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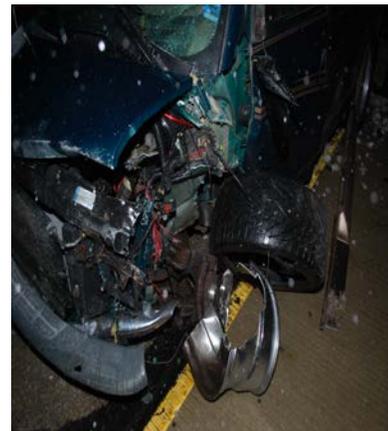
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Wrong-way Drunken Driver Causes Serious Injury Crash, Flees Scene 37th Wrong-way Driver This Year



Milwaukee, WI – The Sheriff's Office dispatch alerted deputies to a wrong-way driver traveling northbound in the southbound lanes of Highway-145 at Silver Spring Road at 2:01 a.m. today. While deputies were en route, the wrong-way driver, in a green conversion van, crashed head-on into a Toyota Camry at the Park Place overpass, just north of Good Hope Road. Witnesses said the driver of the wrong-way vehicle walked across all lanes of traffic and fled from the scene.

A deputy found Marques L. Franklin, age 35, of Milwaukee, running across US-45 and took him into custody. The vehicle he struck ended up in a ditch. The male driver, age 51, and two female passengers, ages 36 and 39, were treated on scene by Milwaukee Fire Department personnel and transported to the hospital. The driver sustained serious, but non-life-threatening, injuries.

Franklin was arrested for a Class F felony OWI-Causing Injury/Great Bodily Harm, and received citations for Driving Wrong Way on Divided Highway and OWI-1st. He faces up to 12 ½ years in prison if convicted on the felony charge.

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