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NEWS RELEASE

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Operation Drive Sober Results in 26 Drunken Driver Arrests 783 Repeat Offenders since January 2010



Thomas A. Rick – 5th



Jason J. Wallace – 5th



Hernandez-Legorreta-5th



Steven J. Zimmerman-4th



G. Macedo-Benitez – 4th



Rafael Hunter – 3rd



Jason Sadowski – 2nd



Lamont Jackson – 2nd

Milwaukee, WI – Sheriff David A. Clarke Jr. ordered increased weekend Driving Under the Influence (DUI) patrols to arrest drunken drivers. The initiative, Operative Drive Sober, resulted in deputies taking 26 drunken drivers off the road this weekend.

The stepped up effort included repeat DUI offenders, two with 2nd, one 3rd, two with 4th, and three with 5th offenses. A 40-year-old Racine police officer was issued a citation for his first drunken driving offense and registered a .16 result on the intoximeter. Two freeway crashes were DUI-related.

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On Friday, Thomas A. Rick, age 60, of Cudahy, was stopped by a deputy at 11:25 p.m. on S. Pennsylvania Avenue in Cudahy for deviating lanes and failure to signal turns, and arrested for OWI-5th. His prior convictions were in February 1991, October 2000, October 2002, and January 2006.

A deputy stopped Steven J. Zimmerman, age 30, of Milwaukee, on Saturday at 1:57 a.m. at 68th and Adler streets for disregarding a stop sign. He was arrested for felony OWI-4th within five years and faces up to six years imprisonment if convicted. His prior convictions were in August 2007, October 2008 and May 2011.

Jason J. Wallace was stopped by a deputy at 11:42 p.m. Saturday for deviating lanes on I-43 eastbound at the Hale interchange. Wallace, who turned 32 today, of Wauwatosa, registered a .16 PBT, and was arrested for OWI-5th offense. His prior convictions were in February 1997, December 1998, January 2000 and October 2004. He faces up to six years in prison if convicted.

A 9-1-1 caller reported a car swerving all over the freeway on US-45 northbound near Burleigh Street at 1:13 a.m. today. A deputy stopped the car at Good Hope Road, and arrested Agustin Hernandez-Legorreta, age 35, of Germantown, for OWI-5th offense and for two outstanding warrants. He was ticketed for unsafe lane deviation and imprudent speed. His prior convictions were in January 2003, July 2003, January 2005, and October 2009. If convicted of this offense, he faces up to six years in prison.

Gerardo Macedo Benitez, age 33, of Waukesha, was arrested by a deputy for OWI-4th offense after he was observed deviating lanes. He was also ticketed for Operating After Revoked-OWI-related. Macedo Benitez was stopped westbound on I-94 at 92nd Street, and faces up to one year in jail if convicted. His prior convictions were in May 2000, January 2003 and September 2005.

Other repeat offenders, arrested for their 2nd offenses were Jason Sadowski, age 25, of Kenosha, and Lamont Jackson, age 30, of Milwaukee. Rafael Hunter, age 31, of Milwaukee, was arrested for OWI-3rd.

The Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office will have ZERO tolerance for motorists who drive drunk. Deputies will STOP, TEST, and ARREST those suspected of driving drunk.

The initiative was conducted using the resources of the MCSO Patrol Division, additional alcohol grant squads, multi-jurisdictional high visibility enforcement alcohol grant partners, MCSO OWI Task Force, and Targeted Enforcement Unit (TEU) squads. These resources will continue to be deployed to combat and minimize the alcohol, speed and aggressive driving incidents on the freeway system.

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