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Woman Cited for Misuse of 9-1-1

Milwaukee, WI – Multiple Milwaukee County sheriff's deputies responded to a 9-1-1 call from a passenger of a car on the freeway today shortly after 2:00 p.m. reporting she was being held captive.

The car travelled throughout the freeway system from southbound I-94 at Beloit, changing directions, before being stopped by a deputy on I-43 northbound near Center Street. An investigation of the incident revealed that the caller, a 28-year-old Milwaukee woman, was not in any danger. The driver had refused to let her out while on the freeway, causing her to argue and call 9-1-1. The woman is being issued a citation for violation of a County Ordinance: Misuse of 9-1-1, with a fine of \$200.

Calling 9-1-1 as a joke results in wasted taxpayer resources and puts legitimate callers with a valid emergency at risk.

County Ordinance 91.10 - Misuse of 9-1-1: "Any person who intentionally dials the number "9-1-1" to report an emergency, knowing that the fact situation which he/she reports does not exist, or who dials the number "9-1-1" for any purpose other than to report a situation which the caller reasonably believes in an emergency, shall be assessed a forfeiture of not less than fifty dollars (\$50.00) nor more than three hundred dollars (\$300.00)."

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