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## ***NEWS RELEASE***

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### **11<sup>th</sup> Wrong-Way Driver on Freeway This Year Preliminary Breath Test Registers .20**



Milwaukee, WI – Milwaukee County Sheriff's deputies responded to a call of a car traveling northbound in the southbound lanes of Hwy145 and US45 shortly after 1:30 a.m. today.

A witness called 9-1-1 and reported the wrong-way driver, indicating the car had damage to the left front bumper and the left front tire was flat. The driver of the wrong-way car, later identified as Lenear Sanders, Jr., age 39, came to a stop on southbound US45 heading northbound near the county line.

The sheriff's deputy noted several signs of intoxication, including the strong odor of alcohol on his breath, slurred speech and red, glassy eyes. Sanders performed poorly on field sobriety tests, registered a .20 on a preliminary breath test (PBT), and after refusing to take an intoximeter test, was conveyed to Froedtert Hospital where a blood draw was obtained. He was then conveyed to the County Correctional Facility-Central (CCF-C) and arrested for an OWI-1<sup>st</sup> offense.

Although he has one prior OWI in 1995, that is outside of the 10-year timeframe for charging as an OWI-2<sup>nd</sup>. The Sheriff's Office is also seeking charges of First Degree Recklessly Endangering Safety.

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**10/19/11-Wrong-way driver-Pg2**

**This was the eleventh wrong-way driver on the freeway system this year, all but two involving drunk drivers. The sheriff's office continues to track the wrong-way driving incidents to identify any potential patterns from a traffic-engineering standpoint. Some of the cases involve drivers making U-turns on the freeway; others have used exit ramps as on ramps.**

**Wrong-way drivers were arrested with the following PACs since January:**

<b>10/19/11</b>	<b>PBT .20</b>
<b>10/11</b>	<b>waiting for blood draw results</b>
<b>09/22</b>	<b>alcohol not a factor</b>
<b>08/03</b>	<b>alcohol not a factor</b>
<b>07/21</b>	<b>.25</b>
<b>07/06</b>	<b>.30</b>
<b>07/02</b>	<b>.15</b>
<b>06/09</b>	<b>.14</b>
<b>04/25</b>	<b>.19</b>
<b>03/17</b>	<b>.15</b>
<b>1/1</b>	<b>(1 Fatal) .14</b>

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