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Speeding Drunk Driver Arrested - OWI-4th 530th repeat offender since January 2010



Milwaukee, WI – A Milwaukee County Sheriff's deputy on patrol stopped a vehicle speeding at 80mph in a 65mph zone southbound I-94 at Puetz Road at about 2:15 a.m. today. The deputy determined that the driver, Mario Cruz Espino, age 24, was drunk.

Deputies were unable to obtain a PBT, and transported Cruz Espino to Froedtert Hospital for a blood draw. His previous OWI convictions occurred in July 2006, April 2007, and July 2008.

Cruz Espino faces a felony charge of OWI-4th within five years, which carries a penalty of up to six years in jail. He also faces a misdemeanor charge of Operating After Revocation, and received a citation for Speeding 11-15 mph above the limit.

Wisconsin Act 100 strengthened Wisconsin's drunk driving laws. The provisions of Act 100 apply to violations that occur on or after July 1, 2010. Under the law, a fourth offense Operating While Intoxicated (OWI) becomes a felony if it occurs within five years of an earlier offense.

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