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Operation Drive Sober Results in 16 Drunken Driver Arrests 792 Repeat Offenders since January 2010



Douglas Levi – 4th,
Freeway crash



Charles Cherney–RES



John P. Mayer –
2nd/with pending 1st



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 16 drunken drivers off the road this weekend.

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The stepped up effort included two repeat DUI offenders, one on his 4th offense who was involved in a crash, and another who has a pending 1st-offense. Two freeway crashes were DUI-related.

Douglas Levi, age 65, of Milwaukee, was arrested Sunday for his fourth drunken driving offense (misdemeanor) after a deputy came upon his vehicle at about 8:50 p.m. which had crashed and was atop the median on westbound I-94 at 84th Street. Levi struck another vehicle and both cars were towed from the scene, but no one was injured.

Levi's PBT result was .11. His prior convictions were in January 1998, May 1999 and February 2005. If convicted on the 4th offense, he faces up to one year in prison.

A deputy patrolling I-94 westbound stopped a vehicle at S. 70th Street at 2:40 a.m. that was speeding and drifting between lanes. Charles E. Cherney, age 71, of West Allis, advised the deputy that he had firearms in the car and a permit for concealed carry. Deputies secured the weapons and arrested Cherney for OWI-1st after he registered .13 on the intoximeter, a civil forfeiture, and for Endangering Safety by Use of a Dangerous Weapon, a Class A misdemeanor punishable by up to 9 months in jail. A deputy explained to Cherney that his CCW license does not permit him to carry a firearm while under the influence of an intoxicant.

John P. Mayer, age 21, of Milwaukee, was stopped for drunken driving at 2:35 a.m. Saturday, after a deputy spotted his car speeding over 100mph on I-43 southbound near W. Rosedale Avenue. Mayer has a pending OWI-1st offense from just last week when a deputy arrested him on January 22 with a PAC of .14. He received citations for Operating While Intoxicated, Operating with PAC of .10 or more, Unreasonable or Imprudent Speed, Operating After Suspension, and Failure to Carry Liability Insurance.

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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