



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

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### Wrong-way Driver Crashes into Light Poles on I-794



Andrew Doubek – OWI-2<sup>nd</sup>/Drugs

Milwaukee, WI – Saturday, January 13 at about 6:20 p.m., dispatch aired a report of a vehicle heading southbound in the northbound raised median lane on I-794 between E. Oklahoma Avenue and E. Howard Avenue before crashing into six light poles. The driver was passed out behind the wheel and treated by Bell Ambulance emergency technicians.

The driver, Andrew J. Doubek, age 27, of Saint Francis, was administered three Narcan injections to resuscitate him. Doubek was arrested for OWI-2<sup>nd</sup>/Drugs. His prior conviction was in January 2008. He was transported to the hospital by an MFD Paramedic Unit, and refused to consent to a blood draw. A search warrant was executed for the on-call judge's signature.

Doubek is currently on parole for a 2009 Manufacture/Deliver Heroin case and 2012 Possession of Narcotic Drugs case.

Acting Sheriff Richard Schmidt said, "once again we see the havoc and potentially catastrophic results this opioid epidemic is having on our society. A culture change is needed based on the horrific documentation of 368 drug-related deaths in Milwaukee County in 2017. In this incident, it is only fortunate that this man did not crash into oncoming traffic and kill any innocent motorists."

Doubek faces charges of OWI-2<sup>nd</sup>/Drugs and Recklessly Endangering Safety. If convicted, he faces up to 13 years in prison.

The freeway was closed for about one half hour while light poles were removed, and fully reopened by 7:10 p.m.

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