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Sheriff Schmidt Orders High Visibility Patrols on I-43

Milwaukee, WI – In response to thuggish shootings on I-43 this past week, Acting Sheriff Richard Schmidt has ordered high visibility saturation patrols in that area effective immediately.

Sheriff Schmidt said, "Our freeway system is not for outlaw behavior! Criminals who disregard the safety of others will be tracked down and incarcerated! You have my word, and the resources of the Sheriff's Office."

Detectives are actively working on two open investigations regarding two recent freeway shootings. Summary of those incidents:

Yesterday, at about 4:50 p.m., deputies responded to a call about a shooting on I-43 southbound between Hampton Avenue and Capitol Drive. One man was shot and transported to the hospital for reportedly non-life threatening injuries. Investigators are searching for a known suspect. The southbound freeway was shut down between Silver Spring and North Avenue for about three and half hours while deputies canvassed the freeway for evidence.

On Monday, September 25, at 1:40 p.m., deputies responded to reports of shots fired on the freeway at northbound I-43 near Walnut Street.

Witness accounts indicate an occupant of one vehicle was shooting at a target vehicle. A southbound vehicle was struck by a bullet, and another northbound vehicle was struck by one of the subject vehicles as it fled. No injuries were reported.

The northbound freeway was closed to traffic while deputies and detectives canvassed for evidence. They recovered 19 shell casings in their search. Witness descriptions of the vehicles involved do not provide specific models, but one is described as a dark red or maroon SUV, and the other as a dark red sedan.

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