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Fatal Crash on US-45 Caused by Reckless Driver – Faces Two Felony Charges



Charles Jones

Milwaukee, WI – Yesterday, at 2:21 p.m., MCSO dispatch received reports of a rollover crash on US-45 southbound near Watertown Plank Road/Mayfair Road. When deputies arrived, a Good Samaritan, who was a nurse, was with the driver of the Dodge Ram who had been ejected when the pickup truck rolled over.

The man, identified as Dennis E. Meyer, age 54, of Milwaukee, was pronounced dead at the scene. His passenger, a 27-year-old male, was also ejected and was admitted to the hospital with serious injuries which were not life-threatening. Neither the driver nor passenger were wearing a seatbelt.

Witnesses reported that the driver of a Buick LeSabre, Charles J. Jones, age 45, of Milwaukee, was changing lanes and passing in traffic recklessly, when the vehicle lost control and went across all lanes of traffic, striking the Dodge Ram, causing it to roll over. Jones said he was on his way to a doctor's appointment. He was not driving impaired.

Sheriff's Office detectives are seeking two felony charges against Jones: Homicide by Negligent Operation of Vehicle and 1st Degree Reckless Endangering Safety. If convicted, he faces up to 22 ½ years in prison.

The full-freeway closure of US-45 southbound lasted approximately 5 ½ hours while deputies reversed traffic off the freeway, cleared the scene and conducted the crash scene investigation.

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