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## ***NEWS RELEASE***

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### **Wrong-way Drunken Driver Travels Nearly 15 Miles DUI-3<sup>rd</sup> Offender Drove from Milwaukee County, Stopped by Racine Deputies**



Milwaukee, WI – Yesterday at 11:00 p.m. MCSO dispatch reported a vehicle travelling southbound in the northbound lanes of I-43 at National Avenue. Multiple squads responded, and Racine County sheriff's deputies were notified.

A Racine County deputy headed northbound and intercepted the wrong-way driver near the county line. The subject pulled over, crashed into the median wall and attempted to back up and drive around the squad. The deputy used his squad to pin the vehicle against the wall.

The driver struck two median walls, one in the Plainfield curve and the other just north of Ryan Road, prior to being stopped.

Patrick Coffey, age 69, of New Berlin, had an intoximeter test result of .19. He said he had been drinking at Irish Fest. Coffey has two prior Driving Under the Influence (DUI) convictions from March 2001 and February 2011.

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**Coffey will be charged with a Class F felony Recklessly Endangering Safety, which carries a penalty of up to 12 ½ years in prison, DUI-3<sup>rd</sup> with up to 6 months imprisonment, and Operating with Prohibited Alcohol Concentration with a penalty of up to one year imprisonment.**

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