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Deputies Arrest 8 in Operation Drive Sober OWI-6th, OWI with Children in Vehicle, and Felon with Firearms 1999 Repeat Offenders Since January 2010



Ceron-Peralta-OWI-6th Cash Alexander-1stw/firearms Hobson-1st w/children Beamon – OWI-3rd



Beckman – OWI-2nd Hilgendorf – OWI-2nd Wiley – OWI-2nd

Milwaukee, WI – Sheriff Richard R. Schmidt continues 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 eight drunken drivers. The average PBT test results were .15.

Five repeat-offenders were arrested: Roberto Ceron-Peralta, age 55, of Milwaukee for OWI-6th; Julius Beamon, age 27, of Milwaukee, for OWI-3rd; and three for OWI-2nd offense: John Beckman, age 26, of West Allis; Gregory Hilgendorf, age 38, of Greenfield; and Kordaz Wiley, age 29, of Milwaukee.

First-time offenders taken into custody were Geneva Hobson, age 33, of Milwaukee for OWI-1st with Children Under 16 in Vehicle; Cash Alexander, age 32, of Milwaukee, for OWI-1st and Felon in Possession of a Firearm/x3; and Scott Politowski, age 33, of Mount Pleasant.

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OWI-6th

This morning at 3:45 a.m., a deputy stopped a vehicle on I-43 southbound near W. Silver Spring Drive for speeding and weaving across all lanes of traffic. Roberto Ceron-Peralta tested a .14 on the PBT. He has five prior OWI convictions from March 1994, February 2007, May 2007, November 2008 and June 2013, for which he has a .02 blood alcohol content restriction. Ceron-Peralta said he had only one drink. If convicted of this sixth offense, he faces up to ten years in prison.

OWI with Children Under 16 in Vehicle

On Sunday, October 7 at 12:45 a.m., a vehicle passed a marked squad at a high rate of speed on I-94 westbound at W. Hawley Road and was deviating lanes. The driver, Geneva Hobson, had slurred speech, a strong odor of intoxicants, bloodshot eyes and said she had one vodka at a friend's house. Her PBT registered a .13. Two children, ages 9 and 12, were in the vehicle and were taken to the sheriff's substation to wait for Child Protective Services. The children were picked up by a relative at 2:30 a.m. If convicted, Hobson faces up to nine months in jail.

OWI- Felon in Possession of Firearms

On Sunday, October 7 at 1:30 a.m., a deputy on I-43 southbound near the Marquette Interchange stopped a speeding vehicle that was deviating lanes. The driver tested poorly on the standardized field sobriety tests and tested a .12 on the PBT. During a pat down, deputies found a baggie of marijuana. During a search of the vehicle deputies found three loaded firearms in the center console, a backpack behind the driver's seat, and in the rear seat arm rest.

Cash Alexander was arrested for three counts of Felon in Possession of a Firearm, a Class G Felony, and Endangering Safety by Use of a Dangerous Weapon While Intoxicated, a misdemeanor. He was also cited for OWI-1st, Speed Violation, Unsafe Lane Deviation and Possession of Marijuana. If convicted, he faces up to 38 years in prison. The firearms will be tested by the state crime lab.

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