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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office Targeted Enforcement Unit Resumes Bus Patrols**

**Milwaukee** – Detectives in the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office Targeted Enforcement Unit arrested four profane and disorderly riders after a bus driver ( Route #35) called for police assistance by pushing the silent alarm Thursday. When T.E.U. detectives arrived on the scene near 35<sup>th</sup> and Wisconsin, two juvenile suspects resisted arrest. Two other juveniles attempted to confront detectives in an aggressive manner. Detectives arrested four 16-year-old male suspects. Charges of *Resisting/Obstructing an Officer and Disorderly Conduct* are pending.

With the start of the new school year and the end of the summer park season, the Targeted Enforcement Unit will shift enforcement from the lakefront and parks to various bus routes.

#### **Sheriff Clarke's directed patrol mission that will achieve the following objectives:**

- Improve the quality of life for users of county buses and drivers by creating a feeling of safety.
- Enforce standards of acceptable behavior by enforcing all state laws and county ordinances.
- Arrests will be made for acts of disorder.
- Establish zero tolerance for acts of crime and disorder to include loud, profane, threatening or intimidating behavior toward passengers or drivers. *All* passengers will be held to the same standard.

“If the goal of the transit authorities is to increase ridership, they will not be successful as long as there is the perception that the buses are unsafe. The fear of crime can be as devastating as the actual instances of crime because it prevents people from leading normal lives,” Clarke says. “When citizens tell me that they fear for their safety, not only do I want to help keep them safe, I have to help them.”

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