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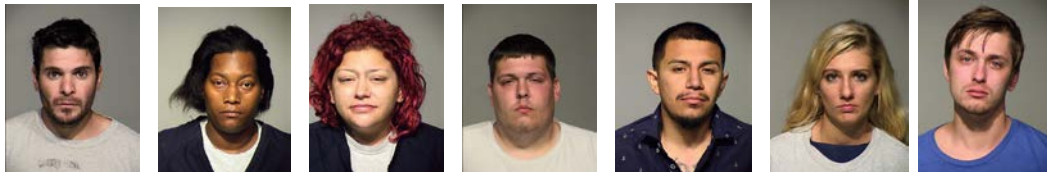
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Sheriff's Office Memorial Day Weekend Activity Operation Drive Sober Nets 13 Drunken Drivers Wrong-way Driver, Two with Minor Children in Vehicle 1757 Repeat Offenders Since January 2010



Anthony Buttita Vieta Caldwell Danielle Flores Ryan Pierce Juan Valdivia Erika Martin Tyler Stuck
DUI-3rd, wrong way DUI-2nd/minors DUI-1st/minors DUI-3rd DUI-3rd DUI-2nd DUI-2nd

Milwaukee, WI – Sheriff David A. Clarke Jr. ordered a continued and aggressive Driving Under the Influence (DUI) initiative to rid the Milwaukee County freeway system of drunken drivers. This weekend's Operation Drive Sober initiative, from Friday at 4:00 p.m. through today at 6:00 a.m., resulted in the arrest of 13 drunken drivers. The average PBT result was .14.

Three people were arrested for DUI-3rd, two for DUI-2nd, one for DUI-2nd with minor children in vehicle, and one for DUI-1st with minor children in vehicle. One of those arrested for DUI-3rd was also a wrong-way driver on the freeway.

Repeat offenders arrested for DUI-3rd offense were Anthony Buttita, age 33, of Milwaukee; Ryan Pierce, age 26, of Burlington; and Juan Valdivia, age 26, of West Allis. Three drunk drivers were arrested for DUI-2nd: Erika Martin, age 26, of West Bend; Tyler Stuck, age 22, of West Allis; and Vieta Caldwell, age 34, of Milwaukee.

First-time offenders taken into custody were: Steven Pitzl, age 25, of Milwaukee; Kayla Kautza, age 23, of Franklin; Robert Rose, age 22, of Milwaukee; Adam Freitag, age 29, of Kenosha; Patrick Garvin, age 28, of Milwaukee; Danielle Flores, age 27, of Oak Creek; and Andre Davis, age 51, of Milwaukee.

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Wrong-way driver:

On May 30, 2017, just before 2:00 a.m., deputies responded to a report of a wrong-way driver driving westbound in the eastbound lanes of I-94, from S. 84th Street. A deputy saw and stopped a vehicle traveling eastbound down the westbound S. 84th Street on-ramp.

Anthony N. Buttitta, age 33, of Milwaukee, showed signs of being impaired by drugs. He was sweating profusely, fidgety and displayed signs of paranoia. Buttitta admitted to taking Adderall, Gabapentin, and Suboxone and was arrested for DUI-3rd offense and 2nd Degree Recklessly Endangering Safety. If convicted of both charges, he faces up to 11 years in prison. His previous DUI arrests were in August 2009 and March 2010. There is no STOC video.

Drunken drivers with minor children in vehicle:

On Sunday, May 28, at 1:00 a.m., a deputy stopped a van he saw deviating from its lane of traffic on I-43 northbound at Walnut Street.

Vieta L. Caldwell, age 34, of Milwaukee, tested .13 on a PBT and was arrested for DUI-2nd offense. There were four passengers in the van, all juveniles, ages 3 months, five, eleven, and thirteen years old. Caldwell will also be charged with OWI-2nd W/child passenger under 16 years old. A relative of the children picked the children up at the MCSO Patrol Sub-station at 2:30 a.m. Caldwell faces up to one year and 90 days in jail, if convicted.

On Sunday, May 28, at about 6:00 p.m., witnesses reported a driver who appeared to be falling asleep behind the wheel on I-94 westbound at 68th Street. The car veered and crashed into the guardrail. Danielle Flores, age 27, of Oak Creek, was taken into custody for DUI-1st/Drugs. Flores was combative with deputies at the scene. A seven-year-old child in the car was turned over to a relative per Child Protective Services.

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