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## NEWS RELEASE

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### Repeat Drunk Driver Crashes on Freeway

Milwaukee, WI – At approximately 10:30 a.m. today, a Milwaukee County Sheriff's deputy arrested a 30-year-old male driver for his third Operating While Intoxicated offense following a one car roll-over crash in the Stadium Interchange. His prior OWI convictions, which occurred in March 2008 and May 2011, resulted in him having an ignition interlock device installed in his vehicle.

A preliminary investigation of the crash showed that the driver lost control of his vehicle, striking the GM barrier wall while traveling from the North (SB US 41) to the East (EB I-94) in the Stadium Interchange. The impact caused the Jeep Grand Cherokee that he was driving at the time to roll over and land on its roof.

A Milwaukee Police Officer driving by the scene at the time of the crash detained the suspect who left the crash scene and was attempting to cross the freeway. A responding deputy detected a strong odor of alcohol on the suspect's breath. The suspect refused to perform a field sobriety test and he was taken to a local hospital for a legal blood draw. The suspect was arrested for *Operating While Intoxicated – Third*. If convicted, he faces up to one year in the county jail.

The suspect complained of minor soreness and refused medical treatment.

Note: The suspect was not driving his vehicle and the SUV did not have an ignition interlock device installed.

The ramp was closed for approximately one hour for clean-up.

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