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Operation Drive Sober Results in 7 Arrests DUI-7th and DUI-3rd Both Wrong-way Drivers 10th DUI Arrest Will be Charged as DUI-7th 1090 Repeat Offenders Since January 2010



Charles Hawes- DUI-7th Sherman Russell-DUI-3rd William Olson-DUI-2nd Xang Thao-DUI-1st/Gun

Milwaukee, WI – At the start of last year, Sheriff David A. Clarke Jr. ordered an aggressive weekend Driving Under the Influence (DUI) initiative to rid the Milwaukee County freeway system of drunken drivers.

This weekend's initiative from Friday at 4:00 p.m. through Sunday at 6:00 a.m. resulted in the arrest of seven drunken drivers, with three repeat offenders - two arrested for driving the wrong way on city streets. The average PBT result was .14.

This morning at 1:20 a.m., a deputy stopped a vehicle that was traveling westbound in the eastbound lanes of Clybourn Street near 16th Street. Charles Hawes, Jr., age 50, of Oconomowoc, had a PBT result of .14. There was a cooler in the front seat with cans of beer.

Hawes has eight prior DUI convictions: December 1982, June 1984, February 1986, September 1995, March 1996, July 1999, July 2006, and November 2006. He also has a pending DUI in warrant status in Michigan, making this his tenth arrest for drunken driving. Per the Milwaukee County District Attorney's Office, charges prior to 1989 can not be considered, and this offense will be charged as a DUI-7th. Hawes has 25 suspensions of his driving privileges on record with the state of Michigan.

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The Sheriff's Office is seeking felony charges of 2nd Degree Recklessly Endangering Safety and DUI-7th against Hawes, with a maximum penalty of up to 20 years in prison.

On Saturday, March 22, at 10:30 p.m., a deputy stopped a vehicle that was driving northbound in the southbound lanes of Swan Boulevard in Wauwatosa. Sherman Russell, age 56, of Milwaukee, had a PBT result of .19. Russell was arrested for OWI-3rd and 2nd Degree Recklessly Endangering Safety, a Class G felony. His prior convictions were in October 2001 and November 2003. If convicted of the DUI-3rd and RES charges, he faces up to 11 years in prison.

On Saturday, at 2:00 a.m., a deputy stopped a speeding vehicle on northbound US-41 near Wisconsin Avenue. The driver, Xang Thao, age 29, of Milwaukee, opened his glove box to show rental paperwork to the deputy, and the deputy saw a semiautomatic pistol in the glove compartment.

Thao was arrested for misdemeanor Endangering Safety by Use of a Dangerous Weapon and DUI-1st, and faces maximum jail sentence of up to nine months in jail. His PBT result was .13, and he admitted drinking at AMF Lanes, 10901 W. Lapham Avenue, in West Allis. A sober passenger, who was also listed on the rental agreement, was allowed to remove the vehicle from the scene.

William Olson, age 33, of Germantown, was arrested for a DUI—2nd offense.

First-time offenders cited were Chezare Misko, age 38, of Greenfield; Donna Gonzalez, age 21, of West Allis; and Jerrad Harris, age 33, of Milwaukee.

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