

**BALLWIN POLICE DEPARTMENT
INVESTIGATIVE REPORT
24 - 186 - ORIGINAL**

INVESTIGATIVE INFORMATION

Offense	MISUSE OF OFFICIAL INFORMATION 576.050		
Jurisdiction Reporting	BALLWIN	Call Received	STATION
For Jurisdiction	BALLWIN	Reporting Officer	175 - BUSHERY
Case Status	ACTIVE	Reporting Dept.	ADMINISTRATIVE
Canvassed	☐	Evidence Seized	☐
CAD Details			
Date/Time Received	02/05/2024 10:27 MONDAY	Nature	MISC INCIDENT
Date/Time Dispatch	02/05/2024 10:27 MONDAY	Date/Time Arrival	02/05/2024 10:27 MONDAY
Unit Num.	2175	COGIS	5221
PCT/Dist	DISTRICT 2	Sector	
Respond Location			
Street Address	302 KEHRS MILL ROAD, BALLWIN, 63011		
Apt/Suite/Rm #	Location Desc		
Caller Information			
Caller Name			
Street Address			
Apt/Suite/Rm #	Location Desc		
Phone #			
Occurrence Details			
Date/Time From	12/16/2019 10:27 MONDAY	Date/Time To	09/14/2023 16:00 THURSDAY
Premise	GOVERNMT BLDG - PUBLIC (LIBRARY,AIRPORT)		
Street Address	302 KEHRS MILL ROAD, BALLWIN, 63011		
Apt/Suite/Rm #	Location Desc		
Burglary Details			
Entry Point	Exit Point		
Entry Method	Tools Used		
Visible Point of Entry?	☐		
Weapon/Object Used			
Other Agency			
Agency/Personnel			
Investigator(s)			
DSN	265	Jurisdiction	BALLWIN
Name	HAWK	Unit Assignment	DETECTIVE
Management			
Date/Time Entered	02/05/2024 12:56 MONDAY	Entered By	175 - BUSHERY
Approval Record(s)			
FINAL APPROVAL	02/13/2024 08:38 TUESDAY	Approved By	222 - WETZEL

VICTIM BUSINESS INFORMATION

Will Prosecute ☒
Business Name **STATE OF MISSOURI**
Business Type **GOVERNMENT**

Additional Info

BUSINESS Address
Street Address **100 S CENTRAL AVE, CLAYTON, MISSOURI, 63105**
Apt/Suite/Rm # Location Desc
BUSINESS Phone
Area Code **314** Contact Name
Phone # **615-2600** Ext.

ADDITIONAL PARTY INFORMATION

Person Involvement(s) **OTHER**

Person Information
Last Name First Name
Middle Name Suffix Name
Race Ethnicity
Sex
DOB Age
SSN **REDACTED** Resident Status **NON-RESIDENT**
Driver License State Driver License Number

BUSINESS Address
Street Address **4255 WEST PINE BLVD., ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, 63108**
Apt/Suite/Rm # Location Desc
BUSINESS Phone
Area Code **314** Contact Name
Phone # **535-1455** Ext.

Employment
Employer Occupation **REJIS SPECIALIST**
REJIS **TRAINER**

Email Address

Additional Information

SUBJECT INFORMATION

Role **SUBJECT**
Caution Code(s)
Last Name **SCHAEFFLER** First Name **DOUGLAS**
Middle Name **W** Suffix Name
Alias
Race **WHITE** Ethnicity **NOT OF HISPANIC ORIGIN**
Gender **MALE**
DOB Age **59**
Birth Place **, MISSOURI**
SSN **REDACTED** Resident Status **NON-RESIDENT**
Driver License State **MISSOURI** Driver License Number
Person Code **ADULT** Marital Status **DIVORCED**

Physical Characteristics
Height (Feet) **6** Height (Inches) **2**
Weight (LBS) **200.0**
Hair Color **BALD** How Worn
Eye Color **BLUE**
Physical Desc.
Clothing Desc.
Scars/Marks/Tattoos

HOME Address		
Street Address	1733 PRESTSHIRE, FENTON, MISSOURI, 63026	
Apt/Suite/Rm #	Location Desc	
MOBILE Phone		
Area Code	314	Contact Name
Phone #	528-1606	Ext.
Employment		
Employed	☐	
Employer	Occupation	
Email		
Numeric Identifiers		
Charges		
[576.050-001Y197573] MISUSE OF OFFICIAL INFORMATION BY A PUBLIC SERVANT		
Administration		
Miranda Given	☐	DSN Giving Miranda
Warrant To Be Applied For By Reporting Officer	☐	Send Teletype ☐
Released	☐	
Medical Assistance		
Medical Assistance	☐	
Related Victim Business		
1.	STATE OF MISSOURI IS THE Acquaintance OF SCHAEFFLER, DOUGLAS, W	
Physical State/Emotions		
Physical State		
Emotions		
Emotions Comments		
Additional Information		
PROPERTY #1 INFORMATION		
Owner Name	STATE OF MISSOURI	
Item #	1	
Property Role(s)	SEIZED, EVIDENCE	
Property Classification	DOCUMENTS/PERSONAL OR BUSINESS	
Quantity	4	
Article	PAPER RECORDS	
Description	REJIS INQUIRY TRANSACTIONS	
Manufacturer		Model
Serial Number		Owner Applied #
Property Value		
Recovered Value		Recovered Date
Additional Info	PMI TRACKING # 8289	
PROPERTY #2 INFORMATION		
Owner Name	STATE OF MISSOURI	
Item #	2	
Property Role(s)	SEIZED, EVIDENCE	
Property Classification	DOCUMENTS/PERSONAL OR BUSINESS	
Quantity	1	
Article	REJIS TRAINING RECORDS	
Description	TRAINING RECORDS	
Manufacturer		Model
Serial Number		Owner Applied #
Property Value		
Recovered Value		Recovered Date
Additional Info	PMI TRACKING #8290	
PROPERTY #3 INFORMATION		
Owner Name	STATE OF MISSOURI	

Item #	3
Property Role(s)	SEIZED, EVIDENCE
Property Classification	DOCUMENTS/PERSONAL OR BUSINESS
Quantity	1
Article	REJIS DOCUMENT
Description	LOG TAPE SEARCH AUTHORIZATION
Manufacturer	Model
Serial Number	Owner Applied #
Property Value	
Recovered Value	Recovered Date

Additional Info PMI TRACKING #8291

PROPERTY #4 INFORMATION

Owner Name	STATE OF MISSOURI
Item #	4
Property Role(s)	SEIZED, EVIDENCE
Property Classification	DOCUMENTS/PERSONAL OR BUSINESS
Quantity	1
Article	SPREADSHEET
Description	REJIS SPREADSHEET
Manufacturer	Model
Serial Number	Owner Applied #
Property Value	
Recovered Value	Recovered Date

Additional Info PMI TRACKING #8292

NARRATIVE

Sir,

On or about September 18, 2023, Det. Sgt. Dan Hawk #265 and I contacted Ballwin City Administrator Eric Sterman, concerning potential violations of the City of Ballwin Personnel manual and police department policy manual by Chief of Police Douglas Schaeffler. During the conversation, I stated I had concerns Schaeffler was misusing the Regional Justice Information System (REJIS) to search citizens' driver's licenses, vehicle registration information, and criminal records without a legitimate law enforcement reason. REJIS is a local portal into the State of Missouri and the United States Department of Justice's Criminal Justice Information System (CJIS). It is a violation of both Missouri and Federal law to misuse these systems.

I explained my concerns were based on statements Schaeffler had made to me over the last few years that he would "run" people he planned on hiring to complete work on his house, although he never gave specific names. In another conversation he had with me, Schaeffler asked me to "run" one of his friends, [REDACTED] (possible last name of [REDACTED]), to see what his criminal record was, as he had just been denied the ability to purchase a firearm due to the federally mandated instant background check process. I explained to Schaeffler that being denied a firearm purchase due to the instant background check is not a legally sufficient reason to conduct a criminal history check. Schaeffler became visibly agitated, got out of his seat in my office, and hurried to his office. I did not know if he was returning to his office to search [REDACTED] criminal record. "Run"

is a commonly utilized law enforcement term police officers use when a criminal or Department of Revenue (DOR) license check is conducted on a person.

Mr. Sterman stated he also had concerns about Schaeffler's use of REJIS, but he did not offer any specifics. I advised him I could request REJIS conduct a complete history search of all inquiries Schaeffler had made through REJIS since he started with Ballwin on December 2nd, 2019.

On September 23, 2023, I presented Mr. Sterman with a REJIS-generated "Log Tape Search Request" form for his signature authorizing REJIS to search all of Schaeffler's REJIS inquiries since being hired by Ballwin on December 02, 2019. I emailed the request to [REDACTED] with REJIS who stated she would begin the search, but it would take time as these types of searches typically had to be conducted after normal business hours. During the early stages of the inquiry, [REDACTED] stated Schaeffler's access to REJIS had to be terminated due to the potential of further abuse.

Over the next several months, I would receive packets of information from [REDACTED] which duplicated what inquiries Schaeffler made, day by day. The number of inquiries seemed excessive to me:

2019 - 4
2020 - 420
2021 - 263
2022 - 363
2023 - 186

All of the inquiries were made from Schaeffler's REJIS terminal identification number assigned to his desktop computer and required him to sign in to REJIS using a unique user ID and password assigned to him.

I contacted [REDACTED] and asked if the number of inquiries Schaeffler had made would be normal for a chief of police and she said it was excessive.

I then reviewed each of the inquiries Schaeffler made and entered them into a spreadsheet. I gave access to the spreadsheet to the following City of Ballwin staff who could potentially know the identities of some of the names Schaeffler inquired about and could deem them inappropriate.

City Administrator Eric Sterman
Human Resources Coordinator Haley Morrison
Assistant Chief of Police John Bergfeld
Lt./Commander Curt Saitta
Lt./Commander Robert Wetzell

I instructed each of them to review the names and list if a name was suspicious of being abuse and why. As Schaeffler only gained access to the REJIS system in mid-December 2019, there were no suspicious inquiries that month.

While reviewing the 2020 REJIS inquiries, the following were deemed suspicious/inappropriate:

March 5, 2 inquiries of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] [REDACTED]
April 9, 2 inquiries of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] is a possible residential neighbor of Schaeffler.
April 9, 1 inquiry of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] is a residential neighbor of Schaeffler.
May 13, 3 inquiries of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] is a friend of Schaeffler [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
July 1, 2 inquiries of [REDACTED] [REDACTED] is the sales representative [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
August 10, 4 inquiries on [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] [REDACTED] is a friend of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] who are friends with Schaeffler.
August 12, 2 inquiries on [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Schaeffler arranges a day of golf for [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
September 10, 2 inquiries of [REDACTED], a [REDACTED] Deputy Sheriff.
October 1, 1 inquiry of [REDACTED], a Major and Chief Deputy with the [REDACTED].
October 8, 2 inquiries of [REDACTED]. See the above entry.
October 20, 3 inquiries of [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] is a retired Special Agent in Charge of the [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
November 4, Schaeffler made 7 inquiries of people with the last name of Schaeffler:
[REDACTED] and just the last name of Schaeffler. [REDACTED]
November 30, Schaeffler made 8 inquiries of the last name [REDACTED] with various first names:
[REDACTED]. A search of Schaeffler's Department email contained a citizen inquiry from the name [REDACTED] about vehicle towing concerns.
December 28, 1 inquiry on [REDACTED] who reportedly works out at [REDACTED] the same fitness club that Schaeffler belongs to.

While reviewing the 2021 REJIS inquiries, the following were deemed suspicious/inappropriate:

January 4, 3 inquiries on [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] is either the owner or worker at [REDACTED] a bourbon/whiskey distillery [REDACTED]. As Schaeffler is a self-proclaimed bourbon/whiskey aficionado, he frequents [REDACTED]

January 21, 2 inquiries on [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] is Schaeffler's [REDACTED]

February 5, 4 inquires on [REDACTED] [REDACTED] is a member of the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] as was Schaeffler before being terminated from Ballwin.

March 1, Two inquiries, one on the last name Schaeffler and one on Douglas [REDACTED] Schaeffler. [REDACTED] time the inquiries were made.

March 26, 2 inquiries on [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

March 26, 2 inquiries, one on [REDACTED] and the last name of [REDACTED]

March 29, 2 inquiries on [REDACTED] See the earlier entry on [REDACTED]

May 13, 3 inquiries on [REDACTED]. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] complaint against a Ballwin officer in [REDACTED]

June 1, 3 inquiries on [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] works at the [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. As a regular cigar smoker, Schaeffler visits many smoke shops.

August 10, 2 inquiries on [REDACTED] [REDACTED] is a person who frequently comments on Ballwin's Facebook posts.

August 11, 11 inquires of various people with the last name [REDACTED]:

[REDACTED] It is believed [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] at Schaeffler's house. Schaeffler commented he hired a Hispanic business to complete the work and that he "ran" the husband and wife.

August 18, 1 inquiry on [REDACTED] [REDACTED] husband owns [REDACTED], a cigar lounge Schaeffler frequents.

October 26, 4 inquiries on [REDACTED]

October 26, 2 inquiries on [REDACTED]

October 26, 2 inquiries on [REDACTED]

October 26, 4 inquiries on [REDACTED]

October 26, 2 inquiries on [REDACTED]

October 26, 2 inquiries on [REDACTED]

October 26, 5 inquiries on [REDACTED]

October 26, 2 inquiries on [REDACTED]

October 26, 2 inquiries on [REDACTED]

on October 26.

December 9, 3 inquiries on [REDACTED] [REDACTED] works for [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Schaeffler wanted to hire a person to clean his house and mentioned he was "running" those people he was potentially going to hire.

While reviewing the 2022 REJIS inquiries, the following were deemed suspicious/inappropriate.

January 24, 3 inquiries on [REDACTED] and 1 inquiry on the last name [REDACTED]. As noted earlier, [REDACTED].

[REDACTED] Safe at Home is a program for victims of domestic violence, rape, sexual assault, stalking, and other crimes who fear for their safety. Safe at Home allows participants to obtain a designated address on public records so their true residential address is kept confidential. Schaeffler had stated several times he was attempting to learn where [REDACTED] moved to after selling his residence.

February 8, 3 inquiries with the last name [REDACTED], [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

March 8, 1 inquiry on [REDACTED] a possible [REDACTED] of Douglas Schaeffler.

June 17, 2 inquiries on [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] is a waitress at the [REDACTED] where Schaeffler frequents [REDACTED]

July 4, 4 inquiries on [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] is the possible daughter of a [REDACTED]

July 14, 1 inquiry on the name [REDACTED] and 2 on [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] is the possible relative of [REDACTED]

July 28, 4 inquiries on [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] Schaeffler has commented on her appearance in the past.

July 28, 3 inquiries on [REDACTED] and one on a vehicle registration issued to both [REDACTED]

September 9, 1 inquiry on the last name Schaeffler and 1 inquiry on a vehicle registration belonging to [REDACTED]

November 8, 2 inquiries, one on the last name [REDACTED] and one on [REDACTED]. This is [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Schaeffler sold her vehicle and her house as part of the estate.

November 16, 2 inquires on Doug Schaeffler.

November 16, 1 inquiry on the last name [REDACTED] and 1 on [REDACTED]. See earlier entry.

November 16, 7 inquiries on [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] is a Ballwin resident who frequently calls Schaeffler to complain about things.

A review of Schaeffler's 2023 REJIS inquiries revealed the following were suspicious/inappropriate.

January 5, 2 inquiries on [REDACTED]. As noted earlier, [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] January 13, 1 inquiry on the last name Schaeffler.

January 13, 1 inquiry on the last name Schaeffler.

February 6, 2 inquiries on Matthew Conlon. Conlon is a Ballwin resident who voiced concerns at an Aldermanic meeting.

February 9, 3 inquiries on [REDACTED] [REDACTED] is a Ballwin resident and an [REDACTED]

February 23, 6 inquiries on [REDACTED] [REDACTED] frequently calls Schaeffler to complain.

March 1, 1 inquiry on [REDACTED] a server at the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] where Schaeffler frequents [REDACTED]. Schaeffler has made comments about [REDACTED] body.

July 12, 2 inquiries on [REDACTED], a server at [REDACTED].

July 19, 2 inquiries on [REDACTED]

August 9, 2 inquiries on [REDACTED]

August 23, 1 inquiry on Douglas Schaeffler.

September 6, 2 inquiries on [REDACTED] who frequented the [REDACTED] cigar lounge. Schaeffler is a frequent patron of [REDACTED] and has had issues with [REDACTED]

September 14, 2 inquiries on [REDACTED] a relative of a [REDACTED]

REJIS and CJIS security rules do not allow authorized users to "run" themselves, family members, or friends for non-law enforcement reasons.

There are many more names listed during Schaeffler's employment with Ballwin that are very questionable and may be inappropriate use of REJIS or CJIS.

[REDACTED] also provided me with Schaeffler's user test records dating back to September 2007. REJIS users are required to take training and tests on how to use the system as well as security protocols that explain what inquiries are allowed and not allowed. Additionally, Schaeffler and I had discussions about the appropriate use of REJIS where I advised him Ballwin terminated two former City employees for misuse of REJIS and submitted one warrant application to the St. Louis County Prosecuting Attorney's office on one of them.

Based on the excessive number of inappropriate REJIS inquiries, his knowledge of REJIS security/user rules, and his knowledge that Ballwin has taken formal action against past employees for abusing REJIS, this report will be provided to the St. Louis County Prosecuting Attorney's Office for consideration of charges.

The following items were seized as evidence, packaged, and placed in a temporary evidence locker.

1. REJIS Inquiry Transactions - PMI tracking 8289
2. REJIS Training Records - PMI tracking #8290

3. Log Tape Search Authorization form - PMI tracking #8291
4. REJIS spreadsheet - PMI tracking #8292

Nothing further,

Lt. Kevin Bushery

**BALLWIN POLICE DEPARTMENT
INVESTIGATIVE REPORT
24 - 186 - SUPPLEMENT #1**

INVESTIGATIVE INFORMATION

Supplement Information			
Date/Time Investigation	02/22/2024 07:12 THURSDAY		
Supplement Purpose	EVIDENCE		
Orig. Offense	MISUSE OF OFFICIAL INFORMATION 576.050		
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Approval Record(s)			
FINAL APPROVAL	02/23/2024 09:45 FRIDAY	Approved By	190 - SAITTA

PROPERTY INFORMATION

Owner Name	STATE OF MISSOURI
Item #	5
Property Role(s)	SEIZED, EVIDENCE
Property Classification	DOCUMENTS/PERSONAL OR BUSINESS
Quantity	1
Article	DOCUMENTS
Description	COURT-READY REJIS INQUIRIES AND AFFIDAVIT
Manufacturer	Model
Serial Number	Owner Applied #
Property Value	
Recovered Value	Recovered Date

Additional Info

WARRANT APPLICATION INFORMATION

Subject Information			
Last Name	SCHAEFFLER	First Name	DOUGLAS
Middle Name	W	DOB	
Race	WHITE	Sex	MALE
SSN	REDACTED	Arrested	☐
Warrant Information			
Application Date	02/23/2024	Warrant #	
Prosecuted By	STATE PROSECUTOR	Prosecutor Name	JESSICA HATHAWAY
Court Assigned		Bond Amount	

Charges	
Charge Desc. #1	MISUSE OF OFFICIAL INFORMATION BY A PUBLIC SERVANT
Disposition	WARRANT APPLICATION SUBMITTED
Amended Charge	

Additional Information

NARRATIVE

Sir,

On February 14, I was contacted by [REDACTED] with REJIS who advised me she had collected all of the transactions Schaeffler entered into the REJIS system and prepared an Affidavit of authenticity which was signed by the REJIS Chief Executive Officer, Ryan Burckhardt. On February 15, PO Scott Stephens, 282, responded to REJIS and picked up one manilla envelope containing the records. He transported it to the station and relinquished it to me.

I scanned and attached the Affidavit to this report then packaged all of the material as evidence and placed it into a temporary evidence locker, PMI tracking number 8320.

Nothing further.

Lt. Kevin Bushery