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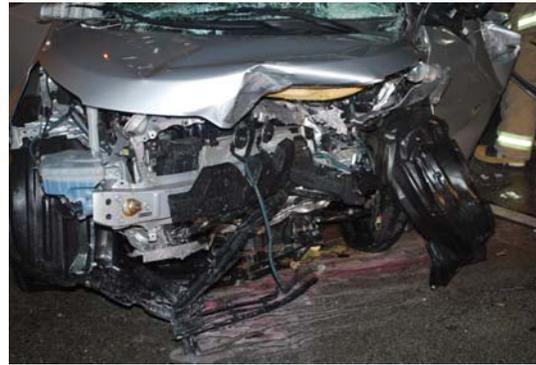
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Wrong-Way Driver Causes Serious Injury Crash on I-94



Milwaukee, WI – Milwaukee County sheriff's deputies responded to a report of a wrong-way driver headed westbound in the eastbound lanes of I-94 at 12:01 a.m. today. The vehicle, with no headlights on until just prior to the crash, crashed head-on into an eastbound vehicle on I-94 at N. 30th Street.

The wrong-way driver has been identified as Erin M. Salmon, age 23, of Milwaukee. The Milwaukee Police Department has confirmed the identity of the driver of the vehicle that she struck as a 31-year-old off-duty MPD police officer.

Salmon was driving a white Nissan Altima (photo above, left), and the victim in the crash was driving a silver Toyota Scion (above, right). Both drivers were the sole occupants in their vehicles, and both were trapped inside the cars. Salmon was unconscious, but breathing. Both were transported to Froedtert Hospital in critical condition.

All eastbound lanes were closed for about four hours, and traffic was diverted off at 35th Street. Video will be released after the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office has completed the investigation.

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The Sheriff's Office is seeking felony charges against Salmon of Injury by Intoxicated Use of a Vehicle, Injury by Use of Vehicle with Prohibited Alcohol Content, and Recklessly Endangering Safety. She also received citations for OWI-1st, Driving Wrong Way on Divided Highway, Driving Without Proper Lamps Lighted, and Reckless Driving/Endangering Safety.

This crash was the 20th wrong way driver incident on Milwaukee County freeways this year.

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