. On 04/14/16 she pled guilty to DWI and was sentenced to 60 days in the county jail and upon completion of the jail time to be on a 2-year probation.

This is not the first time Engelmeyer and Brunk have ignored prior DWI convictions or pending DWI court cases against defendants appearing in Chesterfield Missouri Court with the two giving No-Record, No-Fine, No-Points probations or reducing charges..



These two guys, Engelmeyer and Brunk are Monty Hall and Wayne Brady of municipal courts!

ORIGINALLY FROM TRINIDAD & TOBAGO, NOW FROM NEW YORK CAME TO ST. LOUIS TO DO CHRISTMAS SHOPPING WITH STOLEN AND CLONED CREDIT CARDS: On December 10, 2015 at 1:33 in the afternoon Chesterfield Police Officers stopped and found a suspicious person outside of the Best Buy Store in the Chesterfield Commons. Best Buy security reported the person had been in the store the day before speaking with a "Jamaican" accent and using a credit card that later turned out to be stolen.

The person contacted was Darrell Chapman, 35, giving an address of Brooklyn, New York and having drivers' licenses in his name from New York and North Carolina, multiple credit cards in his name and a passport from Trinidad & Tobago.

The car on the lot occupied by his brother had Michigan license plates.



Darrell Chapman

This from the police report is what was found in the rented car.

A search of the vehicle revealed the following new items.

1. Brand: Apple

Model: MacBook Pro 2.5 GHZ

Serial Number: CO2QP6U2G8WP

Value: \$2299.99

2. Brand: Apple

Model: MacBook Pro 2.2 GHZ

Serial Number: CO2QNAEEG8WN

Value: \$1849.99

3. Brand: Apple

Model: MacBook Pro

Serial Number: CO2QMBZWG8WN

Value: \$1849.99

4. Brand: Apple

Model: Watch

Serial Number: FH7QK6JGG9J6

Value: unknown

4 Best Buy gift cards were in plain view and were seized from the center console and all would later be checked for monetary activity.

Also found was a GPS that had the locations for seven Best Buy stores in the greater St. Louis area. Chapman was identified as the person there the day before who used a cloned American Express credit card and had come back on Thursday December 10 to attempt to buy on a phony credit card another MacBook Pro valued at \$1,850.

In the car was another \$1,850 MacBook Pro stolen from the Best Buy in Wentzville using a phony credit card 30 minutes before they were stopped in Chesterfield.

The two were arrested and the goodies in the car were seized and the car was towed.

At the police station Chapman confessed, but stated that he simply offered his brother a free round trip ticket to St. Louis and his brother was unaware of the scheme. (Yeah, right). Since no store employees or store video could place the brother in the store he was eventually released.

The police are accustomed to credit card fraud thieves coming into an area in a rented car, operating for one or two days, often shipping the stolen goods out of town and then leaving.

Chapman stated that he hits Best Buys because they don't ask confirming questions like the cardholder's zip code when an American Express Card is used.

The next day a warrant was issued and Chapman was ordered held on a \$25,000 bond or 10% professional bond. He remained in jail through the holidays and beyond.

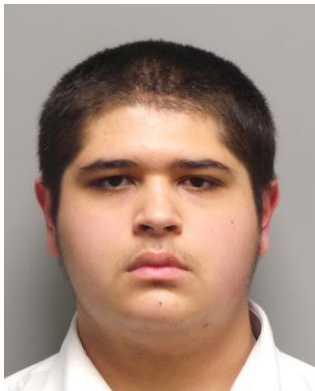
OUTCOME: On April 19, 2016 before Judge Ellen Levy Siwak, Chapman pled guilty to one count of Felony Forgery. He was placed on a 5-year SIS Probation that after 5-years results in no record of the conviction.

This was a well planned crime and would have involved over \$10,000 in merchandise being stolen if Chapman was not arrested.

Judge Siwak sent a terrible message to Chapman, which was if you come from New York to commit felonies in Missouri nothing much was going to happen to you. One-year and one-day in the state prison might have gotten Chapman's attention that going to St. Louis to steal is a bad idea. Siwak also transferred Chapman's probation to King's County (Brooklyn) New York.

LYING SHOPLIFTER GIVEN A NO-FINE, NO-RECORD PROBATION AFTER CONFESSING TO SHOPLIFTING ONCE, BUT FORGETTING TO MENTION SHOPLIFTING THE DAY BEFORE. A valuable rule to most criminals is "If you get away with it once, don't come back."

On Tuesday December 9, 2014 Peyton Savone, 17, of 229 Steamboat Lane in Ballwin went to the Chesterfield Wal Mart store in Chesterfield Valley. There at about 2:50 pm Savone was observed by a store security officer on video, removing the battery from a T-Mobile Hotspot router and palm the battery, later putting it in his pocket. He was later observed purchasing a soft drink and then walking out of the store, when he was stopped by two store security officers.



The security officers called Chesterfield Officer Krumm, who is assigned to the Chesterfield Valley shopping districts directly by cell phone.

Officer Krumm advised Savone of his rights and Savone agreed to make a statement. Here is what he said according to Krumm's police report:

Savone, speaking in English, stated he understood his rights and agreed to answer questions. I asked Savone, why did he just take the battery of the device. Savone stated he used an identical router at his home for internet access and his sister had dropped the battery of their device into some water. Savone stated he just made a bad decision when he saw an opportunity to replace it.

On the ride to the police station Savone claimed this was the only time he had stolen anything and gave the following statement taken from the police report:

While transporting to the station I asked Savone "Is this the first time you have stolen anything, or just the first time you got caught?" Savone replied that this "is the first time I stole anything." I asked him what happened and he said he saw the box for the router had no security device and was open. Savone stated he picked up the router, removed the battery, and concealed it in his pocket. Savone stated he was stopped by Walmart Security as he was exiting the store.

After booking Savone, Officer Krumm got another call from the Wal Mart store security.

Krumm was told they security officer started reviewing prior days' security video and found Savone in the store the day before on Monday December 8 and was on video stealing the T-Mobile router but took only the router and not the battery.

Officer Krumm got Savone out of a holding cell and asked him about the theft of the router the day before. Savone then admitted lying about the theft of the battery being his first retail theft and admitted also stealing the router the day before. This again from the police report:

I immediately proceeded into the Chesterfield Police Holding area and contacted Savone, as Savone had previously been advised of his Miranda rights, I asked him what happened yesterday at Walmart? Savone stated yesterday he had stolen the router from Walmart and that he had returned today for the battery. Savone stated the router was still at his house and agreed to make arrangements to return it to Walmart.

OUTCOME: This case was not over for 13 months after the offense. On January 19, 2016 Chesterfield City Prosecutor Tim Engelmeyer and Judge Rick Brunk agreed to a guilty plea with a SIS, NO-FINE and NO-Record after a year probation term.

This despite Savone already getting a good deal on a serious moving violation traffic citation issued by a County Police Officer and handled by the Clarkson Valley Municipal Court. Savone was issued the moving violation citation on 11/19/15 at 9:04 pm. On 12/18/15 he pled guilty to a No-Points Parking Violation and was fined \$263.

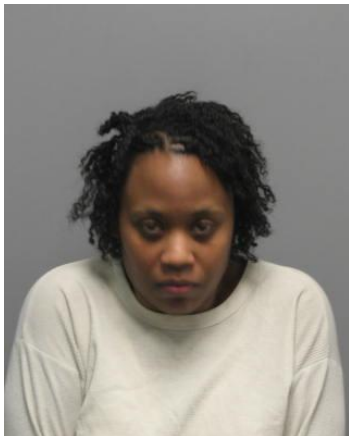
The same thing had happened in Ballwin earlier in 2015. There he was cited for a moving violation on Thursday July 2 at 4:39 PM. On 09/08/15 Savone pled guilty to an amended charge of Illegal Parking and was fined \$215.

Savone is quickly learning that nothing much bad will happen to him if he continues to drive recklessly or steals, thanks to our municipal court system.

HOTEL BILL NOT PAID, SUSPECT CHECKED IN UNDER DIFFERENT NAME: Most of a 12 day hotel stay at the Homestead Suites on Chesterfield Parkway was paid for in advance with a room booked under the name of Alexis Underwood. However two days in between the two Expedia bookings were not paid for.

The person was checked in under the name of Underwood, said she was in town from Atlanta to help with her sick mother. She was driving a black Acura with Ohio license plates.

Hotel management sent her a letter saying she owed for two more days on the room. When management went to the room in person on April 25, 2013 the suspect had packed up and left plus stole the hotel's bedcover.



The two nights stay was valued at \$344 and the bedcover was valued at \$50.

The case was eventually turned over to Detective Thompson, who determined that Alexis Underwood was actually Alexis Lockette. By obtaining information from past booking sheets with other departments, Det. Thompson was able to reach Lockette once by telephone. Lockette said she would make restitution, but never did and an arrest order was issued and placed in the computer system.

On November 26, 2013 Lockette had been arrested by another agency and then released to Chesterfield. She made a verbal admission of the theft.

BACKGROUND: Lockette had been arrested in 2012 by the County Police for Credit Card Fraud that occurred on 07/16/12. On 11/26/13 she pled guilty and was placed on probation for five years then then arrested as a fugitive from Chesterfield PD. Her probation on the Country charge was suspended and then continued four times. It was finally revoked on 08/28/15 and she was sentenced to 10 months in jail.

On 02/26/13 Lockette, under the name of Underwood received an order of eviction from the Northwinds Apartments along with a judgment of \$2,805 for back rent. The judgment has not been satisfied.

OUTCOME: On July 19, 2015 Lockette pled guilty to the theft charges in Chesterfield and was sentenced to 10 days in jail and release with credit for time in jail prior to her guilty plea. Since this was someone who could not pay her hotel bill and had outstanding court ordered judgments it made sense not to issue a fine.

BY THE SECOND DAY ON HER NEW JOB AT MACY'S SHE HAD ALREADY STOLEN \$759 IN MERCHANDISE. Sariaha Jones, 23, of North St. Louis County started her new job at Macy's on Thanksgiving Day November 27, 2014. On that day she stole a Guess purse valued at \$118.00.

She returned to work on the next day "Black Friday." She was assigned to the Men's Department. She arrived at work with the stolen Guess purse. During the day she stole another \$641 worth of merchandise.



Sariaha Jones

This was at the same time there was a large presence of police in Clayton and in Ferguson and North County after on November 27 it was announced no charges would be filed against a Ferguson police officer in the shooting of Michael Brown.

When she was leaving the store on Black Friday she was stopped by store security officers and taken to the loss prevention office. She then gave a detailed statement verbally and in writing about the thefts. She also admitted to allowing a customer to take merchandise when she was having trouble with getting his credit card accepted.

Here is the list of items stolen by ones taken from Officer Krumm's police report.

1.) Guess brand hand bag bearing SKU: 885935715638 valued at \$118.00

The items stolen by Jones on 11/28/2014 are as follows:

- 1.) Dooney Bourke pink in color handbag bearing SKU: 799344402556 valued at \$198.00
- 2.) Nov Fashion brand black and pink in color pants bearing SKU: 636206348808 valued at \$20.30
- 3.) Polo brand 6-pack of multi-colored socks bearing SKU: 047852005371 valued at \$21.98
- 4.) Polo brand 6-pack of multi-colored socks bearing SKU: 047852085755 valued at \$21.98
- 5.) Nike brand blue tank-top bearing SKU: 885177450243 valued at \$16.80
- 6.) Junior Active grey fleece pants bearing SKU: 887069159142 valued at \$16.79
- 7.) Polo brand multi-colored cotton boxers bearing SKU: 043935694647 valued at \$39.50
- 8.) Polo brand tan colored stocking cap bearing SKU: 020204090232 valued at \$42.00
- 9.) Polo brand black colored stocking cap bearing SKU: 020204376916 valued at \$42.00
- 10.) Polo brand gray colored stocking cap bearing SKU: 020204376954 valued at \$42.00
- 11.) Polo brand multi-colored cotton boxers bearing SKU: 043935694760 valued at \$39.50
- 12.) Michael Kors brown colored handbag bearing SKU: 885949972669 valued at \$96.00
- 13.) Nike brand pink and black colored pants bearing SKU: 887232676070 valued at \$45.00

And here is part of Jones statement and why is is important to be nice when shopping.

During the interview Jones admitted to stealing the items. Jones stated she "liked nice things" but could not afford them as she had been out of work for seven months prior to being hired by Macy's and that is why she stole. Jones stated all of the female items were for her, but the Polo men's items were Christmas presents for her boyfriend, who she did not identify by name. Jones also stated she was aware of the value of the stolen items. Jones stated she did not know the male whom she had not charged for items. Jones explained that she initially rang up the transaction but then cancelled it after some trouble with the man's credit or debit card. Jones stated she let him have the items because he seemed nice.

Background: Between 2012 and 2013 we found nine traffic citations issued to Jones.

OUTCOME: On May 19, 2016 Jones pled guilty in St. Louis County Circuit Court. She was ordered to make restitution to Macy's and to not enter any Macy stores. She was placed on a 5-year SIS probation sentence.

107 MPH! WHO KNEW A HYUNDAI SONATA COULD GO THAT FAST! WEBSTER GROVES MAN INADVERTENTLY TRAPPED BY THE COPS ON I-64. Frontenac Police Officer Duda was parked on the shoulder of eastbound I-64. Back in 1973 when I was a police dispatcher at Creve Coeur where we also dispatched for Des Peres, Town and Country and Frontenac, the Frontenac cops had a cool shoulder patch. It was of Count Frontenac with a big hat, holding a sword across his front as if he was from a Douglas Fairbanks, Jr. or Errol Flynn swashbuckler. Back before Frontenac Plaza opened and sales tax revenue flowed into the city coffers the cops ran a lot on radar on NB Lindbergh Blvd. at Litzsinger Road. They were not up on Hwy 40 so much. We used to joke they needed to replace Count Frontenac's sword with a radar gun to make the shoulder patch more modern.

Now in a new century the cops are not on Lindbergh so much but you see them quite a bit on I-64 (the old Hwy 40). That was the case on Saturday night June 6, 2015 at 9:57 pm.

Officer Duda reported seeing in his rearview mirror a car moving at a high rate of speed. The car had just left Town and Country and had entered Frontenac when Officer Duda clocked it at 102 MPH.

Officer Duda pulled out with his lights flashing and the 2015 Hyundai actually was increasing speed now being clocked at 107 MPH. Perhaps the driver was trying to get away, which would make sense because he was going over 100 mph and he was drunk.

As luck would have it in front of the speeding car was a slowly moving St. Louis County prisoner transport van heading back to the County Jail in Clayton. The driver of the Hyundai decided to pull over in Ladue at I-64 and Clayton Road.

There he was identified as Michael Getz, 34, of N. Rock Hill Road in Webster Groves. Officer Duda quickly realized that Getz was also drunk. He failed the field sobriety tests and was arrested. Back at the station Getz refused to take a breath test. Duda wrote an incredibly short police report and did not even include any statement from Getz why he was doing over 100 MPH.



Michael Getz

OUTCOME: On March 23, 2016 Getz pled guilty before Frontenac Judge Andrea Niehoff, a former defense lawyer and currently EEOC Admin Law judge, to the DWI and speeding charges. On the DWI Getz was given a no-record, no-points, no fine 2-year SIS probation term. On the speeding charge Getz was fined \$524.50. Four months after pleading guilty Getz had paid less than \$100 of the fine. You can afford a new car, a lawyer, but you can't even afford to pay 20% of the fine.



Judge Niehoff

Two observations on this case. Can Judge Niehoff honestly think that someone doing 107 MPH while drunk deserves to get the standard "let em off easy" sentences that muni courts hand most DWI defendants?

The other thing I noticed was that twice in Officer Duda's police report, the location of the arrest was on "I-64 at Clayton Road Frontenac Missouri."

Respond Location

Street Address E I64 HWY & CLAYTON RD, FRONTENAC, MISSOURI

and

Occurrence Details

Date/Time From 06/06/2015 21:56 SATURDAY **Date/Time To**

Premise STREET/HIGHWAY/SIDEWALK/ALLEY

Street Address E I64 HWY & CLAYTON RD, FRONTENAC, MISSOURI

This report was signed off by Officer Duda and two supervisors. Perhaps Frontenac Officers should get a geography course, since Clayton Road and I-64 are parallel streets and don't intersect inside the city of Frontenac and they do intersect further east in Ladue, Missouri.

CHESTERFIELD OFFICER WAS JUST IN TIME TO CATCH SERIAL DRUG ADDICT

SHOPLIFTERS: 55-year-old Theodore Ringo of the tiny hamlet of Uplands Park on Natural Bridge Road close to Pine Lawn and 37-year-old Joe Pointer of North St. Louis, both heroin addicts had a busy early afternoon on Tuesday October 20, 2015. The pair had been stealing from a number of stores in the Chesterfield Commons when they made the mistake of going to the Wal Mart.

Wal Mart security agents observed the two placing razor blades into a bag and then leave the store. The loss prevention officer immediately called Chesterfield Police Officer McBride who is assigned to the shopping area and reported the two and they had just fled the store. Both suspects were Black males but one was dress in unusual attire of overalls. Officer McBride spotted the pair driving across the shopping center lot in a 15-year-old Pontiac.

The driver of the Pontiac attempted to lose Officer McBride and made a hard turn into a bank parking lot. McBride drove on and then entered the lot from a back entrance and was facing the suspects. They stopped.

At about that time a Chesterfield Police Detective was in the area and assisted Officer McBride. After getting the two out of the car and handcuffed they found a bag full of razor blades and razors with no receipts. They also found in the car seven Polo hats with price tags still on them and a pair of Old Navy jeans.

The driver, Ringo, said the passenger Pointer had asked him to drive him to Chesterfield so he could buy some razor blades and denied sealing any. (From North County to Chesterfield I think they may have passed hundreds of thousands of razor blades for sale.) Concerning the hats Ringo said they had traded some heroin for the hats in Wellston.

Since the truth and heroin addicts are as often as far apart as the North and South Poles, Officer McBride did some checking. Back at Wal Mart he viewed the video recording of the pair and saw Ringo stealing just as many razor blades as Pointer. He then took the Polo hats across I-64 to the Polo shop in the Taubman Outlet Mall and found out that the hats had been stolen from there.

He then went to the Old Navy store. The manager asked if she got the pants from two black males after they tried them on. She said she was with a new employee when she heard the security alarm go off. The two men were no longer in the store. She said by the time she got to the front door she could not see anyone.

All the merchandise stolen from the three stores was valued at \$327.57.



Joe Pointer



Theodroe Ringo

BACKGROUND:

Joe Orlando Pointer

07/19/98	2 counts Felony Possession of Cont Sub	St. Louis Police
	02/01/99 Pled Guilty	08/09/02 Probation revoked 2 years prison
01/02/04	Felony Possession of Controlled Sub	St. Louis Police

04/29/05 08/19/04 Pled Guilty 5 years jail stayed 2-years probation
 Felony Tampering with a Motor Veh Chesterfield PD
 Pled Guilty 5/25/06 120 days shock jail followed by probation
 09/18/06 probation revoked sentenced to 5 years prison

09/07/11 Felony Poss of Controlled Substance St. Louis Police
 01/13/14 Pled Guilty Probation
 08/21/14 Probation revoked 60 days jail

10/24/13 Driving While Revoked Missouri Hwy Patrol
 sentenced 5/19/14 2 days in County Jail

03/24/14 Stealing U/\$500 St. Louis Police
 Pled Guilty 10/08/14 sentenced to 65 days in jail

Theodore Ringo

04/21/92 Felony Possession of Controlled Substance St. Louis Police
 9/11/92 Pled Guilty sentenced to 6 years prison

10/21/92 Felony Property Damage St. Louis Police
 10/01/92 Pled Guilty sentenced to 4 years prison

07/25/98 Stealing Misdemeanor Chesterfield PD
 03/19/99 Pled Guilty sentenced to 60 days jail

08/27/98 Felony Stealing O/\$500 Chesterfield PD
 03/19/99 Pled Guilty sentenced to 7 years prison

12/13/05 Felony Possession of Controlled Substance St. Louis Police
 06/27/08 Pled Guilty sentenced to 8 years prison

03/10/07 Burglary/Stealing/Arson Normandy Police
 10/15/07 Pled Guilty sentenced to 6 years prison

01/15/11 Stealing Under \$500 Bridgeton PD
 02/21/14 Pled Guilty \$350 fine

10/11/12 Felony Possession of Controlled Substance St. Louis Police
 01/16/14 PG sent to 10 years prison/stayed 120 days shock jail
 5 years probation

01/01/13 Felony Possession of Controlled Substance St. Louis Police
 same sentence at 10/11/12 case

OUTCOME: A third Stealing Under \$500 can be issued as a felony. Why the Chesterfield Police did not file a felony case against Ringo is something I don't understand. He had four stealing convictions, including two in Chesterfield before he

was arrested shoplifting in Chesterfield Valley. Instead it was only a municipal charge and on 03/10/16 Ringo pled guilty and was sentenced to 5-days in jail. He should have been heading back to a state prison.

Pointer was on probation for a Felony involving an auto theft in Chesterfield. That probation was revoked and he was sentenced to five-years in prison.

CONCLUSION

This continued ongoing record of the municipal prosecutors and judges letting repeat drunk drivers off with phony probation terms with no-points and no-fines is getting to be beyond stupid. Our documentation of the judges and prosecutors goes back to 2012. Their actions have not changed.

The mayors, alderpersons and councilpersons appear to be unwilling to do anything about it. Residents need to start contacting their representatives and demand something be done. Candidates who make municipal court reform a campaign issue should be elected.

They need to hire judges and prosecutors who are not going to give breaks to:

- 1) People doing over 100 MPH
- 2) People who do over 90 MPH and are drunk
- 3) People who refuse to take breath tests.
- 4) People with a prior pending DWI or a prior conviction or arrest reduced to a non-DWI offense.
- 5) Involved in an accident as a DWI or Leaving the Scene
- 6) Thieves who have been arrested or convicted in the city for a similar offense.

The prosecutors need to do routine computer checks documenting the background of the defendants independent of what is in the police report. Prosecutors also need to actually read the police reports. It is clear that they often don't do that.