



# Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
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### **Deputies Arrest 9 Drunken Drivers in Operation Drive Sober Wrong-way Driver on US-45 1278 Repeat Offenders Since January 2010**



Nathaniel Gonzalez-3<sup>rd</sup> Mark Richmond – 3<sup>rd</sup> Saulys Edmundas-3<sup>rd</sup> Michael Cox – wrong-way driver

Milwaukee, WI – Sheriff David A. Clarke Jr. has ordered a continued aggressive weekend Driving Under the Influence (DUI) initiative to rid the Milwaukee County freeway system of drunken drivers. This weekend's Operation Drive Sober initiative, from Friday at 4:00 p.m. through Sunday at 6:00 a.m., resulted in the arrest of nine drunken drivers. The average PBT result was .11.

Two subjects were arrested for DUI-3<sup>rd</sup> offense: Mark Richmond, age 31; and Saulys Edmundas, age 57, both from Milwaukee. Edmundas was involved in a crash.

First-time offenders were Milwaukee residents Leona Brown, age 39; Juan Trevino, age 18; Michael Cox, age 33; Craig Ward, age 43; Luis Romo Martinez, age 21; Lawrence Brown, age 31; and Greendale resident Todd Flashinski, age 37, for DUI/Drugs, who was involved in a crash.

#### **Repeat offender arrested earlier in the week:**

Earlier this week, another repeat offender was arrested for DUI-3<sup>rd</sup>: Nathaniel Gonzalez, age 33, of Franklin.

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## **Wrong-way Drunken Driver**

**On Saturday, March 14, at 3:07 a.m., deputies responded to calls about a wrong way driver northbound in the southbound lanes of US-45 at W. Florist Avenue. The vehicle pulled into the median distress lane, stopped, and then continued, traveling in several different lanes of traffic. A deputy spotted the vehicle at Good Hope Road, and used the emergency turn-around north of 124<sup>th</sup> Street to attempt to stop the vehicle, but the driver swerved into the median and around the squad. The driver stopped when another deputy used a spot light to signal him, and a Menomonee Falls police sergeant had positioned his squad to block the wrong way driver.**

**Michael L. Cox, age 33, of Milwaukee, was arrested for 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Recklessly Endangering Safety, Possession of a Controlled Substance 2<sup>nd</sup>/subsequent, Violation of Parole, and cited for DUI-1<sup>st</sup>, Driving Wrong Way on Divided Highway, and Operating without a License. Cox was too intoxicated to maintain consciousness for a PBT, and vomited at the scene and again in the back of the deputy's squad as he was being transported to Froedtert Medical Center.**

**DOT video exists of Cox entering the freeway at W. Silver Spring and along the route to the traffic stop, a distance of 3.1 miles. Video will be available early this week.**

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