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Wrong-way Drunken Driver Crashes, Flees Scene



Milwaukee, WI – At 2:10 a.m. today, sheriff's deputies were dispatched to locate a wrong-way driver who was reported to be traveling southbound in the northbound lanes of I-794 at Oklahoma Avenue. No vehicle was found on the freeway. A deputy attempted to stop a vehicle at 2:16 a.m. that was traveling southbound in the northbound lanes of Pennsylvania Avenue. The driver ignored the squad's lights and siren and sped away. The pursuit lasted 3.5 miles.

The driver, Jose Enrique Carattini-Alicea, age 21, of South Milwaukee, crashed into the woods near College Avenue and Lake Drive. Squads from Cudahy and South Milwaukee also responded to the scene. Carattini-Alicea fled into the woods, but was quickly taken into custody. His PBT result was .15, and he said he had been drinking at McGillicuddy's on Water Street in Milwaukee.

Upon release from Froedtert Hospital for a blood draw, Carattini-Alicea will be conveyed to the Milwaukee County Jail pending charges of Recklessly Endangering Safety, Fleeing and DUI-1st. If convicted of all charges, he faces up to 16 years in prison.

There is no TOC video on this incident. The squad was not video-equipped for dash cam.

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