

NOVEMBER 2010.....interesting cases handled by Wisconsin's death investigators.....compiled by Jon Hagen

- In Sauk County, a 51-year-old man died when his experimental airplane came apart in flight shortly after taking off from the Sauk Prairie Airport.
- In Dane County, authorities recovered the body of a 40-year-old man from a lake.
- In Green Lake County, an 82-year-old man and a 77-year-old woman died when they pulled out in front of a semi.
- In Milwaukee, a 23-year-old man died of a gun shot wound.
- In Milwaukee, a 37-year-old man was shot to death.
- In Racine, a 39-year-old man was shot to death and a 29-year-old man was seriously injured in a shooting at a carryout restaurant; a 23-year-old man was arrested.
- In Racine, a 26-year-old woman was found dead; authorities believe the death is drug-related. Her former boyfriend is facing a variety of charges.
- In Dane County, a man died in a MVC.
- In Walworth County, the bodies of two humans, along with several animals, were found inside a mobile home which recently had its electricity shut off. A gas generator was found inside the trailer. The pair was a 46-year-old man and his daughter, 18. Carbon monoxide poisoning was suspected.
- In Milwaukee, a 55-year-old man was stabbed to death; his 47-year-old lady friend was charged in the case.
- In Brown County, a 41-year-old man died after being hit by a car while crossing a Green Bay street; a 42-year-old woman was arrested, suspected of being intoxicated.
- In Brown County, a 31-year-old man died when he apparently fell out of his boat while duck hunting.
- In Dodgeville, a 45-year-old woman died of injuries sustained when she was hit by a car while crossing a street; she was hit by a woman, 58.
- In Dodge County, a 79-year-old man died of injuries sustained after he turned in front of an oncoming vehicle.
- In Portage County, a body was found inside a burning vehicle which had left the roadway and hit a tree.
- In Milwaukee, a 55-year-old woman died after being hit by a dump truck while crossing a city street. The truck had the right-of-way; the woman was walking against the crossing light.
- In Dane County, a 26-year-old man died when a natural gas leak caused his house to explode. Two others were injured.
- In Sauk County, a man died when his pick-up truck left the roadway and rolled multiple times, ejecting him in the process.
- In Milwaukee, a 26-year-old man was shot and killed during a robbery attempt.
- In Kenosha County, a 56-year-old woman died when another vehicle crossed the center line and struck her car head-on; the other driver, a 23-year-old woman, was injured.

- In Bayfield County, two drivers, ages 62 and 70, died and a passenger was injured in a crash on icy roads during an early-season snowstorm.
- In Brookfield, a man killed himself when he was pulled over on a traffic stop.
- In Columbia County, a man was shot to death by sheriff's deputies. They wanted to talk to the man about outstanding felony warrants for sexual abuse of a child.
- The Wisconsin Child Death Review Council reported that 1556 children died in Wisconsin in 2007 and 2008; the group believes that 25% of those deaths were preventable. The top five causes were motor vehicle accidents, asphyxia, homicide, drowning and poisoning. The study showed that 308 deaths were accidental, 63 were homicides and 31 were suicides.
- A study showed that smokers who quit in Madison and Milwaukee gained about 10 pounds each on the average, but increases in "good" cholesterol were beneficial in reducing risks of death due to heart disease and stroke.
- In Dodge County, a 45-year-old inmate died after hanging himself with a bedsheet at the Dodge County jail. This is the first suicide there since the jail opened in 2001.
- In West Allis, a man and woman were found dead inside their home; murder-suicide was suspected. A child, age 3, was found unharmed in the residence.
- In Waukesha County, a 54-year-old man collapsed and died as he crossed the finish line in a 5k run/walk, sponsored by a church.
- In Milwaukee, two people died when their car struck a tree.
- In Columbia County, a man was convicted of murder in a cold case that was 30 years old. The man killed a woman, 18, who was the wife of his friend from high school. DNA advances helped to solve the case. Her body was discovered when her husband returned home after working a night shift. A 3-month-old infant in the apartment was not harmed.
- In Milwaukee County, an 8-year-old boy died in a crash. The driver of the car, the boy's stepfather, ran from the scene to a house, where he was arrested by authorities after a stand-off. Tragically, the boy's mother died a couple of weeks later when the car she was driving in Michigan crashed into a tree. Police believe she had been drinking before the crash. An open whisky bottle was found in her car.
- In Milwaukee, a 22-year-old man was shot and killed during an altercation outside a club; a 25-year-old man, who was also shot, was arrested in the case.
- In Calumet County, a 19-year-old man died when his car, estimated to be traveling at least 100 mph, hit a tree.
- In Shawano County, a 4-year-old boy fell ill at a daycare center and died a few days later of Strep pneumoniae.
- In Dane County, a 56-year-old woman died after she has struck by a car.
- In Waupaca County, a 26-year-old man was convicted of hit-and-run vehicular homicide in a 2004 case. A man, 20, was struck from behind and the body moved into the ditch. The convicted man still faces charges in a case from last winter where he allegedly stole a snowmobile and ran down several deer.
- In Milwaukee, a 26-year-old man was shot to death by his cousin's boyfriend during a robbery.

- In Rusk County, a 46-year-old highway department worker died after becoming entangled in an auger on a salt-spreader he was repairing.
- In Adams County, the body of a 79-year-old woman was found on her property. Her son is facing charges as the investigation continues. She was last seen alive in June. The man had told others his mother was visiting her sister in Arkansas, but he cashed some of her checks.
- In Eau Claire County, a 34-year-old man died after he robbed 2 convenience stores in rapid succession, then died when the car he was driving ran a red light and was struck by another vehicle. The man was not wearing a seatbelt while fleeing police.
- In Milwaukee, a 39-year-old knife-wielding man was shot and killed when he declined to drop his weapon when ordered to by police.
- In Juneau County, hunters found the body of a man who had been missing for three weeks. It appears the man took his own life.
- In Brown County, a 54-year-old man died after he was allegedly beaten by a 57-year-old man, his 19-year-old daughter and her 20-year-old fiancée. The dispute was about payment for the repair of a vehicle.
- In East Troy, a 22-year-old man died in a two-vehicle accident.
- In Milwaukee, a man died after he was hit in the head during a robbery.
- In Kenosha County, a 50-year-old woman died after being hit by a car.
- In Wood County, a 38-year-old woman died after the minivan she was driving hit a semi.
- In Milwaukee, a 15-year-old boy died after he was stabbed during an argument with his two sisters, ages 16 and 18. The boy had been hit in the head with a frying pan before he was stabbed. He died as he ran down an alley.
- In Prairie du Chien, the former mayor, 44, died of a lung infection. The man was elected as mayor three times.
- In Eau Claire, a 51-year-old woman died of injuries after she was allegedly beaten by her ex-boyfriend, age 51. The man was taken into custody.
- In Milwaukee, the body of a 44-year-old woman was found in the basement of a home; her 46-year-old male companion was taken into custody. The woman allegedly answered her telephone while the couple was having sexual relations, which angered the man.
- In Jefferson County, a man died after his vehicle, traveling in the wrong lane of traffic, was struck by another car.
- In Milwaukee, a 20-year-old man was shot to death during a robbery.
- In Thiensville, an 83-year-old man died in a house fire.
- In Walworth County, a 9-year-old boy died when the SUV he was riding in was struck by a drunk driver.
- In Oconto County, a 64-year-old bicyclist died after he was struck by a car. The cyclist was hit at night, and was wearing dark clothing; he also did not have any lights or reflectors on his bike.
- Wisconsin reported that 7 bicyclists were killed in 2009; so far 10 have died in 2010.

- In LaCrosse, a 46-year-old man died of a heroin overdose; a 23-year-old woman who allegedly supplied the drug was charged with first-degree reckless homicide.
- In Outagamie County, a 62-year-old man died in a three-vehicle crash.
- In Green County, a 64-year-old male inmate at the county jail died after being taken to a hospital.
- In Milwaukee, a man died after he was beaten by two men in a cell phone store. The accused men have been charged in the case. They are 18 and 19 years old.
- In Milwaukee, a fugitive wanted for 3 homicides that were committed in the late 90's was arrested in Mexico.
- In Grant County, a 22-year-old man died after he lost control of his vehicle and it rolled over, trapping him inside.
- In Winnebago County, a 31-year-old man died in a two-car, head-on crash that seriously injured the other driver.
- In Taylor County, a 46-year-old woman died after she was thrown from a horse that bucked when a car passed.
- In Marinette County, a 15-year-old boy died a day after he took approximately 25 students and one teacher hostage at Marinette High School for several hours. The boy shot himself when police attempted to enter the classroom where the situation was taking place. He died a day later.
- In Washington County, a 63-year-old woman died when she lost control of her vehicle on icy roads; it left the roadway and rolled over.
- In Lincoln County, a 24-year-old man was arrested regarding the unusual death of his 63-year-old mother earlier this year. The man, a UW-Madison student, had taken out more than \$1 million in insurance policies in the weeks before her death. The man claims they were going fishing when their vehicle went out of control and entered a lake. Authorities believe the woman suffered injuries inconsistent with the drowning and that the truck was steered into the lake after it crashed through a gate.
- In Shawano County, the body of a 77-year-old man was found inside his burning house.
- In Brown County, a 33-year-old man wanted for questioning in a burglary of \$6000 in cash was found dead. The man has a history of drug abuse, and narcotics were found in his apartment. The man reportedly had also been distressed after fraudulently using his grandfather's name to obtain a \$30,000 loan.
- In Waukesha County, a 47-year-old woman was found dead at the bottom of stairs at her home by her husband, 46. The man had been arrested three days earlier after he had physical and verbal altercations with his wife. He also faces charges for a felony hit-and-run for an October incident.

