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## ***NEWS RELEASE***

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
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### **Charges Filed In Wrong-Way Drunk Driver Case**

Milwaukee, WI – Charges were filed today against Joel Julian-Jorge, who was arrested Monday for driving the wrong way on I-43, causing a head-on collision and seriously injuring the passenger in his vehicle. His prohibited alcohol level was .19, nearly 2½ times the legal limit.

Julian-Jorge faces two Class F felony charges of Injury by Intoxicated Use of a Vehicle (Great Bodily Harm and Great Bodily Harm - PAC) relating to the injuries sustained by the passenger; and two misdemeanor charges: Operating While Intoxicated Causing Injury – 1<sup>st</sup> Offense, PAC > .15, and Operating with Prohibited Alcohol Concentration Causing Injury – 1<sup>st</sup> Offense, PAC >.15. If convicted on all counts, he faces not more than 27 years in prison.

Julian-Jorge's immigration status is still under investigation by Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

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**CRIMINAL COMPLAINT**

STATE OF WISCONSIN

DA Case No.:2011ML010041

vs. Plaintiff,

Complaining Witness:

Deputy Chad Bondar

Julian-Jorge, Joel  
201 S Burrell Street  
Milwaukee, WI 53207  
DOB: 05/05/1988

Court Case No.:

Defendant,

THE ABOVE NAMED COMPLAINING WITNESS BEING DULY SWORN, ON INFORMATION AND BELIEF STATES THAT:

**Count 1: INJURY BY INTOXICATED USE OF A VEHICLE (GREAT BODILY HARM)**

The above-named defendant on or about Monday, April 25, 2011, at S-I43 @ W Loomis Rd, in the City of Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin, did cause great bodily harm to Juan Cabrera-Blanco, another human being, by the operation of a vehicle while under the influence of an intoxicant, contrary to sec. 940.25(1)(a), 939.50(3)(f) Wis. Stats.

Upon conviction for this offense, a Class F Felony, the defendant may be fined not more than Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000), or imprisoned not more than twelve (12) years and six (6) months, or both.

And the Department shall revoke the defendant's operating privilege for two (2) years.

**Count 2: INJURY BY INTOXICATED USE OF A VEHICLE (GREAT BODILY HARM - PAC)**

The above-named defendant on or about Monday, April 25, 2011, at S-I43 @ W Loomis Rd, in the City of Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin, did cause great bodily harm to Juan Cabrera-Blanco, another human being, by the operation of a vehicle while having a prohibited alcohol concentration as defined in sec. 340.01(46m), contrary to sec. 940.25(1)(b), 939.50(3)(f) Wis. Stats.

Upon conviction for this offense, a Class F Felony, the defendant may be fined not more than Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000), or imprisoned not more than twelve (12) years and six (6) months, or both.

And the Department shall revoke the defendant's operating privilege for two (2) years.

**Count 3: OPERATING WHILE INTOXICATED CAUSING INJURY - 1ST OFFENSE, PAC >= 0.15**

The above-named defendant on or about Monday, April 25, 2011, at S-I43 @ W Loomis Rd, in the City of Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin, did cause injury to Robert Oemig by the operation of a vehicle while under the influence of an intoxicant and while having a prohibited alcohol concentration of 0.15 or more, contrary to sec. 346.63(2)(a)1, 346.65(3m) Wis. Stats.

Upon conviction for this offense, a Misdemeanor, the defendant shall be fined not less than Three Hundred Dollars (\$300) nor more than Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000), and may be imprisoned for not less than thirty (30) days nor more than one (1) year in the county jail.

And furthermore, invoking the provisions of Wisconsin Statute 343.31(3)(e), upon conviction, the department shall revoke the defendant's operating privilege for not less than one (1) year nor more than two (2) years. In addition, the defendant will be required to undertake an alcohol and drug abuse assessment, and follow through with treatment recommendations as a condition of reinstatement.

**Count 4: OPERATING WITH PROHIBITED ALCOHOL CONCENTRATION CAUSING INJURY - 1ST OFFENSE, PAC  $\geq$ .15**

The above-named defendant on or about Monday, April 25, 2011, at S-I43 @ W Loomis Rd, in the City of Milwaukee, Milwaukee County, Wisconsin, did cause injury to Robert Oemig by the operation of a vehicle while having a prohibited alcohol concentration of 0.15 or more, to-wit: did have a breath alcohol reading (in grams of alcohol in 210 liters of breath) of 0.193, contrary to sec. 346.63(2)(a)2, 346.65(3m) Wis. Stats.

Upon conviction for this offense, a Misdemeanor, the defendant shall be fined not less than Three Hundred Dollars (\$300) nor more than Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000), and may be imprisoned for not less than thirty (30) days nor more than one (1) year in the county jail.

And furthermore, invoking the provisions of Wisconsin Statute 343.31(3)(e), upon conviction, the department shall revoke the defendant's operating privilege for not less than one (1) year nor more than two (2) years. In addition, the defendant will be required to undertake an alcohol and drug abuse assessment, and follow through with treatment recommendations as a condition of reinstatement.

And furthermore, invoking the provisions of Wisconsin Statute 343.301(g), the court shall order a person's operating privilege for the operation of "Class D" vehicles be restricted to operating vehicles that are equipped with an ignition interlock device and, except as provided in 343.301(1m), shall order that each motor vehicle for which the person's name appears on the vehicle's certificate of title or registration be equipped with an ignition interlock device.

Complainant is a Milwaukee County Deputy Sheriff who bases this complaint upon the following:

Milwaukee County Deputy Sheriff Anthony Kasta reports that on April 25, 2011, he heard a dispatch regarding a "wrong way" driver, heading east in the westbound lanes of I-43 from S.68<sup>th</sup> Street. Deputy Kasta responded to South I-43, approximately .2 mile south of Highway 36/Loomis Road, in the City and County of Milwaukee at 1:01 a.m. Deputy Kasta observed a green Toyota, with severe front-end damage, against the median barrier wall, facing to the northwest in the medial distress lane. There was also a white Ford Explorer at the scene, which had also suffered severe damage to the front and front passenger side. Robert Oemig was standing next to the Ford and said that he had pain to the right side of his body and had suffered cuts to his arms and face.

Mr. Oemig told Deputy Kasta that he had been traveling west in lane #1 of I-43 (left most lane) in the Explorer, and as he approached a curve, he observed headlights coming towards him.

He slowed down and swerved into the left distress lane, but the other vehicle also swerved towards the distress lane and hit him.

Deputy Sean Mahin attempted to help the persons in the white Toyota as they awaited the arrival of the medical units. The passenger in the Toyota, Juan Cabrera-Blanco, was unresponsive. The defendant, seated in the driver's seat of the Toyota, was observed by Deputy Griffin to have a strong odor of alcoholic beverages and red glassy eyes. The defendant's breath was slurred and Deputy Griffin observed that neither occupant of the Toyota was wearing seatbelts.

A subsequent search of the Toyota would result in the recovery of 18 cans of Modelo Especial beer; seventeen full and one opened can.

Deputy Scott Griffin reports that both occupants of the Toyota, the defendant in the driver's seat and Mr. Juan Cabrera-Blanco were pinned in the vehicle. None of the doors to the Toyota could be opened. Fire personnel had to extricate the defendant and Mr. Cabrera-Blanco from the Toyota. Deputy Kasta was able to observe that Mr. Cabrera-Blanco's leg was broken at the femur and that he was still unconscious. Emergency Medical personnel said that his injuries were "life-threatening." Subsequent updates upon the transfer of Mr. Cabrera-Blanco to Froedert Hospital were that Mr. Cabrera-Blanco had suffered fractures to his right femur, pelvis, left arm, several fingers and a severe brain injury.

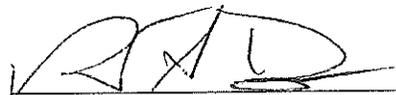
Deputy Luke Chang spoke with Shelley Lucht. Ms. Lucht stated that she had entered N. I-43 from S. 76<sup>th</sup> Street and she observed a dark vehicle simultaneously entering I-43 from 76<sup>th</sup> Street, traveling east in the westbound ramp. The vehicle immediately moved to lane #1 and proceeded east in the westbound lanes. Ms. Lucht said that she attempted to keep pace with the vehicle, but the vehicle accelerated to 90 m.p.h. and she was unable to keep up with it. She then came upon the accident and stopped at the scene.

Deputy Kasta reports that the defendant was read the "informing the accused" and asked to submit to a test of his blood. He refused, however, Registered Nurse Steven Bahr drew samples of the defendant's blood at 2:12 a.m. Those samples were taken to the State of Wisconsin Regional Crime Laboratory where they were analyzed by Toxicologist Sara J. Schreiber who reported that the defendant's blood had an ethanol (alcohol) concentration of 0.193 grams per 100 mL.

Pictures taken at the scene of the accident of Mr. Oemig's Ford Explorer and the Toyota driven by defendant are attached and incorporated by reference.

\*\*\*\*End of Complaint\*\*\*\*

Subscribed and sworn to before me and approved for filing this 27th day of April, 2011.



Ronald S. Dague  
Assistant District Attorney  
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Complaining Witness



