



## Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office **NEWS RELEASE**

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### Deputies Arrest Woman for OWI-1<sup>st</sup> After Freeway Hit and Runs



Milwaukee, WI – Last night, at about 8:45 p.m., dispatch received a call about a possible drunk driver who was weaving across all lanes of traffic on I-43 southbound near Capitol Drive. The witness initially saw the vehicle behind him near Silver Spring when it struck a wall, and continued to follow and give the vehicle's plate and location. The driver struck a semi-truck and continued until exiting at Lapham Street.

Deputies arrived at the vehicle owner's address. The front door was open, and children, ages 9 and 10, inside were yelling, "Mom!" They found the mother passing out in the bathroom. Milwaukee Fire emergency personnel responded and Child Protective Services was contacted. CPS allowed the children to stay at the home with an 18-year-old brother contacted by deputies who had earlier been babysitting them.

Deanna M. Andrade, age 37, of Milwaukee, tested a .147 on a Preliminary Breath Test. She admitted to driving, but did not remember crashing into anything. She said she was drinking beer from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at The Bridge Bar in Grafton.

Sheriff Schmidt said, "In this incident, children were left alone while the parent parties, drives drunk, hits and runs, collapses at home, gets arrested in front of her children - what an example NOT to follow! The disregard of the laws for driving drunk exceeded the fear of getting caught. The epidemic of drunk driving is resulting in lost lives, seriously injured people, property damage and children suffering. How about making the fear of the penalties of getting caught greater than the selfish ease of breaking the law. What do you think? Call your legislators."

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