



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

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
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## **Deputies Arrest 9 in Operation Drive Sober Couple fighting cause rollover crash**



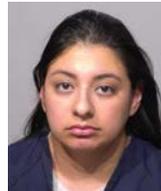
Stewart-OWI-3<sup>rd</sup>



Peschong-OWI-3<sup>rd</sup>



Scott-OWI-3<sup>rd</sup>



Garcia-OWI-2<sup>nd</sup>



Smith-OWI-2<sup>nd</sup>



Leannais – felony RES

Milwaukee, WI – Sheriff Richard R. Schmidt continues 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 nine drunken drivers. The average PBT test results were .13.

Five repeat offenders were arrested: Marc Stewart, age 58, of Mount Pleasant, for OWI-3<sup>rd</sup>; Thomas Peschong, age 66, of Cedarburg, for OWI-3<sup>rd</sup>; Walter Scott, age 44, of Milwaukee, for OWI-3<sup>rd</sup>; Jonathan Smith, age 26, of Milwaukee, for OWI-2<sup>nd</sup>; and Erica Garcia, age 26, of Racine, for OWI-2<sup>nd</sup>.

First-time offenders taken into custody for OWI-1<sup>st</sup> were: Tucker Goeden, age 28, of Milwaukee; Christopher Rogers, age 37, of Brookfield; Nadia Asiedu-Baah, age 25, of West Allis; and Rebecca Dietmeyer, age 46, of Wauwatosa.

### **Couple arguing cause rollover crash**

On Saturday, December 15, deputies responded to a two-vehicle crash on I-41/US-45 northbound at Swan Boulevard, just before 1:00 a.m. One of the vehicles was on its roof in traffic and both were severely damaged. When deputies arrived on scene, the two occupants of a Ford Escape were outside the vehicle arguing, and the four occupants of the GMC were climbing out of the overturned vehicle.

According to statements given by those involved, the Ford Escape veered suddenly at the GMC, causing the driver to swerve into the barrier wall in an attempt to avoid a collision.

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**The driver of the Ford Escape, Rebecca Dietmeyer, said she was arguing with her passenger, who then yanked the steering wheel, causing them to swerve into the Ford Escape and hit the barrier wall. Dietmeyer registered a .128 on a PBT and was taken into custody for OWI-1<sup>st</sup>. Her passenger, Joshua P. Leannais, age 39, of Wauwatosa, was arrested for 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Recklessly Endangering Safety (RES) and Disorderly Conduct with a Domestic Violence enhancer. If convicted, Leannais faces up to 12 years and 9 months in prison.**

**No one claimed any injuries in the crash, but one woman was taken to the hospital for observation due to her pregnancy.**

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