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Sheriff's Deputy Stops Wrong-Way Drunk Driver on Freeway

Milwaukee, WI – A Milwaukee County sheriff's deputy stopped a wrong-way drunk driver on I-794 eastbound near North James Lovell Street at 1:52 a.m. today. The deputy was traveling eastbound when he saw a vehicle without headlights headed toward him. The deputy activated his emergency lights and positioned his squad to obstruct the path of the wrong-way driver. The operator of the car immediately made a U-turn and pulled over in the correct direction in the distress lane.

The deputy observed several signs of intoxication, including red, glossy eyes, slurred speech and the strong odor of an intoxicating beverage. The driver, a 27-year-old Greenfield woman, performed poorly on field sobriety tests and was arrested for OWI-1st.

She was transported to the substation for an intoximeter test, and the results were .17. She was conveyed to the County Correctional Facility – Central and booked on charges of OWI-1st Offense and 2nd Degree Recklessly Endangering Safety (RES), a felony.

The maximum penalty for an OWI-1st is \$300.00 with no jail time. The maximum penalty for 2nd Degree RES is 10 years imprisonment.

Squad dash-cam video of this incident will be available.

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