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Man in Stolen Vehicle Leads Deputies on Freeway Pursuit Crashes, Flees Scene, Deputies Find Him Hiding in Dumpster



Eugenio Hernandez - Photo from 2012 arrest

Milwaukee, WI – This morning at 9:24 a.m., the Sheriff's Office dispatch center aired a call of a reckless driver in a red Dodge pickup truck traveling northbound on I-894. A deputy located the vehicle at I-894 and Oklahoma Avenue, and observed the pickup truck weaving from lane to lane and sideswipe a semi-truck.

The driver refused to stop and led the deputy on a pursuit. Dispatch aired that it was a stolen vehicle, and other deputies responded to assist. Deputies found the car crashed into a tree and abandoned at S. 63rd Street and Orchard Street. Witnesses alerted deputies to the direction the driver had fled on foot. A deputy and detective found him hiding inside a dumpster a block east of the crash.

The driver was identified as Eugenio Hernandez, age 43, of Milwaukee. He complained of neck and back pain and was conveyed to Froedtert Hospital. A blood draw was taken to determine if he was intoxicated. Hernandez has two prior convictions for Operating Vehicle Without Owner's Consent.

The Sheriff's Office will pursue felony charges of Recklessly Endangering Safety and Fleeing/Eluding Officers.

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