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(stltoday.com) - A 42-year-old motorist who allegedly dragged a state trooper for 80 feet with his car while trying to escape a DWI arrest has been charged with two felonies.



Marc S. Staszczuk, 42, of the 1500 block of Madre Drive near Foristell, was charged with vehicular assault of a law enforcement officer while intoxicated and resisting arrest.

The trooper, Erica L. Grass, 26, a three-year veteran, was treated for scrapes and road rash at St. Joseph's Hospital and released a few hours later.

The incident started at about 1:30 a.m. Thursday when the trooper stopped a 1991 Toyota Celica on a ramp from Interstate 70 onto Highway 94. According to court documents, the driver had been speeding and had committed a lane violation.

The trooper administered several field sobriety tests and determined that Staszczuk, the driver, was intoxicated.

As she attempted to arrest Staszczuk, he got back into his car and tried to drive off. The trooper tried to stop him by turning off the vehicle, but Staszczuk gunned the gas pedal, dragging the trooper approximately 80 feet. The trooper ripped off Staszczuk's shirt before he got away.

About 40 minutes later, St. Peters police stopped the Celica on northbound Highway 79 near Salt River Road.

Staszczuk smelled strongly of alcohol and had bloodshot, glassy eyes, police said. He agreed to a submit to a blood test.

According to court records, police asked Staszczuk what happened with the trooper, and he said: "Uh, she was going to give me a DWI, and I had a couple of beers, but not a DWI's worth."

Staszczuk said he "just left." He said he had three or four beers, but described his level of intoxication as "stone cold sober."

Bail has been set in Staszczuk's case at \$30,000 cash-only.