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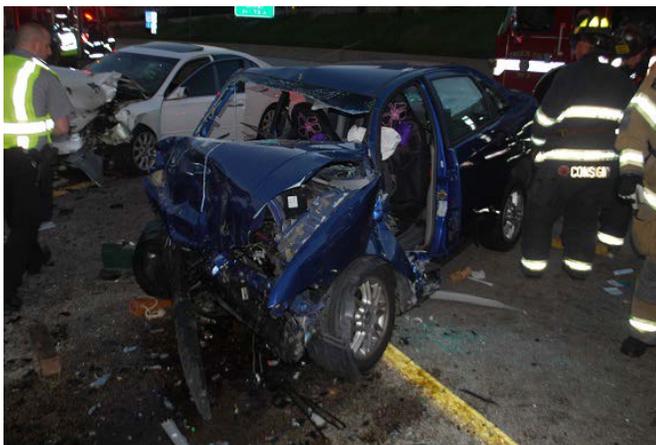


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### Update: Wrong-way Drunken Driver Causes Head-on Collision on Freeway



Milwaukee, WI – Yesterday, at 4:30 a.m., a wrong way driver entered I-43 northbound from the Fond du Lac exit ramp and struck another vehicle head on at I-43 northbound and Wells Street.

Chaze Biami, age 36, of Milwaukee, tested a .14 on the PBT. He did not have a valid driver's license, and was driving a white Lexus. Biami was transported to the hospital by a Milwaukee Fire and Med unit for lacerations and a fractured ankle. He could not remember where he had been drinking, only that he was drinking Patrón.

A 28-year-old woman from Stagger, Illinois, driving a Ford Escort, was struck head-on by Biami's vehicle. She was initially found to be pulseless and not breathing, and had to be extricated from the vehicle. She was resuscitated at the scene by MFD and transported to Froedtert Hospital with serious injuries, to include broken ribs, kidney hematoma, fractured right arm, fractures of both legs, and injury to her right lung.

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**Two children were in the vehicle and restrained in booster seats. The 5-year-old girl suffered lacerations, pelvic and internal injuries. The 8-year-old girl had a broken collarbone, lacerations, and internal injuries.**

**Biami faces the following felony charges, which carry up to 88 years in prison if convicted:**

**3 counts – DUI/Cause Great Bodily Harm**

**3 counts – Operating While Suspended/Cause Great Bodily Harm**

**3 counts – 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree RES/Cause Injury**

**1 count – 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree RES**

**He also received citations for DUI-1<sup>st</sup> offense and Drive Wrong Way on Divided Highway.**

**The northbound freeway was shut down at the Marquette interchange for approximately three hours for the crash investigation.**

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