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Deputies Arrest Man for DUI-4th, Woman for Hit and Run DUI-3rd



Milwaukee, WI – A Milwaukee County sheriff's deputy responded to a 911 call reporting a possible drunken driver swerving in and out of traffic at about 3:00 a.m. today on northbound US Hwy 45 near Burleigh. The deputy observed the vehicle deviating lanes and stopped the driver on the W. Appleton Avenue off-ramp.

Kelly Tew, age 44, of Kenosha, said he was coming from Potawatomi Bingo Casino, 1721 W. Canal Street, Milwaukee, and when asked if he had been drinking, he said, "I had a little too much." His PBT registered .18, more than twice the legal limit. His prior convictions were in July 1996 in Virginia, May 1998 in Maryland, and September 2006 in Alaska. If convicted of this fourth offense, he faces up to one year in jail.

Last night just before 9:00 p.m., deputies responded to a call about a hit and run driver who rear-ended another vehicle on 1-94 eastbound at 121st Street. A witness followed the striking vehicle as it travelled southbound on I-894 and exited at 108th Street.

Deputies arrested the driver, Jessie Putnam, age 29, of Waukesha, for her third DUI (driving under the influence) after she blew a .16 on the PBT. The driver of the vehicle she struck was taken to West Allis Memorial Hospital for evaluation of head and back pain. Putnam faces up to six years in prison if convicted of the DUI-3rd Causing Injury. Her prior DUI arrests occurred in June 2006 and January 2008.

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