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MSO Chorus Director Among Those Arrested for Lewd and Lascivious Behavior in County Parks Parks in all Corners of the County Affected by this Illegal Behavior



Lee E. Erickson



Jerome T. Kern



Kenneth C. Hunt



Mark O. Rustebakke



Thomas W. Utech



Jorge L. Cabal



Afzal I. Syed

Milwaukee, WI – The Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office received numerous complaints of sexual activity and solicitation taking place in county parks. In response to these complaints, Sheriff Clarke initiated an undercover operation with a goal of curbing and deterring illegal sexual activity in the parks, and seven arrests have been made in the past two weeks. Four more arrests were made today and are in the booking process. Information on these four will be noted in a future release.

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Sheriff Clarke commented on the issue of sexual activity and solicitation in the parks saying, “public spaces weren’t designed for this kind of activity. This is a quality of life issue. People want to enjoy their open air spaces in the parks without being solicited, assaulted or witnessing this type of behavior. The Sheriff’s Office responds to these complaints, and the arrests and public humiliation serve as a deterrent to others inclined to participate in this illegal sexual activity.”

Yesterday, an undercover sheriff’s deputy arrested Lee E. Erickson, age 58, of South Milwaukee, for Lewd and Lascivious Behavior after he followed the deputy into a bathroom at Grant Park along Milwaukee’s lakefront, exposed himself, and began masturbating in front of the officer. Erickson stated numerous times that he just wanted to be able to pay the fine and not have this go public or this would ruin his career. Erickson is the Chorus Director for the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra.

Also arrested yesterday in Whitnall Park for Lewd and Lascivious Behavior was Jerome T. Kern, age 75, of Brookfield. Kern has a 4th Degree Sexual Assault arrest from 2002.

On October 30, three arrests were made. Kenneth C. Hunt, age 63, of Shorewood, was arrested in Estabrook Park for misdemeanor Lewd and Lascivious Behavior. Two arrests for misdemeanor 4th Degree Sexual Assault were made in Underwood Park in Wauwatosa: Mark O. Rustebakke, age 47, of East Troy; and Thomas W. Utech, age 49, of Elm Grove.

Undercover deputies made two arrests for 4th Degree Sexual Assault in Whitnall Park in Greendale on October 23. Jorge L. Cabal, age 53, of Greendale; and Afzal I. Syed, age 43, of Milwaukee. Cabal has prior arrests for Lewd and Lascivious Behavior in 1998 and a 4th Degree Sexual Assault in 2007.

All subjects’ vehicles were towed following the arrests.

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