



# Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office

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### Deputies Arrest 10 in Operation Drive Sober OWI-5<sup>th</sup>, OWI-2<sup>nd</sup> in freeway crash 2018 Repeat Offenders Since January 2010



John Taylor-OWI-5<sup>th</sup> Jeremy Lovins-2<sup>nd</sup> Edwin Gonzalez-2<sup>nd</sup> Thomas Ponton-2<sup>nd</sup>/crash

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 10 drunken drivers. The average PBT test results were .17.

Four repeat-offenders were arrested: John D. Taylor, age 48, of Bayside for OWI-5<sup>th</sup>; Jeremy Lovins, age 31, of Kenosha, for OWI-2<sup>nd</sup>; Edwin Gonzalez, age 25, of St. Francis, for OWI-2<sup>nd</sup>; and Thomas Ponton, age 29, of West Allis, for OWI-2<sup>nd</sup>. Ponton was arrested at 2:30 a.m. today after being involved in a crash on I-43 near Fond du Lac Avenue.

First-time offenders taken into custody were: Dane Wells, age 28, of Hartland; Rachel Brzycki, age 23, of Wauwatosa; Caleb Sabala, age 40, of Racine; and Milwaukee residents: Kevin Robinson, age 52; Titus Campbell, age 55; Andrew Taylor, age 34.

#### Felony OWI-5<sup>th</sup>

On Saturday, November 10, at about 9:30 p.m., a deputy stopped a silver Porsche on I-43 northbound near W. Walnut Street for driving without using headlights and not maintaining its lane of traffic. The driver told the deputy, "I have had too much to drink" and failed the standardized field sobriety tests. He refused to provide a preliminary breath test (PBT) sample.

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**John D. Taylor, age 48, of Bayside, was arrested and taken to the hospital for a blood draw. He refused to provide a blood sample and a search warrant was obtained for a legal blood draw. He has four prior OWI convictions: April 1996, August 1996, July 1999 and June 2012. If convicted of this OWI-5<sup>th</sup> felony offense, Taylor faces up to six years in prison.**

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