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Deputies Apprehend Man After Freeway and Foot Pursuit 456 Citations Issued on Saturation Patrols



Milwaukee, WI – Yesterday, at 7:50 a.m., a deputy traveling northbound on I-43 approaching the Marquette Interchange was dangerously tailgated and then passed at a high rate of speed. The reckless driver failed to stop when the deputy attempted to pull him over, and exited on westbound Capitol Drive. The pursuit continued on city streets, and ended just after 8:00 a.m. in an alley on 21st and Cornell streets when the vehicle struck a utility pole and the driver fled the scene on foot.

Deputies set up a perimeter and found the subject, Brion D. Freeman, age 20, of Milwaukee, hiding between houses in the 4300 block of N. 18th Street.

The vehicle came back as stolen on July 2. The Sheriff's Office will be pursuing charges of Operating Auto Without Owner's Consent, and Fleeing and Eluding, which carry a total of 7 years imprisonment, if convicted. Freeman also received citations for Reckless Driving, Unreasonable/Imprudent Speed, and Operating While Suspended.

The 11-minute pursuit covered a distance of just over 11 miles.

Sheriff Schmidt said, "Horrendous speeds and outlandish, aggressive driving are on the radar of our deputies. The citizens of Milwaukee County have had it with this senseless, dangerous driving. Stay out of the radar sights by Slowing Down, Driving Sober, and Staying Alive!"

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Last week, from 06/28/18 to 07/04/18, 456 traffic citations were issued, 304 for speeding:

11-15 mph over:	8	30-34 mph over:	11
16-19 mph over:	77	35-39 mph over:	3
20-24 mph over:	117	Unreasonable/Imprudent Speed:	47
25-29 mph over:	41		

Crashes YTD – 2498; 5 fatalities OWI arrests YTD: 459 OWI (40 were OWI/Drugs)

The focus of the saturation patrols is to reduce crashes, serious injury and property damage, and is not based on generating revenue. Construction zone safety is also compromised by speeding, reckless drivers. Motorists need to obey Wisconsin's MOVE OVER LAW, moving over a lane for emergency vehicles and tow trucks, or slowing to under 40 mph if unable to safely change lanes.

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