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NEWS RELEASE

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**Operation Drive Sober Results in 126% Increase in Drunken Driver Arrests
(2012-2013 Year to Date Comparison)
25 Drunks Arrested This Weekend
823 repeat offenders since January 2010**



Efrain Rodriguez – 4th



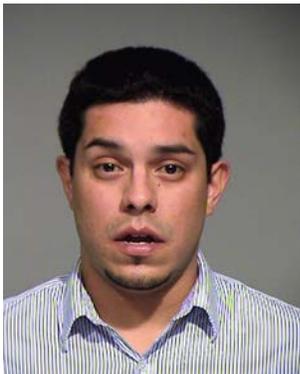
Fausto Ramirez – 3rd



Christopher Bartleson – 3rd



Collin Chapman – 2nd/3rd



Mark Ruiz – 2nd



Curtis Green – 2nd



Jacob Tietz – 2nd



Robert Comp – 1st/2nd

Milwaukee, WI – At the start of this year, Sheriff David A. Clarke Jr. ordered an aggressive weekend Driving Under the Influence (DUI) initiative to rid the Milwaukee County freeway system of drunken drivers. The initiative, Operative Drive Sober, has resulted in deputies taking 301 drunks off the road year to date, a 126% increase over last year's total of 133.

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The highly aggressive effort this year to make our freeway system a safer place to drive for sober motorists included arrests of 63 repeat DUI offenders. 2013 also saw almost triple the number of crashes year to date, a total of 41, up from 15 at this time in 2012. These drunks are going to kill somebody. This behavior is deadly.

Offense	2012 YTD - 133	2013 YTD - 301
Drugs	8	20
1st	98	206
2nd	17	43
3rd	5	19
4th	1	7
5th and above	4	6

The repeat offenders this weekend included one fourth offense, two third, and five second offenses. Of the 17 first-offenders, one was underage and two of them have pending DUI cases and, if convicted, will face charges for second and third offenses from this weekend.

The 4th-DUI offender, Efrain Rodriguez, age 47, of Milwaukee, had prior DUI convictions in November 1995, July 1996 and December 2000. This fourth arrest is a misdemeanor with a penalty of up to one year imprisonment.

Fausto Ramirez, age 42, of Milwaukee, and Christopher Bartleson, age 43, of Franklin, face DUI-3rd charges. Facing DUI 2nd charges are Jacob Tietz, age 24, of Port Washington, Mark Ruiz, age 30, of Madison, and Milwaukee residents Curtis L. Green, age 38, Collin Chapman, age 23, and Joel Stanaszak, age 28. Chapman has a pending DUI-2nd case.

Robert A. Comp, age 36, of Milwaukee, has a pending DUI-1st case. Other first offenders include: Robert Thornton, age 36, of Kenosha, Nathan Kirby, age 20, of New Berlin, Edy Contreras-Soto, age 29, of Whitewater, John Wargin, age 38, of Oak Creek, John Rivett, age 43, of Port Washington, Jessica Andrew, age 31, of Madison, Dennis Zemanovic, age 31, of Eagle, Marcio Giraldelli, age 23, of Hartford, Carly Mengeling, age 26, of Florida, and Milwaukee residents Anthony Summers, age 28, James Perkins, age 43, See Vue, age 23, Matthew Zupek, age 30, Evangelina Quinones, age 31, George Jackson, age 36, and Elicier Pagan-Sanchez, age 29.

Representative Jim Ott and Senator Alberta Darling have co-sponsored a bill in the Wisconsin Legislature to make it even tougher for drunken drivers to escape the consequences of their actions. We have enough laws to deter this behavior; the bill will prevent judges from finding loopholes in handing out stiffer sentences.

Sheriff Clarke said, "Some believe you can't arrest your way out of this problem. We're going to try until tougher consequences are set."

Deputies will STOP, TEST, and ARREST everyone suspected of impaired driving.

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