From:	FMCSA Customer Service
To:	vargascaitlin@kanecountyil.gov
Subject:	EX: I am seeking contact information for Christine Kobos, State Programs [Incident: 241114-006067]
Date:	Thursday, November 14, 2024 2:59:45 PM

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Your question or request has been received.

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Question Reference # 241114-006067

Date Created: 11/14/2024 03:59 PM Date Last Updated: 11/14/2024 03:59 PM Status: Unresolved

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Thank you for contacting Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration Customer Service.

Click here to provide feedback on your recent experience with us regarding Question Reference # 241114-006067

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Cc:	Frank, John
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Date:	Monday, November 18, 2024 3:50:17 PM
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That will work, I will send a Teams Invite.

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Sent:	Thursday, November 21, 2024 1:41 PM
To:	Kobos, Christine (FMCSA); Vargas, Caitlin
Cc:	Frank, John
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Caitlin, Thank you for all your help with this matter. Tim

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Christine,

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Subject: Inquiry - Information on a DUI Citation

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Good afternoon Ms. Kobos:

I am an Assistant State's Attorney with the Kane County State's Attorney's Office. Lisa Aust with the 16th Judicial Circuit reached out to this office with respect to your inquiry about Nathan Sweeney.

Could we set up a time to speak with regard to your inquiry? Please let me know your availability next week and we can organize a Zoom meeting.

Thank you for your time.

Caitlin Vargas Assistant State's Attorney, Civil Division Kane County State's Attorney's Office 100 South Third Street, 4th Floor Geneva, Illinois 60134 (Office) (630) 208-5323

From:	White, Tim (FMCSA) <tim.white@dot.gov></tim.white@dot.gov>
Sent:	Friday, December 27, 2024 8:08 PM
То:	Frank, John
Subject:	EX: Automatic reply: FMCSA Inquiry re Prosecution of Nathan Sweeney in 2020/2021

I am out of the office now, returning on 12/30/2024. If you need immediate assistance, please contact CDL Program Manager Summer Bowman at summer.bowman@dot.gov

From:	Kobos, Christine (FMCSA) <christine.kobos@dot.gov></christine.kobos@dot.gov>
Sent:	Monday, December 30, 2024 6:56 AM
То:	Frank, John; White, Tim (FMCSA)
Cc:	Mosser, Jamie; Bayer, Christine; Brady, Erin; scott.burnham@illinois.gov
Subject:	EX: RE: FMCSA Inquiry re Prosecution of Nathan Sweeney in 2020/2021

Thank you very much John

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<BradyErin@KaneCountyIL.gov>; scott.burnham@illinois.gov
Subject: FMCSA Inquiry re Prosecution of Nathan Sweeney in 2020/2021

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Tim and Christine,

Attached please find a letter from the Kane County State's Attorney regarding your inquiry into the prosecution of Nathan Sweeney in 2020/2021. Please note that I have copied Scott Burnham from the Illinois Secretary of State's Office, who we have been communicating with from that office.

Please let me know if you have any questions or would like any further information.

John

John Edward Frank

Chief of the Civil Division Kane County State's Attorney's Office 100 S. Third Street, Fourth Floor Geneva, IL 60134 Phone: 630-208-5325

Office of the Kane County State's Attorney



JAMIE L. MOSSER State's Attorney

December 27, 2024

Tim White Christine Kobos Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration United States Department of Transportation <u>tim.white@dot.gov</u> <u>christine.kobos@dot.gov</u>

Mr. White and Ms. Kobos,

Thank you for taking the time earlier this month to explain what happened with your office issuing its finding of masking, despite the fact that we were still working with you to provide further information on this matter. I truly appreciate your candor and willingness to provide us with an opportunity to explain why the issuance of that finding was premature and incorrect.

In addition to the Field Report we provided, I want to provide you with the following information. I firmly believe that context is needed for you to (1) better understand the decisions that led to the plea offer and (2) clear up the misconception that masking occurred in this case.

First, I want to make it clear that my office <u>does not</u> have any policy or procedure to "mask," nor has it ever intended to prevent the Illinois Secretary of State or your office from receiving relevant information pertaining to defendants' drivers' licenses (commercial or otherwise). I took office on December 1, 2020, and we have had formal trainings in place for our Assistant State's Attorneys regarding masking since spring 2021.

Second, the plea in this matter was ultimately determined by me based upon proof issues. I was originally informed that the State Trooper failed to appear for the Grand Jury hearing when it was first charged, causing my office to scramble and have one of my investigators testify in his stead. Upon further review of this now, it is clear that this did not occur. During that time (*i.e.*, COVID), the previous administration had been using investigators for grand jury to minimize the number of officers that came to the courthouse. We were also under the mistaken belief that we were not able to obtain the squad video in this matter when we were working on the plea. Based on case law, even if the Trooper appeared for trial, the Court could have banned him

from testifying about what was/should have been contained on the squad video. The copy of the squad video was discovered after the plea had already been entered. Each of these factors affected our confidence in obtaining a conviction for the felony possession and the misdemeanor DUI had it gone to trial. It is for these reasons alone that we decided we needed to resolve this matter by plea agreement and not risk losing everything at trial.

Third, the defense attorney provided a significant amount of mitigation regarding an addiction issue for the defendant. Included in that information was a significant trauma when the defendant was young and an opiate addiction that developed after he sought treatment from a doctor for pain. My office has been aggressive in the lawsuits against the manufacturers and distributors of opiates, as they have been the cause of massive addiction issues in this Country. The defendant is a statistic of their actions. The defendant also self-admitted that he turned to heroin when the opiates no longer had their desired effect. While on bond, the defendant voluntarily entered into addiction treatment. By the time of his plea, the defendant had been nine months sober with verified treatment and negative drug tests. It is my job as the State's Attorney to seek justice in every case. Based on my concern that we would not be able to prove the charges at trial and that the defendant had shown a propensity towards successful treatment, I made the offer for him to plead guilty to the Class 1 Possession of a Controlled Substance with a conviction, treatment, continued drug testing and fines and costs. I also had the defendant plead guilty to the DUI as an extra incentive for him to stay in treatment and remain sober. While this is not typically done with a DUI count, we often have defendants plead guilty to an open charge as an incentive for them to remain compliant with the terms of probation and this has been shown to be successful and evidence based. See attached Plea and Sentencing Paperwork. It is important to note that we consider mitigation in every single case when it is presented to us. This case would be no exception and consistent with our administration of justice.

Fourth, while there are repeated comments from the defense attorney that the plea deal had to do with his client keeping his CDL, that was not the reason the plea deal was offered. While I was the one that made the decision to offer the deal as stated above, I never spoke directly with the defense attorney. My First Assistant emailed the offer to the defense attorney, and nowhere in that email was the assertion that we made the offer in consideration of the defendant's CDL. *See attached* E-Mail. While the defense attorney's goal was to keep the CDL of the defendant, we did not share that same goal. We sought accountability on both charges, along with significant treatment for the defendant's addiction issues.

Fifth, I have become aware in reviewing all of this now that the judicial order forms within the 16th Judicial Circuit Court do not adequately account for all of the situations that would require notification to the Illinois Secretary of State. The form in question for the felony possession charge only addresses 625 ILCS 5/6-205(a)3, which states in relevant part, "(a)ny felony under the laws of any State ... in the commission of which a motor vehicle was used." This form does not cover 625 ILCS 5/6-205(a)18, 625 ILCS 5/6-206(a)28, or other relevant subsections. We are working to address that now with the 16th Judicial Circuit Court, as well as adjust everyone's understanding of what constitutes using the vehicle "in the commission of" under 625 ILCS 5/6-205(a)3. With regard to that, it is not clear to my office – even now – that the felony possession charge in this case fits within the list of charges warranting checking the box under 625 ILCS 5/6-205(a)3. Indeed, while there are different good faith interpretations as to what constitutes using the vehicle

"in the commission of" – including the vehicle being used as an element of the crime or at least a material part of the crime – there does not appear to be any binding case law interpreting this point to show that not checking the box at the time was patently incorrect for the felony charge in this case. The box was unchecked as it should not have been checked based on the facts of our case. While this does not mitigate that this should have been reported under 625 ILCS 5/6-206(a)28, it was unintentional. As stated above, we are working to address that now with the 16th Judicial Circuit Court, as well as train all Assistant State's Attorneys on what shall be reported to the Secretary of State under all three relevant statutes.

Lastly, "[t]he State must not mask, defer imposition of judgment, or allow an individual to enter into a diversion program that would prevent a CLP or CDL holder's conviction for any violation, in any type of motor vehicle, of a State or local traffic control law (other than parking, vehicle weight, or vehicle defect violations) from appearing on the CDLIS driver record, whether the driver was convicted for an offense committed in the State where the driver is licensed or another State." 49 C.F.R. § 384.226. According to the National Traffic Law Center, masking does not occur when a prosecutor dismisses a case because of insufficient evidence. *See attached* Masking Quick Reference Guide. In this case, based solely on proof concerns outlined above, I made the plea offer that was ultimately accepted.

I hope this letter provides context to the manner in which this case was resolved. It is clear that my office had no intention of "masking" the defendant's conviction from the Illinois Secretary of State or your office. Please let me know if you have any questions or would like any further information regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Jamie L. Mosser

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT KANE COUNTY, ILLINOIS Case No. 20CF410

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Sadler, Hillary

From:Bayer, ChristineSent:Wednesday, April 14, 2021 3:25 PMTo:John KoppCc:Sadler, HillarySubject:RE: RE: People v. Nathan Sweeney, Case No. 20CF410; 20DT243 - Mitigation

Mr. Kopp,

State's Attorney Jamie Mosser and I discussed your client's file. We are willing to amend the offer slightly. Your client will PG to Count 1 with all the terms and conditions as outlined in Mr. Matekaitis' offer (including all the DUI terms except for the fines/costs/assessments for the DUI). He will also PG to Count 3 DUI (Class A) and this count will be continued for sentencing to the termination date of Count 1. If he successfully completes all the terms of his probation on Count 1, we will agree to vacating the guilty plea on Count 3 and dismissing Count 3.

This offer will remain open until the next court date of 4/23/2021. Please contact me with any questions. Please contact ASA Hillary Sadler with your client's decision regarding accepting the offer.

Thank you,

Christine C. Bayer First Assistant State's Attorney Kane County State's Attorney's Office 37W777 Route 38, Suite 300 St. Charles, IL 60175 (630) 232-3500 main line (630) 406-7321 direct dial (630) 232-6508 fax

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Subject: EX: RE: People v. Nathan Sweeney, Case No. 20CF410; 20DT243 - Mitigation

Hello Ms. Bayer,

Absolutely. Thanks for reaching out and letting me know. I appreciate your time. Any objection to waiving my client's appearance just for tomorrow so he does not miss work?

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Reporting CDL Violations:

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration issues commercial motor vehicle safety regulations via the Code of Federal Regulations (CFRs). These regulations create a uniform system of licensing commercial drivers from state to state. Although a state may have stricter licensing and license oversight regulations, compliance with the commercial driver license (CDL) federal regulations is required. Failure to comply may result in sanctions against the state. Federal legislation mandated that CMV drivers possess a single license. The CFRs implemented this requirement. The single license concept equates to ONE driver, ONE license, and ONE record (see, 49 C.F.R. §383.21). This single license makes it much easier to accurately track the driving history of any driver and makes the cooperation of prosecutors and courts in reporting all CDL violations more critical.

Prompt Reporting of CDL Convictions under 49 C.F.R. § 384.208, § 384.209, § 384.225

The Code of Federal Regulations requires states to report CDL convictions promptly (within 10 days) for CDL holders or those who should have held a CDL because of the nature of their violations. This includes reporting to the Commercial Driver's License Information System (CDLIS) and reporting all violations for out-of-state drivers to his or her home state (state of CDL issuance). Courts are the first link in this chain of events, so prompt and accurate reporting of violations is essential. Prosecutors and judges should be aware that some crimes other than traditional "traffic offenses" (drug trafficking, any felony in committed in any type of vehicle) carry mandatory CDL disqualification (*see*, 49 C.F.R. § 383.51) and must be reported. *Any time a vehicle is involved*, a prosecutor or court should inquire if the defendant holds a CDL.

The Commercial Driver's License Information System (CDLIS)

CDLIS is a nationwide computer system that enables state driver licensing agencies (SDLAs) to ensure that each commercial driver has only one driver's license and one complete driver record. SDLAs use CDLIS to complete various procedures, including: transmitting out-of-state convictions and withdrawals, transferring the driver record when a commercial driver's license holder moves to another state, responding to requests for driver status and history.

Masking is Prohibited by 49 C.F.R. § 384.226

"The State must not mask, defer imposition of judgment, or allow an individual to enter into a diversion program that would prevent a CLP or CDL holder's conviction for any violation, in any type of motor vehicle, of a State or local traffic control law (other than parking, vehicle weight, or vehicle defect violations) from appearing on the CDLIS driver record, whether the driver was convicted for an offense committed in the State where the driver is licensed or another State."

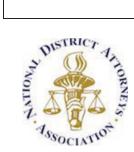
Conviction Defined in 49 C.F.R § 383.5

A conviction is "an unvacated adjudication of guilt, or a determination that a person has violated or failed to comply with the law in a court of original jurisdiction or by an authorized administrative tribunal, an unvacated forfeiture of bail or collateral deposited to secure the person's appearance in court, a plea of guilty or nolo contendere accepted by the court, the payment of a fine or court cost, or violation of a condition of release without bail, regardless of whether or not the penalty is rebated, suspended, or probated."



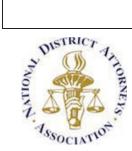


*DRIVER CHARGES	PROSECUTOR ACTIONS	COURT ACTIONS	MASKING?	EXPLANATION
DUI	Prosecutor allows a plea conditioned upon alcohol treatment and adjourns case 6 months.	Court allows non- adjudication. Non- adjudication is a process by which after a guilty plea or trial, the court withholds acceptance of the plea and sentence thereon, pending successful completion of any conditions imposed by the court. Upon successful completion of said conditions, the case is dismissed.	Yes.	Non-adjudication for CDL or CLP (Commercial Leaner's Permit) holders is prohibited. These actions prevent the reporting of violations and hides a driver's true driving history.
Using Cellphone While Driving	No reduction offered. Driver pleads as charged.	Court allows withdrawal of plea and driver enters new plea to a lesser charge, because driver complains his/her CDL will be revoked if convicted of the original citation.	Yes.	If no legal basis exists to the withdraw plea and enter a lesser plea, and withdrawal of the plea was based solely on sympathy, this is Masking.
Failure to Yield	None.	Court convicts but allows traffic school in lieu of reporting conviction.	Yes.	This practice is called diversion. Allowing driver, after adjudication of guilt to perform actions that will result in conviction being reduced/dismissed is prohibited.





*DRIVER CHARGES	PROSECUTOR ACTIONS	COURT ACTIONS	MASKING?	EXPLANATION
DUI	Dismisses case because of insufficient evidence.	None.	No.	Prosecutor (or judge) may dismiss case for factual or legal inadequacies. Even a reduction would be permitted for this purpose.
Reckless Driving	None.	Court accepts plea of no contest, removes case from docket for 6 months and then dismisses citation based on driver's clean history.	Yes.	This practice is known as deferral. An adjournment pending dismissal is prohibited. This action prevents the timely reporting of a conviction.
Speeding 20 mph over the limit in personal vehicle	Prosecutor reduces to parking ticket after defense attorney argues driver was NOT in a CMV and if convicted, will lose CDL.	Court accepts plea to parking ticket and fine is paid.	Yes.	Regulations apply to all vehicles. Driving in non- CMV is not a defense. Also, not every conviction will result in CDL revocation. <i>See</i> <i>tables in 49 C.F.R</i> <i>§383.51.</i>
Failure to obey a traffic device	Prosecutor amends charge to Defective Muffler. Defective muffler ticket is filed with the court.	Court accepts plea to Defective Muffler and fine is paid.	Yes.	Amending a charge prior to filing in court constitutes Masking, if no legal/factual basis exists to do so. Amending charge to a charge for which no probable cause exists may be ethically questionable.





*DRIVER CHARGES	PROSECUTOR ACTIONS	COURT ACTIONS	MASKING?	EXPLANATION
Leaving the Scene of a Collision	None.	Driver makes charitable donation to Mothers Against Drunk Driving, Victim's Impact Fund or the local Little League. Court dismisses citation upon proof of charitable contribution made.	Yes.	Reduction or dismissal of CDL or CLP cases (without legal/factual basis to do so) predicated on charitable donations is prohibited, and <u>may</u> be considered ethically questionable.

*This list is not meant to be exclusive. State terminology may differ.

Every state that accepts federal highway funding is required to comply with 49 CFR 384.226, the "Prohibition on Masking Offenses." Both federal and state specific CDL Laws should be consulted when dealing with CDL and/or CMV cases.

-Additional CDL Resources-

National Traffic Law Center: www.ndaa.org/ntlc home.html

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration: <u>www.fmsca.dot.gov</u>

National Judicial College: <u>www.judges.org</u>

National Center for State Courts: <u>www.ncsc.org</u>

American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators: www.aamva.org

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To:	Sams, Greq		
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Good Morning,

I am currently seeing if I am able to respond to you at this time. I will let you know as soon as I know.

Thank you for your patience,

Christine Kobos, State Programs Specialist Illinois Division Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration 130 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, Suite B | Springfield, IL 62703 O: (217) 492-4297 | M: (202) 805-3782 | F: (217) 492-4986 christine.kobos@dot.gov FMCSA logo

From: Sams, Greg <samsgreg@KaneCountylL.gov> Sent: Monday, February 10, 2025 2:39 PM To: Kobos, Christine (FMCSA) <christine.kobos@dot.gov> Subject:

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Ms. Kobos,

My name is Greg Sams, and I am an assistant state's attorney in Kane County, Illinois. One of my titles is policy adviser to State's Attorney Jamie Mosser. As such, I have been assigned to work

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Thank you,

Greg Sams Kane County Assistant State's Attorney 630-232-3533 From: To:

Subject: Date: Attachments: Google Calendar on behalf of Daniel Shomon Mosser, Jamie; Glahn, Brenda L; Heath, Kristi; Mosser, Jamie; Gamrath, RobL; Burnham, Scott; zkoutsky@mercuryllc.com; corryn@danshomon.com EX: Invitation: Sweeney Case @ Wed Dec 4, 2024 11am - 11:30am (CST) (null) Wednesday, December 4, 2024 9:05:12 AM attachment.ics invite.ics

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From:	Frank, John
Sent:	Wednesday, January 1, 2025 8:36 AM
То:	Sburnham@ilsos.gov
Subject:	Fwd: FMCSA Inquiry re Prosecution of Nathan Sweeney in 2020/2021
Attachments:	Letter to FMCSA.pdf

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<tim.white@dot.gov>
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<bayerchristine@kanecountyil.gov>, "Brady, Erin" <BradyErin@kanecountyil.gov>,
scott.burnham@illinois.gov
Subject: FMCSA Inquiry re Prosecution of Nathan Sweeney in 2020/2021

Tim and Christine,

Attached please find a letter from the Kane County State's Attorney regarding your inquiry into the prosecution of Nathan Sweeney in 2020/2021. Please note that I have copied Scott Burnham from the Illinois Secretary of State's Office, who we have been communicating with from that office.

Please let me know if you have any questions or would like any further information.

John

John Edward Frank Chief of the Civil Division Kane County State's Attorney's Office

100 S. Third Street, Fourth Floor Geneva, IL 60134 Phone: 630-208-5325

Office of the Kane County State's Attorney



JAMIE L. MOSSER State's Attorney

December 27, 2024

Tim White Christine Kobos Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration United States Department of Transportation <u>tim.white@dot.gov</u> <u>christine.kobos@dot.gov</u>

Mr. White and Ms. Kobos,

Thank you for taking the time earlier this month to explain what happened with your office issuing its finding of masking, despite the fact that we were still working with you to provide further information on this matter. I truly appreciate your candor and willingness to provide us with an opportunity to explain why the issuance of that finding was premature and incorrect.

In addition to the Field Report we provided, I want to provide you with the following information. I firmly believe that context is needed for you to (1) better understand the decisions that led to the plea offer and (2) clear up the misconception that masking occurred in this case.

First, I want to make it clear that my office <u>does not</u> have any policy or procedure to "mask," nor has it ever intended to prevent the Illinois Secretary of State or your office from receiving relevant information pertaining to defendants' drivers' licenses (commercial or otherwise). I took office on December 1, 2020, and we have had formal trainings in place for our Assistant State's Attorneys regarding masking since spring 2021.

Second, the plea in this matter was ultimately determined by me based upon proof issues. I was originally informed that the State Trooper failed to appear for the Grand Jury hearing when it was first charged, causing my office to scramble and have one of my investigators testify in his stead. Upon further review of this now, it is clear that this did not occur. During that time (*i.e.*, COVID), the previous administration had been using investigators for grand jury to minimize the number of officers that came to the courthouse. We were also under the mistaken belief that we were not able to obtain the squad video in this matter when we were working on the plea. Based on case law, even if the Trooper appeared for trial, the Court could have banned him

from testifying about what was/should have been contained on the squad video. The copy of the squad video was discovered after the plea had already been entered. Each of these factors affected our confidence in obtaining a conviction for the felony possession and the misdemeanor DUI had it gone to trial. It is for these reasons alone that we decided we needed to resolve this matter by plea agreement and not risk losing everything at trial.

Third, the defense attorney provided a significant amount of mitigation regarding an addiction issue for the defendant. Included in that information was a significant trauma when the defendant was young and an opiate addiction that developed after he sought treatment from a doctor for pain. My office has been aggressive in the lawsuits against the manufacturers and distributors of opiates, as they have been the cause of massive addiction issues in this Country. The defendant is a statistic of their actions. The defendant also self-admitted that he turned to heroin when the opiates no longer had their desired effect. While on bond, the defendant voluntarily entered into addiction treatment. By the time of his plea, the defendant had been nine months sober with verified treatment and negative drug tests. It is my job as the State's Attorney to seek justice in every case. Based on my concern that we would not be able to prove the charges at trial and that the defendant had shown a propensity towards successful treatment, I made the offer for him to plead guilty to the Class 1 Possession of a Controlled Substance with a conviction, treatment, continued drug testing and fines and costs. I also had the defendant plead guilty to the DUI as an extra incentive for him to stay in treatment and remain sober. While this is not typically done with a DUI count, we often have defendants plead guilty to an open charge as an incentive for them to remain compliant with the terms of probation and this has been shown to be successful and evidence based. See attached Plea and Sentencing Paperwork. It is important to note that we consider mitigation in every single case when it is presented to us. This case would be no exception and consistent with our administration of justice.

Fourth, while there are repeated comments from the defense attorney that the plea deal had to do with his client keeping his CDL, that was not the reason the plea deal was offered. While I was the one that made the decision to offer the deal as stated above, I never spoke directly with the defense attorney. My First Assistant emailed the offer to the defense attorney, and nowhere in that email was the assertion that we made the offer in consideration of the defendant's CDL. *See attached* E-Mail. While the defense attorney's goal was to keep the CDL of the defendant, we did not share that same goal. We sought accountability on both charges, along with significant treatment for the defendant's addiction issues.

Fifth, I have become aware in reviewing all of this now that the judicial order forms within the 16th Judicial Circuit Court do not adequately account for all of the situations that would require notification to the Illinois Secretary of State. The form in question for the felony possession charge only addresses 625 ILCS 5/6-205(a)3, which states in relevant part, "(a)ny felony under the laws of any State ... in the commission of which a motor vehicle was used." This form does not cover 625 ILCS 5/6-205(a)18, 625 ILCS 5/6-206(a)28, or other relevant subsections. We are working to address that now with the 16th Judicial Circuit Court, as well as adjust everyone's understanding of what constitutes using the vehicle "in the commission of" under 625 ILCS 5/6-205(a)3. With regard to that, it is not clear to my office – even now – that the felony possession charge in this case fits within the list of charges warranting checking the box under 625 ILCS 5/6-205(a)3. Indeed, while there are different good faith interpretations as to what constitutes using the vehicle

"in the commission of" – including the vehicle being used as an element of the crime or at least a material part of the crime – there does not appear to be any binding case law interpreting this point to show that not checking the box at the time was patently incorrect for the felony charge in this case. The box was unchecked as it should not have been checked based on the facts of our case. While this does not mitigate that this should have been reported under 625 ILCS 5/6-206(a)28, it was unintentional. As stated above, we are working to address that now with the 16th Judicial Circuit Court, as well as train all Assistant State's Attorneys on what shall be reported to the Secretary of State under all three relevant statutes.

Lastly, "[t]he State must not mask, defer imposition of judgment, or allow an individual to enter into a diversion program that would prevent a CLP or CDL holder's conviction for any violation, in any type of motor vehicle, of a State or local traffic control law (other than parking, vehicle weight, or vehicle defect violations) from appearing on the CDLIS driver record, whether the driver was convicted for an offense committed in the State where the driver is licensed or another State." 49 C.F.R. § 384.226. According to the National Traffic Law Center, masking does not occur when a prosecutor dismisses a case because of insufficient evidence. *See attached* Masking Quick Reference Guide. In this case, based solely on proof concerns outlined above, I made the plea offer that was ultimately accepted.

I hope this letter provides context to the manner in which this case was resolved. It is clear that my office had no intention of "masking" the defendant's conviction from the Illinois Secretary of State or your office. Please let me know if you have any questions or would like any further information regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Jamie L. Mosser

SAO FOIA 25-62 056

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT KANE COUNTY, ILLINOIS Case No. 20CF410

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT KANE COUNTY, ILLINOIS -

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That the defendant makes an unconditional (COLD) plea(s) to the charge(s) and asserts the right to a pre-sentence and aggravation and mitigation hearing.					
That the probation office of this Court is directed to conduct a pre-sentence investigation. A written copy is to be furnished to					
the Court, the defendant and the State's Attorney not less than three (3) Court days before the date set herein for sentencing.					
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT KANE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

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PEOPLE	SWEE	SWEENEY, NATHAN			Clerk of the Circuit Court		
Plaintiff(s)	Defenda	ant(s)			Kane County, Illinois		
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That the defendant has waived right to counsel.							
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That a plea agreement as stated to the Court was voluntarily arrived at: The defendant has stipulated that if witnesses were called that they would testify competently to sufficient facts to support a finding of guilty to the offense(s) of:							
Unlawful possession of controlled substance Class 1 Statute 720 ILCS 570/402(a)(1)(A)							
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Defendant's Signature						
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SAO FOIA 25-62 059

Sadler, Hillary

From:Bayer, ChristineSent:Wednesday, April 14, 2021 3:25 PMTo:John KoppCc:Sadler, HillarySubject:RE: RE: People v. Nathan Sweeney, Case No. 20CF410; 20DT243 - Mitigation

Mr. Kopp,

State's Attorney Jamie Mosser and I discussed your client's file. We are willing to amend the offer slightly. Your client will PG to Count 1 with all the terms and conditions as outlined in Mr. Matekaitis' offer (including all the DUI terms except for the fines/costs/assessments for the DUI). He will also PG to Count 3 DUI (Class A) and this count will be continued for sentencing to the termination date of Count 1. If he successfully completes all the terms of his probation on Count 1, we will agree to vacating the guilty plea on Count 3 and dismissing Count 3.

This offer will remain open until the next court date of 4/23/2021. Please contact me with any questions. Please contact ASA Hillary Sadler with your client's decision regarding accepting the offer.

Thank you,

Christine C. Bayer First Assistant State's Attorney Kane County State's Attorney's Office 37W777 Route 38, Suite 300 St. Charles, IL 60175 (630) 232-3500 main line (630) 406-7321 direct dial (630) 232-6508 fax

From: John Kopp <john@kopplawoffice.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 30, 2021 4:05 PM
To: Bayer, Christine <BayerChristine@co.kane.il.us>
Cc: Sadler, Hillary <SadlerHillary@co.kane.il.us>; Merkel, Ryan <MerkelRyan@co.kane.il.us>
Subject: EX: RE: People v. Nathan Sweeney, Case No. 20CF410; 20DT243 - Mitigation

Hello Ms. Bayer,

Absolutely. Thanks for reaching out and letting me know. I appreciate your time. Any objection to waiving my client's appearance just for tomorrow so he does not miss work?

John R. Kopp Criminal Defense Attorney KOPP LAW 515 James Street Geneva, Illinois 60134 P: 630.448.9053 F: 630.463.6066 john@kopplawoffice.com www.kopplawoffice.com



Reporting CDL Violations:

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration issues commercial motor vehicle safety regulations via the Code of Federal Regulations (CFRs). These regulations create a uniform system of licensing commercial drivers from state to state. Although a state may have stricter licensing and license oversight regulations, compliance with the commercial driver license (CDL) federal regulations is required. Failure to comply may result in sanctions against the state. Federal legislation mandated that CMV drivers possess a single license. The CFRs implemented this requirement. The single license concept equates to ONE driver, ONE license, and ONE record (see, 49 C.F.R. §383.21). This single license makes it much easier to accurately track the driving history of any driver and makes the cooperation of prosecutors and courts in reporting all CDL violations more critical.

Prompt Reporting of CDL Convictions under 49 C.F.R. § 384.208, § 384.209, § 384.225

The Code of Federal Regulations requires states to report CDL convictions promptly (within 10 days) for CDL holders or those who should have held a CDL because of the nature of their violations. This includes reporting to the Commercial Driver's License Information System (CDLIS) and reporting all violations for out-of-state drivers to his or her home state (state of CDL issuance). Courts are the first link in this chain of events, so prompt and accurate reporting of violations is essential. Prosecutors and judges should be aware that some crimes other than traditional "traffic offenses" (drug trafficking, any felony in committed in any type of vehicle) carry mandatory CDL disqualification (*see*, 49 C.F.R. § 383.51) and must be reported. *Any time a vehicle is involved*, a prosecutor or court should inquire if the defendant holds a CDL.

The Commercial Driver's License Information System (CDLIS)

CDLIS is a nationwide computer system that enables state driver licensing agencies (SDLAs) to ensure that each commercial driver has only one driver's license and one complete driver record. SDLAs use CDLIS to complete various procedures, including: transmitting out-of-state convictions and withdrawals, transferring the driver record when a commercial driver's license holder moves to another state, responding to requests for driver status and history.

Masking is Prohibited by 49 C.F.R. § 384.226

"The State must not mask, defer imposition of judgment, or allow an individual to enter into a diversion program that would prevent a CLP or CDL holder's conviction for any violation, in any type of motor vehicle, of a State or local traffic control law (other than parking, vehicle weight, or vehicle defect violations) from appearing on the CDLIS driver record, whether the driver was convicted for an offense committed in the State where the driver is licensed or another State."

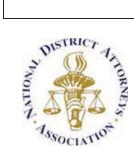
Conviction Defined in 49 C.F.R § 383.5

A conviction is "an unvacated adjudication of guilt, or a determination that a person has violated or failed to comply with the law in a court of original jurisdiction or by an authorized administrative tribunal, an unvacated forfeiture of bail or collateral deposited to secure the person's appearance in court, a plea of guilty or nolo contendere accepted by the court, the payment of a fine or court cost, or violation of a condition of release without bail, regardless of whether or not the penalty is rebated, suspended, or probated."





*DRIVER CHARGES	PROSECUTOR ACTIONS	COURT ACTIONS	MASKING?	EXPLANATION
DUI	Prosecutor allows a plea conditioned upon alcohol treatment and adjourns case 6 months.	Court allows non- adjudication. Non- adjudication is a process by which after a guilty plea or trial, the court withholds acceptance of the plea and sentence thereon, pending successful completion of any conditions imposed by the court. Upon successful completion of said conditions, the case is dismissed.	Yes.	Non-adjudication for CDL or CLP (Commercial Leaner's Permit) holders is prohibited. These actions prevent the reporting of violations and hides a driver's true driving history.
Using Cellphone While Driving	No reduction offered. Driver pleads as charged.	Court allows withdrawal of plea and driver enters new plea to a lesser charge, because driver complains his/her CDL will be revoked if convicted of the original citation.	Yes.	If no legal basis exists to the withdraw plea and enter a lesser plea, and withdrawal of the plea was based solely on sympathy, this is Masking.
Failure to Yield	None.	Court convicts but allows traffic school in lieu of reporting conviction.	Yes.	This practice is called diversion. Allowing driver, after adjudication of guilt to perform actions that will result in conviction being reduced/dismissed is prohibited.





*DRIVER CHARGES	PROSECUTOR ACTIONS	COURT ACTIONS	MASKING?	EXPLANATION
DUI	Dismisses case because of insufficient evidence.	None.	No.	Prosecutor (or judge) may dismiss case for factual or legal inadequacies. Even a reduction would be permitted for this purpose.
Reckless Driving	None.	Court accepts plea of no contest, removes case from docket for 6 months and then dismisses citation based on driver's clean history.	Yes.	This practice is known as deferral. An adjournment pending dismissal is prohibited. This action prevents the timely reporting of a conviction.
Speeding 20 mph over the limit in personal vehicle	Prosecutor reduces to parking ticket after defense attorney argues driver was NOT in a CMV and if convicted, will lose CDL.	Court accepts plea to parking ticket and fine is paid.	Yes.	Regulations apply to all vehicles. Driving in non- CMV is not a defense. Also, not every conviction will result in CDL revocation. <i>See</i> <i>tables in 49 C.F.R</i> <i>§383.51.</i>
Failure to obey a traffic device	Prosecutor amends charge to Defective Muffler. Defective muffler ticket is filed with the court.	Court accepts plea to Defective Muffler and fine is paid.	Yes.	Amending a charge prior to filing in court constitutes Masking, if no legal/factual basis exists to do so. Amending charge to a charge for which no probable cause exists may be ethically questionable.





*DRIVER CHARGES	PROSECUTOR ACTIONS	COURT ACTIONS	MASKING?	EXPLANATION
Leaving the Scene of a Collision	None.	Driver makes charitable donation to Mothers Against Drunk Driving, Victim's Impact Fund or the local Little League. Court dismisses citation upon proof of charitable contribution made.	Yes.	Reduction or dismissal of CDL or CLP cases (without legal/factual basis to do so) predicated on charitable donations is prohibited, and <u>may</u> be considered ethically questionable.

*This list is not meant to be exclusive. State terminology may differ.

Every state that accepts federal highway funding is required to comply with 49 CFR 384.226, the "Prohibition on Masking Offenses." Both federal and state specific CDL Laws should be consulted when dealing with CDL and/or CMV cases.

-Additional CDL Resources-

National Traffic Law Center: www.ndaa.org/ntlc home.html

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration: <u>www.fmsca.dot.gov</u>

National Judicial College: <u>www.judges.org</u>

National Center for State Courts: <u>www.ncsc.org</u>

American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators: www.aamva.org

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