Large Number of Drunks Took to the Road and Ended up In Sheriff's Squads

Operation Drive Sober Results in 16 Arrests

1864 Repeat Offenders Since January 2010

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 16 drunken drivers. The average PBT test results were .15.

Sheriff Schmidt said, “I keep stating the obvious that we are going to find reckless intoxicated drivers and arrest them. 16 drivers this past weekend didn't listen and took a ride to jail. Change the culture and avoid the catastrophic consequences of intoxicated driving!

One subject was arrested for a felony OWI-4th offense: Bryan Cornell, age 33, of Hartland. Details of his arrest are below. Six individuals were arrested for OWI-2nd offense: Carl Crawford, age 27, of Germantown; Chad Gibbs, age 26, Oakland, Michigan; and Milwaukee residents: Kenneth Tibbits, age 27; Thomas Scholz, age 49; Ishmal Vaughn, age 25; and Theodore Thames, age 30.

First-time offenders taken into custody were: Rachel Roskopf, age 22, of Menomonee Falls; Thomas Burkhardt, age 28, of Gurnee, IL; Sarah Evans, age 20, of Pewaukee; Floriberto Dominguez-Reyes, age 31, of Butler; Sara Mapes, age 39, of Whitefish Bay; and Milwaukee residents: Michele Wells, age 31; Mario Street-Diaz, age 45; Jacqueline Bullock-Miller, age 53; and Roberto Robles-Sanchez, age 32.

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Felony-OWI-4th

On Saturday, January 27, at about 2:15 a.m., a deputy attempted to stop a vehicle for lane deviation and slow speed on I-94 westbound at General Mitchell Blvd. The operator continued at approximately 20 mph, exiting at Hawley Road and stopped in traffic southbound on Hawley Rd. underneath the I-94 overpass.

Bryan D. Cornell, age 31, of Hartland performed poorly on field sobriety tests and was arrested for OWI-4th offense. Cornell has three prior convictions for OWI from July 2007, January 2009 and September 2011. The only statement Cornell made was, “I’m drunk, and I’m not telling you anything else.”

Cornell faces a felony OWI-4th charge which carries up to six years imprisonment. He also received a citation for Failure to Yield/Stop for Emergency Vehicle.

Resisting/Obstructing Officer – OWI-2nd

On Saturday, January 27, at about 11:50 p.m., a deputy stopped a vehicle for unsafe lane deviation in the 2800 block of North 1st Street in Milwaukee. The driver, Carl C. Crawford, age 27, of Milwaukee, tested a .12 on a PBT. The deputy called for backup when Crawford resisted being put in handcuffs. As a second deputy arrived, Crawford attempted to flee on foot, but was apprehended. He continued to resist as he was placed in the squad. MFD medical personnel responded to treat him for a small laceration he received from striking his forehead during the altercation.

Crawford was convicted of OWI-1st in July 2012. He was out on bail on two current court cases, one from Waukesha County for possession of THC and Operate after Revocation, and another from Milwaukee County for Battery, Bail Jumping-Misdemeanor and Disorderly Conduct.

Crawford faces charges of OWI-2nd offense, Resisting or Obstructing an Officer, Operating after Revocation, Possession of Schedule IV Controlled Substance, and two counts of Bail Jumping-Misdemeanor. If convicted on all counts, he faces up to four years and 6 months in prison. He also was cited for Unsafe Lane Deviation and Display False Registration Plates.

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