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Deputies, Police Dispatched to Stop Hit & Run Drunken Driver Man had 4-year-old child in vehicle



Milwaukee, WI – Yesterday, at about 4:15 p.m., dispatch received several calls from motorists saying they had been struck by a black Toyota on I-41 northbound near Mayfair Road. One of the motorists followed the fleeing vehicle and saw the car strike a barrier wall at Capitol Drive and continue driving with a flat right front tire until exiting at Appleton Avenue.

Menomonee Falls police and Waukesha County sheriffs were notified. Menomonee Falls located the vehicle, which did not stop, and they deployed stop sticks. The vehicle, now with three flat tires, stopped near County Line Road. Milwaukee County sheriff's deputies arrived on scene and detected an odor of alcohol on the driver's breath. A four-year-old child was in the back seat, restrained in a child seat.

Steven P. Swieciak, age 36, of Waukesha, tested a .147 on a PBT. MCSO handled the OWI-3rd with Passenger Under Age 16 in Vehicle arrest of Swieciak and took him into custody based on the incident beginning in Milwaukee County. His prior OWI convictions were in September 2009 and August 2015. He will also be charged with Hit and Run, a misdemeanor. Further charges are anticipated from the Menomonee Falls Police Department, and they took custody of the child and turned him over to Child Protective Services. If convicted on both charges, Swieciak faces up to four years confinement.

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Acting Sheriff Richard Schmidt said, “This man displayed a total disregard for life, including that of a four-year-old child in his car. He imperiled countless other lives on the freeway, striking vehicles and barrier walls without stopping. We will hunt these reckless, careless, intoxicated drivers down and put them where they belong – in JAIL! ENOUGH!”

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