

Sheriff Curtis N. Fell ROCK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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MEDIA RELEASE

Fifth Offense OWI Arrest

For Immediate Release

Date: September 19, 2023

Case: SO2343758

Contact Person

Cpt Josh Lund (608) 373-3879

On September 19, 2023 at approximately 5:25 p.m. Edgerton Police and Rock County Sheriff's Deputies were dispatched to a traffic complaint in the Edgerton area. A blue Toyota SUV was reported to have run partially off the road and struck a sign with its sideview mirror. Edgerton Police found and stopped the vehicle on North County Highway F near Brown Drive in the Town of Fulton, Rock County, Wisconsin near the crash scene. A Rock County Sheriff's Deputy responded as the crash occurred within their jurisdiction. The driver, Michael Berzanskis Jr, 43 years old from Round Lake Beach, Illinois showed signs of impairment. The deputy conducted an OWI investigation and arrested Berzanskis for OWI. Berzanskis had four prior OWI convictions in Illinois making this his fifth offense. Berzanskis will be held in the Rock County Jail pending an initial court appearance on September 20.

"Pursuant to the directive of the Wisconsin Supreme Court, as found in Supreme Court Rule 20:3.6, <u>Trial Publicity</u>, 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 Peter Falk 2nd Shift Patrol

