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Hit and Run Driver Arrested for OWI-5th 567th Repeat Drunk Driver since 2010



Milwaukee, WI – Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office deputies responded to 911 calls shortly after 4:00 p.m. yesterday reporting a motorist who appeared to be falling asleep and struck another vehicle southbound on I-43. The driver of the striking vehicle continued driving and struck the concrete median wall.

A Milwaukee police officer witnessed the vehicle strike the wall and stopped the driver at S. 13th Street. Deputies arrested Keith A. Somerlot, Jr., age 38, for OWI-5th, OWI Causing Injury, OAR/OWI-related, Following too Closely, Hit and Run, and Felony Violation of Probation. He admitted drinking between five and seven beers since 9:00 a.m. His prior OWI convictions occurred in November 2003, June 2004, May 2006 and March 2011.

The driver of the car that was struck did not have serious injuries. Somerlot faces up to 17 years in prison if convicted on the charges.

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