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Deputies Arrest Man After Crash for OWI-1st with Child in Vehicle



Milwaukee, WI – Sheriff's deputies responded to a two-car crash on I-43 northbound at Hampton Avenue in Glendale at 8:00 a.m. today.

According to witness accounts, a vehicle was traveling "all over the road and speeding" when it clipped the back of another vehicle and spun out into a ditch and struck a chain link fence.

Deputies determined that the driver, Matthew Galloway Patterson, age 36, of Mequon, was impaired by both drugs and alcohol. He had a five-year-old passenger in the vehicle with him. Patterson tested a .07 on a PBT. He faces a misdemeanor charge of OWI-1st with a Minor Child in Vehicle and Operating with Restricted Controlled Substance. If convicted, he faces a penalty of up to 12 months in jail.

No injuries were reported in the crash. Child Protective Services responded and the child was picked up by a relative.

Acting Sheriff Richard Schmidt said, "Accountability for reckless and impaired driving is an absolute mandate. Driving drunk with a child in the vehicle is categorically irresponsible and dangerous. Join me in changing the culture of drinking and driving. There are too many impaired drivers on the road who jeopardize the lives of their passengers, other motorists and innocent children. Enough!!"

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