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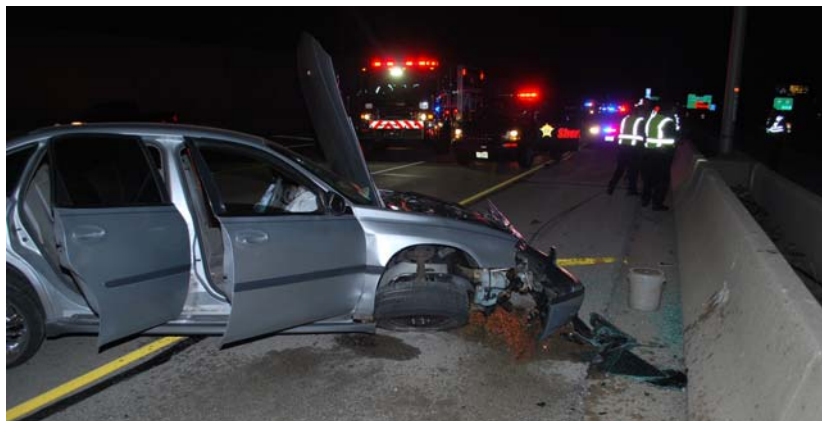
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Drunk Driver with Pending OWI-5th Crashes on Freeway 667th Repeat Offender Since January 2010



Milwaukee, WI – A Milwaukee County sheriff's deputy patrolling on the freeway came upon a one-car crash at 1:27 a.m. on westbound I-43 just east of 60th Street. The driver, Rafael Garay, age 27, of Milwaukee, hit the median wall causing major front and rear end damage to the vehicle.

The deputy found Garay on the floor of the vehicle and open beer cans in the back seat. A Greenfield Fire Department medical unit transported him to Froedtert Hospital for minor injuries.

Garay faces charges of OWI-5th, which will become an OWI-6th if he's convicted of the pending OWI-5th charge. The OWI-5th and OWI-6th are both Class H felonies, with a penalty of up to six years in prison on each. He was issued citations for Operating While Intoxicated, Operating with Prohibited BAC, and Failure to Control Vehicle. His prior convictions occurred in April 2005, August 2006, August 2007, and October 2008. Garay's pending OWI-5th stems from an arrest in April of this year.

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