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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Wrong-way Driver Causes Double-Fatal, 4-Vehicle Crash**

Milwaukee, WI – Milwaukee County sheriff's deputies responded to a 911 call at 1:21 a.m. today reporting a serious, four-vehicle crash in the northbound lanes of US41 just north of State Street. All northbound lanes were shut down due to the severity of the crash scene.

The preliminary investigation, based on witness accounts, indicate that a wrong-way driver was traveling southbound in the northbound lanes and struck another vehicle head-on. The drivers of these two vehicles, a woman and a man, were extricated from their vehicles by a Milwaukee Fire Department Med Unit and were pronounced dead at the scene. The Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigation Division (CID) is investigating for positive identification. Their identities will not be released, pending notification of relatives. The wrong-way driver was never a licensed driver. It is not yet known if she entered on an off ramp or made a U-turn on the highway.

Both vehicles spun out after impact, resulting in crashes with two more vehicles. The driver of the third vehicle was extracted from the vehicle and conveyed to Froedtert Memorial Hospital as a pulseless, non-breather. She was revived and is in critical condition.

The driver and passenger of the fourth vehicle did not sustain any injuries requiring medical treatment. There were no indicators of intoxication for either of the men, ages 23 and 21.

A forensics investigator with the Milwaukee County Medical Examiner's Office performed his investigation on the scene. Official determination of death was made at about 3:30 a.m. Investigators will have to wait for toxicology results to determine if alcohol or drugs was a factor in the crash.

Wisconsin State Patrol performed the crash reconstruction. DOT cameras are too far south of the scene and did not capture the crash.

All northbound lanes on US41 were reopened at 5:39 a.m.

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