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Media Advisory

Sheriff Applauds Judge in Stiff Sentence for Drunk Driver

Milwaukee (4:30 PM): Earlier today, in the case State of Wisconsin vs. Kevin B Hutchins Jr., Milwaukee County Case Number 2013CF004975, Milwaukee County Judge Glenn Yamahiro sentenced the 41 year old driver Kevin Hutchins to a period of incarceration in the Wisconsin State Prison System of 9 ½ years, followed by extended supervision of 5 additional years, on charges of 2nd-Degree Recklessly Endangering Safety, Vehicle Operator Fleeing / Eluding an Officer, and OWI Causing Injury in the October 2013 crash by Miller Park that injured 2 Deputy Sheriffs, and ended one of their careers.

This high profile case, in which the accused committed his third OWI offense and saw him become the 1,000th repeat drunk driver charged in the County since new, tougher laws went into effect in 2010, was aided greatly by the public's interest and the compelling footage of this high speed, deadly crash.

Statement from Sheriff Clarke: *"I applaud Judge Yamahiro for handing down a sentence of lengthy confinement in this matter, one befitting the seriousness of the crimes at hand, the injury suffered by my deputies, and the grave risk that this driver posed to all of the people of Milwaukee County on the night of October 29, 2013. For a 2-time convicted drunk driver to get loaded yet again, and careen around the freeway at more than twice the legal limit, proved that he had no regard for the deadly nature of that behavior and the danger he chose to inflict, again and again, on his fellow man. Mitigating that risk cost one of my officers his career. When Hutchins plead guilty to these crimes, I feared a soft sentence that might fail to reflect the danger of that night. The sentence handed down by Judge Yamahiro was fair, just, and might well cause Hutchins to change his life. But even if it doesn't, it will protect other motorists, and passengers, from suffering a similar fate (or worse) than my deputies suffered at his hands."*

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