

FIRST GLANCE

Simonsen school resource officer charged with DWI

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A Jefferson City police officer and Simonsen 9th Grade Center school resource officer was charged Saturday with driving while intoxicated, his second alcohol-related driving offense.

Police officer Eddie Clark's blood alcohol content was reportedly .251 percent, more than three times the legal limit, when he was stopped by a highway patrol trooper at 2:49 a.m. Feb. 5. According to the report, the patrolman observed Clark's vehicle "weaving outside its lane into the center turn lane, making an abrupt lane change without signaling and narrowly avoiding rear ending another car."

Clark was arrested for a DWI based upon a variety of sobriety tests and a breath sample. His arrest was videotaped by Highway Patrol Troop F.

Clark will most likely be arraigned this week, said Cole County Prosecutor Bill Tackett.

The class A misdemeanor carries a punishment range of up to a year in jail, a fine of up to \$1,000, or a combination of the two.

Clark was convicted of driving while under the influence in Osage County in 1999.

Normal procedure includes taking a mugshot photo of people who have been arrested. A Cole County Sheriff's Department employee said on Saturday that it has no such photo of Clark.

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