



# Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office

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### **Deputies Arrest 12 in Operation Drive Sober OWI-1<sup>st</sup> with children in vehicle 2021 Repeat Offenders Since January 2010**



Edwaljer Coats – OWI-3<sup>rd</sup> Iris Arevalo – OWI-2<sup>nd</sup> Earl McCune III OWI-w Children in Vehicle

Milwaukee, WI – Sheriff Richard R. Schmidt continues an aggressive Operating While Intoxicated (OWI- drugs and/or alcohol) initiative to rid the Milwaukee County free way 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 drunken drivers. The average PBT test results were .15.

Two repeat-offenders were arrested: Edwaljer Coats, age 32, of West Allis, for OWI-3<sup>rd</sup>/Resisting and Obstructing, and Iris Arevalo, age 33, of Milwaukee, for OWI-2<sup>nd</sup>/Disorderly Conduct.

Ten first-time offenders were taken into custody: Shonte Rush, age 31, of Racine; Ali Holmes, age 32, of Brookfield; Kaeden Peterson, age 25, of South Milwaukee; and Milwaukee residents: Earl McCune III, age 32; Jonathan Torres-Bonilla, age 30; Austin Pettigrew, age 22; Miguel Collazo Rodriguez, age 37; Adam Reed, age 38; Shannon Dotson, age 38; and Efrain Sanchez Diaz, age 52.

**OWI-1<sup>st</sup> with Minor Children in Vehicle; Resisting/Obstructing Officer**  
On Saturday, November 24 at about 5:30 p.m., a deputy saw a speeding vehicle on 27<sup>th</sup> Street near Lisbon Avenue and stopped the vehicle near Hadley Street. The deputy detected a strong odor of alcohol and administered field sobriety tests.

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**Earl L. McCune III, age 32, tested a .257 on a PBT. Two children, ages 12 and 6, were in the vehicle. McCune attempted to flee when the deputy began to place him in handcuffs, requiring the deputy to take him to the ground. The Bureau of Child Welfare released the children to their legal guardian.**

**A criminal history check revealed that McCune was released from prison on September 14, 2018 for 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Sexual Assault of a Child. He is on parole for life. The State of Wisconsin was notified of McCune's violations of being with children unsupervised and driving while impaired. McCune faces charges of OWI-1<sup>st</sup> with Child in Vehicle/x2 and Resisting/Obstructing an Officer. If convicted on these charges, he faces up to 21 months in jail.**

### **OWI-3<sup>rd</sup>, Resisting/Obstructing Officer**

**On Saturday, November 24, at about 9:45 p.m., a deputy responded to a one-car crash on I-94 westbound near General Mitchell Blvd. The car was off the freeway in a grassy ditch. Milwaukee Fire Engine 32 responded to medically assess the operator. Coats attempted to leave the scene and walk in traffic. State Patrol squads and additional MCSO squads responded to assist. The man walked to the overpass above Mitchell Blvd. and said he wanted to hurt himself as he straddled the bridge wall. He came back over the wall to deputies and officers, but became combative.**

**Edwaljer Coats Jr., age 32, of West Allis, refused to submit to the field sobriety tests and was taken to the hospital for a legal blood draw, requiring a search warrant signed by a judge. Coats had two prior OWI convictions out of state in February 2015 and April 2017. He faces charges of OWI-3<sup>rd</sup> and Resisting/Obstructing, a Class A misdemeanor. If convicted of both charges, he faces up to 1 year and 9 months in jail.**

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