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Sheriff's Orders Internal Investigation into MCSO Captain's Arrest for Drunken Driving in Minnesota

Milwaukee, WI – On Sunday, at 2:30 a.m., a police officer in Red Wing, Minnesota, stopped a vehicle because it did not have tail lights on. The driver, MCSO Captain Catherine Trimboli, age 41, was arrested for OWI-1st, a misdemeanor in Minnesota.

At the scene, Trimboli initially refused the PBT, showed her sheriff's office credentials and asked to be let go as a "professional courtesy," since she was only blocks from her hotel. A supervising officer came to the scene and Trimboli agreed to perform the PBT. The result of the PBT was .14.

Trimboli was booked and released. If convicted, she faces up to 90 days in jail. She has been relieved of her command duty and placed on administrative duty.

Statement from Sheriff Clarke:

"This behavior coming from a command officer runs contrary to our adamant message of the dangers of impaired driving. We demand that the public not engage in this behavior. That same message applies to those of us who are enforcing that standard. In fact, a higher standard applies here to law enforcement officers.

Showing her badge and asking to be given a pass aggravated this already bad situation.

After the adjudication of the case in Minnesota and the internal investigation here that I have ordered, this captain will be held accountable and dealt with in an appropriate fashion."

The sheriff will be available for comment at 3:00 p.m. today at the Sheriff's Office Operation Center, Safety Building Room 209.

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