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Operation Drive Sober Results in 6 Arrests Drunken Driver Crashes on Freeway- Injuring 5-year-old Child in Vehicle 1788 Repeat Offenders Since January 2010



Adonis Arms- DUI-5th Michael Weathersby- DUI-2nd, minor in vehicle

Milwaukee, WI – Sheriff David A. Clarke Jr. ordered a continued an 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 six drunken drivers. The average PBT test results were .13.

Two repeat offenders were arrested: Adonis Arms, age 47, of Milwaukee, for DUI-5th, and Michael Weathersby, age 35, of Chicago, for DUI-2nd with Minor Child in Vehicle. Details of their arrests below.

Four first-time offenders were taken into custody: Barry Gardner, age 55, of Waukesha; Colin Laskowski, age 21, of Glendale; Victory Simmons, age 53, of Milwaukee; and Richard Hinz, age 46, of East Troy.

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DUI-5th - Serious rollover crash –



On Saturday August 26, at 02:45 a.m., dispatch advised that a Milwaukee Police Department (MPD) squad was on scene at northbound HWY-145 at N. 76th Street for a one car rollover crash, and the lone occupant was trapped inside the vehicle but alert. Sheriff's deputies and multiple Milwaukee Fire Department (MFD) personnel arrived on scene, and MPD personnel assisted with traffic control.

A red 1997 Mercury Mountaineer sports utility vehicle was resting on top of the barrier wall alongside a pillar for the N. 76th Street bridge. It had severe damage to all areas of the vehicle.

Tire marks indicated the SUV went down the median embankment from N. 76th Street alongside northbound Hwy-145. It struck a fence, became airborne and landed on the collector ramp, at which time it became airborne again and struck the bridge pillar.

MFD extricated the operator, Adonis N. Arms, age 47, of Milwaukee. Arms had red glassy eyes, slurred speech and a strong odor of intoxicants. Arms admitted to drinking but would not say where. Deputies were not able to perform Standardized Field Sobriety Test's (SFST's) due to potential internal injuries from the violent crash. Arms was arrested for OWI 5th. His record shows four prior convictions for OWI in November 2000, March 2001, August 2003 and September 2010.

Arms was transported to Froedtert Hospital emergency room for evaluation of his injuries and for a legal blood draw.

There is NO STOC or squad video of the crash. The State Highway department was notified to check the bridge pillar, which did not have any damage.

Northbound HWY 145 was completely closed from 0309 hours to 0349 hours.

Arms was booked and cited on the following charges:

OWI-5th offense— —Class G Felony punishable by up to 10 years in prison.

Traffic citations: Unreasonable and Imprudent Speed , Failure to have Control of Vehicle, Operating while Suspended.

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On Saturday, August 26, at 11:45 p.m., Sheriff's deputies responded to a crash on northbound I-43 south of W. Wisconsin Avenue. A van was parked perpendicular to traffic with the rear of the van in lane 2.

The white Ford Van had sustained moderate damage. A 5-year-old child was in the front seat and had facial injuries and a bloody nose. The child was not restrained and there was no car seat in the van.

Michael P. Weathersby, age 35, of Chicago, performed poorly on Standardized Field Sobriety Tests (SFST's), and registered .199 on the PBT. He was arrested for DUI-2nd with Child Under 16 years of age. His prior conviction was in May 2014. Weathersby said he was coming from home in Illinois and had one 24 ounce beer at his home several hours before.

Child Protective Services was contacted, and the child was turned over to the biological mother.

Charge 1. OWI-2nd with Child <16 yoa- a Class A Misdemeanor---Penalty is up to 12 months in jail.

Charge 2. Cause Injury while Intoxicated with Child <16 yoa- an Unclassified Felony--Penalties are up to 3 years and 6 months imprisonment.

Charge 3. 2nd Degree Recklessly Endangering Safety-a Class G Felony--Penalties are imprisonment not to exceed 10 years.

Charge 4. Operating While Revoked (OWI Related)- a Class a Misdemeanor--Penalty is up to 9 month jail.

He was also cited for: Failure to Have Control of Vehicle, Transport Child >4<8 w/o Restraint, and Operate Motor Vehicle with No Insurance.

There is NO STOC video of the crash.

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