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Deputies Arrest 13 in Operation Drive Sober Felony OWI-4th involved in crash



Joshua Ladwig-OWI-4th Shawn Byrnes-OWI-3rd Steven Camacho-OWI-3rd Troy Gocha-OWI-3rd/Drugs

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 13 drunken drivers. The average PBT test results were .19.

Four repeat-offenders were arrested: Joshua Ladwig, age 35, of Milwaukee, for felony OWI-4th; Shawn Byrnes, age 48, of Brooklyn Center, Minnesota, for OWI-3rd; Steven Camacho, age 45, of Whitefish Bay, for OWI-3rd; and Troy Gocha, age 44, of Milwaukee, for OWI-3rd/Drugs.

Nine first-time offenders were taken into custody: Robert Schellin, age 34, of Lomira; Eliza Hanson, age 24, of Elm Grove; Dustin Eckberg, age 36, of Racine; Taylor Krutz, age 24, of Greendale; Mackenzie Mason, age 25, of Grafton; and Milwaukee residents: Carlisa Agee, age 51; Ryan Kucharski, age 21; David Encino, age 35; and Bishop McIntosh, age 22.

Felony OWI-4th

On Saturday, December 8, at 2:00 a.m., deputies responded to a crash on I-43 northbound at W. Hampton Avenue. A vehicle had crashed and landed on top of a guard rail. The driver had left the scene, but was picked up by Glendale police a short distance away.

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Joshua Ladwig, age 35, of Milwaukee, stated he had been drinking “a lot” and did poorly on standardized field sobriety tests. He refused to submit a PBT sample, and deputies obtained a search warrant for an evidentiary blood sample. Ladwig has four prior OWI convictions from October 2007, August 2010, and November 2014. If convicted of this fourth offense, he faces up to six years in prison. There is no video of this incident.

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