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## ***NEWS RELEASE***

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### **Deputy Assaulted on Freeway**

Milwaukee, WI – Shortly after 2:00 AM today, a Milwaukee County Sheriff's deputy was violently attacked during a traffic stop.

The deputy, a 17-year veteran, was traveling westbound on I-94 when he observed a green Mercury Sable deviating from its lane. The deputy stopped the vehicle at 16<sup>th</sup> Street. When the deputy approached the vehicle, he detected a strong odor of alcohol emitting from the driver's breath. The driver was ordered out of his vehicle to perform a standardized field sobriety test. While conducting the test, the passenger exited the vehicle and assaulted the deputy from behind. The 22-year-old male passenger repeatedly struck the deputy in the head and face causing bruising, swelling, and lacerations. The deputy used his TASER to take the subject into custody.

During the assault, a second deputy arrived and attempted to complete the act of taking the 23-year-old male driver into custody for drunk driving. The driver refused several orders from the second deputy, who used his Oleoresin Capsicum (OC) spray to gain control.

The driver was arrested for felony *Violation of Probation/Parole, Resisting/Obstructing an Officer*, and *Operating While Intoxicated*. The passenger was arrested for felony **Battery to a Police Officer** and *Resisting/Obstructing an Officer*.

The injured deputy was transported to Froedtert Memorial Lutheran Hospital and treated for his injuries. The deputy was released this morning. Both suspects were seen by medical personnel and cleared. A legal blood draw was performed on the driver.

Milwaukee County Sheriff's detectives are investigating this incident; no further information is available at this time.

A law enforcement officer's job entails many risks and unforeseen dangers daily. It's reckless and stupid acts like these that needlessly place officers in harm's way. This cowardly attack on our deputy demonstrates a clear disregard for the law.

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