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Operation Drive Sober Results in 12 Arrests OWI-4th Crash in Freeway Construction Zone; Wrong-way Driver; OWI-1st with Child in Vehicle 1879 Repeat Offenders Since January 2010



Jeffrey Kazinski-OWI-4th



Durone Gray-OWI-3rd



Caitlin Butcher-RES



Joseph Garstecki-RES



Sherry Greene-OWIw/minor

Milwaukee, WI – Acting Sheriff Richard R. Schmidt ordered an aggressive Operating While Intoxicated (OWI- drugs and/or alcohol) initiative to rid the Milwaukee County freeway system of intoxicated drivers. This past weekend's Operation Drive Sober initiative from Friday at 4:00 p.m. through 6:00 a.m. Monday, resulted in the arrest of 12 drivers. The average PBT test results were .16.

Two repeat-offenders were arrested: Jeffrey Kazinski, age 51, of Eagle, for OWI-4th and Recklessly Endangering Safety; and Durone Gray, age 23, of Racine, for OWI-3rd. Three first-time offenders face additional charges: Caitlin Butcher, age 29, of Menomonee Falls, Recklessly Endangering Safety for wrong-way driving; Joseph Garstecki, age 57, of Wauwatosa, Recklessly Endangering Safety; and Sherry Greene, age 54, of Milwaukee, for OWI-1st with Passenger Under 16.

First-time offenders were Jacilyn Williams, age 29, of Kenosha; Brody Chamberlin, age 24, of Kenosha; and Milwaukee residents: Korrine Reyes, age 29; Jackson Fox, age 23; Ronald Parker, age 27; Hayla Jones, age 26; and Erica Ramirez, age 24.

Acting Sheriff Richard Schmidt said, "Wrong-way drunk drivers, intoxicated drivers with alcohol and drugs in their system and transporting children in their cars, and the all too frequent 'I just didn't think I would get caught attitude' are keeping our deputies busy making arrests. We will keep finding and arresting those failing to drive sober. Have you had enough of this dangerous behavior? Join me in changing the culture."

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OWI-4th and 2ND Degree Recklessly Endangering Safety



On Saturday, February 24, shortly after 2:30 a.m., dispatch was notified of a driver that had crashed into an active construction zone in a closed lane on I-894 southbound between National Avenue and Oklahoma Avenue. Responding squads found that a vehicle had struck a large trailer-type generator that was attached to a work truck. Workers at the scene came close to being struck by the vehicle, but none were injured. The driver of the vehicle needed to be transported to the hospital for his injuries.

Jeffrey A. Kazinski, age 51, of Eagle, was arrested for OWI-4th offense and 2nd Degree Recklessly Endangering Safety, both felony charges. He tested a .19 on a PBT and had a BAC restriction of .02 on his driver's license. His prior OWI convictions were in September 1989, February 1993, and October 1997.

Wrong-way Drunken Driver

On Saturday, February 24, at about 6:50 p.m., deputies received a report of a driver passed out behind the wheel of a vehicle on the I-794 southbound off ramp at E. Layton Avenue. As squads neared the scene, they encountered a wrong-way driver traveling westbound in the eastbound lanes of E. Layton Avenue, who narrowly missed striking two squads before correcting to the right direction of travel.

The driver, Caitlin Butcher, age 29, of Menomonee Falls blew a .22 on a PBT was arrested for OWI-1st and 2nd Degree Recklessly Endangering Safety (RES) and cited for Operating Without a License and Driving Wrong Way on a Divided Street. She was transported to the hospital for medical evaluation after complaining of abdominal pain. Butcher faces up to 10 years in prison if convicted on the RES charge.

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Wrong-way Drunken Driver

On Sunday, February 25, at about 2:30 a.m., deputies responded to a report of a wrong way driver headed northbound in the southbound lanes of I-41/US-45 at Bluemound Road. The vehicle exited at Capitol Drive and went south on 124th Street. It had travelled 4.6 miles in the wrong direction on the freeway. Deputies found the vehicle on N.118th Street where the driver admitted to operating the wrong way on the freeway after having “a few beers” at a bar in West Allis. Joseph Garstecki, age 57, of Wauwatosa, tested a .226 on a PBT and was cited for OWI-1st and arrested for 2nd Degree Recklessly Endangering Safety, a felony which carries a term of up to 10 years in prison. He was also cited for Driving Wrong Way on Divided Highway.

OWI-1st with Passenger Under Age 16 in Vehicle

On Sunday, February 25 at about 2:00 a.m., a deputy saw a vehicle deviating lanes on I-94 eastbound near the zoo interchange. Sherry Greene, age 54, of Milwaukee, performed poorly on field sobriety tests, and refused to submit to a Preliminary Breath Test or a blood draw. A search warrant was obtained for a blood draw and Greene was taken into custody for OWI-1st with Passenger Under Age 16. An 11-year-old child was in the vehicle with her. Greene faces up to six months in jail if convicted.

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