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MEDIA RELEASE

Fourth Offense OWI Arrest

For Immediate Release

Date: 08/05/2023
 Case: SO2336732

Contact Person

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On August 5, 2023, at approximately 2:54 a.m. Rock County Sheriff's Deputies along with Fire and EMS personnel from Lakeside Fire Department were dispatched to a traffic accident on N Hwy 51 at E J F Townline Rd in Fulton Township, Rock County, Wisconsin. Rock County Dispatch received a call from Ford indicating a vehicle had been involved in an accident and air bags were deployed. The investigation revealed a vehicle was traveling westbound on E J F Townline Rd approaching N Hwy 51. The vehicle failed to stop at the stop sign and continued westbound across N Hwy 51. The vehicle left the roadway and struck a tree coming to rest in the west ditch of N Hwy 51. The driver was identified as Benjamin Thomas Jr, 53 years old from Milton, Wisconsin. Benjamin showed signs of impairment and was subsequently arrested for OWI. Benjamin has 3 prior OWI convictions in Wisconsin making this a fourth offense, a felony in Wisconsin. Benjamin 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."

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 SHERIFF

By: Sergeant Michael Schauer
 3rd Shift Patrol



Thomas Jr

