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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Deputy Stuck with Heroin Needle During Crash Investigation**



Milwaukee, WI – A Milwaukee County sheriff's deputy responded to a three-car crash on westbound I-94 east of Mitchell Boulevard yesterday at about 3:20 p.m.

One of the subjects involved walked across the freeway, despite instructions from the deputy to remain with his vehicle. When the subject, identified as Paul G. Ditter, age 51, of New Berlin, refused to comply, the deputy stopped traffic and placed him in protective custody. The deputy recognized him as someone he had recently arrested.

During a search, Ditter denied having any drug paraphernalia. While conducting the search, the deputy was stuck with a needle that Ditter admitted was used for heroin. The deputy is undergoing testing and treatment as a result of the needle stick.

Ditter has two pending OWI cases from May 8 and May 31 of this year. If convicted in those cases, this will be his third OWI offense.

The charges from this incident include Resisting/Obstructing causing injury to an officer, a Class H Felony; and two misdemeanors, OWI/causing injury and Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. If convicted on all counts, Ditter can receive up to 6 years and 10 months in prison.

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