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## NEWS RELEASE

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### Driver Arrested for 4<sup>th</sup> Drunk Driving Arrest Won't Face Felony Charge

*A Joint Statement from Sheriff David A. Clarke Jr. and Paul and Judy Jenkins (www.jenniferbukosky.com)*

**Milwaukee, WI** - Contrary to what was being reported last week about how Wisconsin's drunk-driving laws have been made tougher, the arrest of a Corey Battles, aged 36, of Milwaukee demonstrates that the state legislature did not go far enough in making our roadways safer for motorists from the dangerous act of impaired driving. This driver benefits from the caveat that the 4<sup>th</sup> OWI arrest has to occur within 5 years of the most recent arrest.



Battles arrests occurred in 1994, 1998, and February of 2005. Since February of 2010 (five years after the last incident) has passed...No felony for him.

This loophole must be tightened shut.

Lawmakers around the state were busy congratulating themselves and boasting of having made the most substantial changes in Wisconsin Drunk-driving laws in several decades. The changes turn out to be, as we said after the passage of the law, nothing more than cosmetic. They went after the low-hanging fruit when Wisconsin citizens made it clear that they will no longer tolerate this behavior.

We are imploring the Wisconsin State legislature to take this important issue back up and to get it right this time. Send a clear message to Wisconsin citizens that they are on their side, not the side of special interests and will demonstrate it by enacting legislation that has some teeth and will leave no doubt on how Wisconsin will join the other states in ending the slaughter that is occurring on our nations roadways because of drunk-drivers. The so-called "look-back period" of the current law, set at 5 years, is too modest. Additionally stricter sentencing guidelines must be put in place to ensure that those convicted face certain and severe consequences.

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