



# Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **Deputies Arrest 15 in Operation Drive Sober OWI-5th with Children in Vehicle, Wrong-way Driver 2001 Repeat Offenders Since January 2010**



Kito Hunt-OWI-5<sup>th</sup> McHardie-wrong way Jeremy Matera-2<sup>nd</sup> Derwin Womack-2<sup>nd</sup>

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 15 drunken drivers. The average PBT test results were .13.

Deputies arrested three repeat offenders: Kito Hunt, age 37, of Milwaukee, for OWI-5<sup>th</sup>; and two arrests for OWI-2<sup>nd</sup>: Jeremy Matera, age 35, of Okauchee, and Derwin Womack, Jr., age 37, of Milwaukee.

First-time offenders taken into custody were: Christopher Wohlgefahr, age 30, of Oak Creek; Michael Bielawski, age 33, of Waukesha; Dustin Ehster, age 37, of Pewaukee; Erin McHardie, age 30, of St. Francis; Ryan Norton, age 29, of Brookfield; Stephen Curtright, age 37, of St. Charles, Missouri; Robert Overland, age 44, of Franklin; Daniel Alsfelt, age 49, of Muskego; and Milwaukee residents: Demetria Burks, age 28; John Neal, age 59; Laresa Owens, age 27; and Justin Reich, age 28.

#### **OWI-5<sup>th</sup> with children in vehicle**

Deputies stopped a vehicle in the 8400 block of W. Hampton Avenue for expired plates and illegal window tint on Saturday, October 13. The driver's license was revoked, and deputies detected the odor of alcohol on his breath. A three-year-old child was in the rear passenger seat, and a sober adult passenger was seated in front. Kito Hunt, age 37, of Milwaukee, was arrested for OWI-5<sup>th</sup> with Minor Child in Vehicle. His prior convictions were in July 2008, May 2013 and twice in June 2015, and he faces up to 20 years in prison if convicted.

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### **Wrong-way drunken driver**

**On Saturday, at 3:15 a.m., dispatchers received a Tapco alert of a wrong-way driver on the I-94 westbound off-ramp to Highway 100. A 911 caller also reported a white vehicle traveling eastbound in the westbound lanes.**

**A West Allis Police Department squad had stopped the vehicle near the top of the off-ramp. Deputies administered standardized field sobriety tests after they noted the driver's slurred speech and the strong odor of alcohol. Erin McHardie, age 30, of St. Francis, tested a .19 on the PBT. Per dispatch, McHardie was observed on camera passing multiple westbound vehicles while traveling eastbound on the off-ramp. She faces a felony charge of Recklessly Endangering Safety, which carries a prison term of up to ten years, and was cited for OWI-1<sup>st</sup> offense.**

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