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Drunk Driver Had Eight Children in Car DUI-2nd Offender Also Arrested for Battery



Milwaukee, WI – On Saturday, August 17, at about 9:50 p.m., MCSO Communications received a 911 call regarding a potential Battery (DV-related) that occurred at Kern Park, 3614 N. Humboldt Boulevard in Milwaukee.

The responding deputies were told by the caller that his wife and several members of her side of the family battered him at Kern Park following an argument that he and his wife had following a family reunion taking place at the park. His wife was identified as Retha Mae McCoy, age 50, of Milwaukee. The caller and McCoy brought his eight grandchildren, ages 1, 3, 6, 8, 9, 11, 13 and 16, and dog with them to the party. The dog ran away, and sparked their argument.

McCoy was driving the complainant and his eight grandchildren after the reunion, pulled over in an area of the park where members of her family were located. Witnesses state she then hit her husband in the forehead, resulting in a cut. Four other members of McCoy's family joined in, knocking the victim to the ground and kicking and punching him.

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While he was being attacked, his eldest grandchild inside the car, attempted to help her grandfather and was struck in the face by an unidentified subject, causing swelling. The assailants fled in another vehicle driven by McCoy's nephew.

McCoy remained on the scene, and deputies detected alcohol on her breath during questioning. She was arrested for DUI-2nd with minor passengers in the vehicle and Battery – DV-related. Her intoximeter results were .09.

The parents of the children, from Chicago, picked up their children at the Patrol Substation after detectives determined they did not have any record of abuse reports and the Bureau of Child Welfare authorized their release.

If McCoy is convicted of the OWI 2nd with Minor Children, she faces a sentence of up to 6 months in custody. If convicted of the Battery (DV related), a Class A Misdemeanor, she faces up to 9 months in custody.

McCoy has an extensive criminal history and her previous DUI conviction was in October 2007.

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