



# Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office

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### Operation Drive Sober Results in Ten Arrests 1818 Repeat Offenders Since January 2010



Daniel Hintz – 2<sup>nd</sup>    Cory Rhyns – 2<sup>nd</sup>    Daniel Krystapovich- wrong way

Milwaukee, WI – Acting Sheriff Richard R. Schmidt ordered an aggressive Operating While Intoxicated (OWI- drugs and/or alcohol) initiative to rid the Milwaukee County freeway system of intoxicated 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 ten drunken drivers. The average PBT test results were .13.

Two subjects were arrested for OWI-2<sup>nd</sup> offense: Daniel Hintz, age 41, and Cory Rhyns, age 31, both of Milwaukee.

First-time offenders taken into custody were: Christopher Kupcho, age 44, of Grafton; Daniel Krystapovich, age 23, of Lake Mills; and Milwaukee residents: Erica Patel, age 39; Willis Walker, age 32; Erika Bennetts, age 24; Maurice Shorter, age 35; Samantha Halstead, age 22; Jeremy Moore, age 30.

A wrong-way drunken driver was arrested for OWI-1<sup>st</sup> after he crashed into a ditch. A deputy was traveling southbound on I-43 south of Silver Spring Drive when he saw a wrong way driver heading northbound in the southbound lanes. The deputy activated his emergency lights, and turned at Capitol Drive to get on I-43 northbound to parallel the subject, who was driving at about 100 mph. Two other deputies joined in the pursuit from the northbound lanes.

The driver continued driving slowly after the crash, and a deputy was able to cross over to the southbound lanes at a turnaround and position his squad to stop him. Another deputy stopped all lanes of traffic for a short period while they removed the vehicle out of traffic.

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**The driver, Daniel Kristapovich, age 23, of St. Peters, Missouri, traveled about 12 miles before crashing in Mequon in Ozaukee County, and tested a .18 on a PBT. He is believed to have entered the free way at Locust Street or Capitol Drive. Kristapovich was cited for OWI-1<sup>st</sup>, Driving Wrong Way on Divided Highway, Possession of Marijuana, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia, and will be charged with 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Recklessly Endangering Safety, a Class F felony punishable by up to 12 years, 6 months in prison, if convicted.**

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