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Deputy Administers Narcan, Saving Man on Freeway

Milwaukee, WI – This afternoon, just after 1:00 p.m., deputies responded to a call about a reckless driver on I-94 westbound between 76th and 84th streets. Witnesses reported a vehicle was swerving in and out of traffic and then stopped in lane #1.

Deputies saw that the driver was unresponsive and showed signs of an opioid/opiate overdose. A deputy retrieved Narcan from his squad and administered one nasal dose. The subject had a slight pulse, but continued to be unresponsive. The deputy administered a second dose and began making eye contact and to speak. An MFD engine and Med Unit arrived to give follow-up treatment and transport to the hospital.

Paul James Kaiser, age 33, of Milwaukee, was taken into custody for OWI-1st/second-first. His first OWI occurred in 2003, an OWI occurring more than ten years later is considered another first offense in Wisconsin. Kaiser admitted to snorting heroin before driving. He is currently on probation for 2nd Degree Reckless Injury.

A passenger had fled the vehicle before deputies arrived, jumping the median wall and crossing the freeway to evade capture.

Sheriff Richard Schmidt said, “As Sheriff, I initiated the training of every deputy in administering Narcan. The Office of Emergency Management recently supplied the opioid overdose drug to our deputies to carry in their squads. I am thrilled that our deputy used Narcan to save the life of an opioid overdose victim on the freeway. We care!”

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