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Deputies Arrest Wrong Way Drunken Driver – OWI-3rd



Drago Jovanovic – OWI-3rd

Milwaukee, WI – Yesterday, at about 6:05 p.m., deputies responded to a two car crash in traffic on I-94 northbound just south of Ryan Road. Deputies arrived to find two vehicles that were substantially damaged and with airbag deployment. One driver was transported to Froedtert as a precaution.

Both drivers indicated a vehicle had come across the freeway and into their lanes of traffic in the wrong direction, causing the crash and failing to remain at the scene. Other witnesses indicated the wrong way driver got on the freeway from the northbound Ryan Road off ramp heading south in the northbound lanes. Parts of the striking vehicle were left at the crash scene.

Oak Creek Police Department notified county dispatch that they potentially had the striking vehicle and driver in their custody based on the BOLO (be on the lookout) MCSO released. An off duty Oak Creek officer saw Jovanovic sitting at the entrance to their police station.

The driver, Drago Jovanovic, age 61, of Greenfield, said he had been drinking at his cousin's house but did not recall the crash. Deputies performed field sobriety tests, and Jovanovic tested .158. He was arrested for OWI-3rd Causing Injury, and two counts of 2nd Degree Recklessly Endangering Safety. His previous OWI convictions occurred in May 2003 and August 2008. He faces up to 26 years in prison if convicted.

Acting -Sheriff Richard Schmidt said, "Once again we have a reckless repeat drunk driver who couldn't care less about destroying property or people's lives. We will continue to relentlessly pursue these offenders until the drinking-and-driving culture changes."

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