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MEDIA RELEASE

Third Offense OWI with Passenger under 16

For Immediate Release

Date: 05/04/23 Case: SO2321287 **Contact Person**

OFFICE

Captain Matt Jacobson (608) 757-7968

On May 4th, 2023, at approximately 1730 hours Deputies from the Rock County Sheriff's Officer were dispatched to a traffic crash with blockage. Upon arrival to the 4000 block of W CTH A, in Rock County, Deputies located a van in the lane of traffic. This van had entered the ditch on W CTH A striking two mailboxes before reentering the roadway and becoming disabled. There were three occupants in the vehicle at the time of the crash, an adult female driver and two children. None of the occupants were injured. The driver, Cassandra Verdin, from Janesville showed signs of impairment, and after an investigation, was arrested for OWI. Cassandra has two prior OWI convictions on her driving record making this her third offense with the enhancer of passenger under 16 years old, a felony in Wisconsin. Cassandra will be held in the Rock County Jail pending an initial court appearance.

"Pursuant to the directive of the Wisconsin Supreme Court, as found in Supreme Court Rule 20:3.6, Trial Publicity, you are advised that a charge is merely an accusation and that a defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty."

CURTIS N. FELL SHERIFF

By: Sergeant Clint Rowley 2nd Shift Patrol

