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33 Drunk Drivers Arrested on St. Patrick's Day

Milwaukee, WI –The Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office and Southeast Multi-Jurisdictional OWI Task Force conducted an enhanced enforcement deployment targeting drunk drivers yesterday. As a result of their combined enforcement effort, **33** drivers were arrested for *Operating While Intoxicated*.

The St. Patrick's Day OWI Enforcement Operation started yesterday at 6a.m. through 4a.m. today. During this time the following activity occurred:

- The first OWI arrest occurred at **7:15** a.m. Thursday – driver made a U-turn on I-43 and crashed into another vehicle while traveling northbound in the southbound lanes near Silver Spring. His PAC was .15.
- The last OWI arrest took place at **3:38** a.m. Friday
- The average prohibited alcohol level was **.16**
- The highest prohibited alcohol level was **.23**
- A total of **233** citations were issued
- Age range of those arrested: **24** to **53**
- A total of **7** drunk drivers had prior convictions
 - **6** drunk drivers had **1** prior conviction
 - **1** drunk driver had **3** prior convictions

“The ultimate goal of enforcement efforts such as these is not to arrest more drunk drivers, but instead to educate the public so less people drink and get behind the wheel,” said Sheriff David A. Clarke Jr.

“However, as our numbers reflect, for those who choose to drive drunk, a warning will not be issued---an arrest will be made.”

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