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Drunk Driver Parked on Freeway, Sleeping, is Arrested for OWI-4th 536th repeat offender since January 2010



Milwaukee, WI – A Milwaukee County Sheriff's deputy responded to a call about an occupied vehicle stopped in a lane of traffic on I-43 northbound near Hampton Avenue shortly before 3:30 a.m. today. The deputy observed two adult occupants, both sleeping. The car was in park, with the engine running and headlights on. He woke the driver and moved the vehicle out of traffic.

The driver, Demetrius L. Brown, age 30, failed field sobriety tests, was uncooperative, and refused to submit to a PBT. His three prior convictions were in August 2009, April 2010 and August 2010. He did not have the required ignition interlock device on his car and his license had been revoked for a prior OWI.

Brown faces a felony charge of OWI-4th within five years, which carries a penalty of up to six years in jail. In addition to the OWI-4th, he is charged with Refusal and was issued citations for Failure to have Interlock Device, Operating After Revocation, and Impeding Traffic.

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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