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Deputies Stop Wrong-Way Drunk Driver 21st Wrong-Way Driver on Milwaukee County Freeways This Year

Milwaukee, WI – A Milwaukee County sheriff's deputy responded to a 911 call at about 4:45 a.m. today reporting a wrong-way driver coming from the county line on westbound S I-43. The vehicle was traveling eastbound in the westbound lanes.

A deputy located the vehicle in the high-speed lane, just east of 124th Street. Despite the squad's emergency lights, siren and spotlight being activated, the driver failed to stop and avoided the squad via the distress lane. Two other back up squads stopped the wrong-way driver at about 116th Street by traveling parallel to each other with their emergency equipment activated. New Berlin police had tried to stop the vehicle in Waukesha County, but the driver continued traveling the wrong way.

Christie J. Ryker, age 26, holds a Nebraska operators license and was driving a rental car. She was taken into custody for OWI-1st and Recklessly Endangering Safety. No crashes or injuries occurred as a result of this incident. Ryker faces up to 12 years, 6 months in prison if convicted of the Class F felony charge of Recklessly Endangering Safety.

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