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Deputies Arrest Wrong-Way Drunken Driver Involved in Freeway Crash



Milwaukee, WI – Last night at 11:25 p.m., deputies responded to a 911 call about a wrong-way driver involved in a crash on I-43 westbound at the S. 76th Street off ramp. The Nissan Altima had struck a Mack dump truck.

Felipe J. Arriaga, age 32, of Milwaukee, entered the expressway eastbound on the westbound 76th Street off ramp. He nearly collided head-on with another car, and struck the dump truck with enough force to turn it around on the ramp. Arriaga sustained minor

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injuries and was transported to the hospital by Greenfield Medical Unit #91, treated and released to MCSO custody. The driver of the dump truck was not injured.

During a custodial search, Arriaga was found to be in possession of marijuana. Arriaga told deputies that he had been drinking at Mad Dog Saloon, 4395 S. 76th Street, Greenfield.

A witness stated that Arriaga's vehicle accelerated toward her at freeway speeds on the off ramp. She was able to swerve to avoid a collision. She had her infant son with her in the car, and they were not injured.

Arriaga faces potential charges of Possession of a Controlled Substance, Operating While Intoxicated – 1st, Operating without a Valid License, and three counts of Second Degree Recklessly Endangering Safety. If convicted on all counts, he faces up to 30 years in prison.

There is no DOT video of the crash.

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