

JULY 2011.....Interesting cases handled by Wisconsin's death investigators. List compiled by Jon Hagen.

- In Outagamie County, a man who jumped off a bridge into a river was ruled to have committed suicide.
- In Muskego, a 66-year-old bicyclist died after colliding with a vehicle driven by a 95-year-old man.
- In Burnett County, an 11-year-old girl died when a tree fell on her in a campground during a storm.
- In Waukesha County, a 57-year-old man died when he lost control of his motorcycle.
- In Milwaukee, a 55-year-old man died when he walked in front of a vehicle on a city street.
- In Waupaca County, a 56-year-old man died when he drowned trying to retrieve his wayward boat in a millpond.
- In Fitchburg, a 59-year-old man died when he fell 30' from a balcony.
- In Green Lake County, a 25-year-old man drowned after jumping from a boat for a swim.
- In Green County, a 19-year-old man died when he lost control of his 1985 Corvette; the vehicle rolled over and the man, who was not wearing a seatbelt, was ejected.
- In Sauk County, a 15-year-old boy drowned in Devil's Lake.
- In Milwaukee, a man died after falling 12 stories down an elevator shaft. The elevator got stuck between the 12th and 13th floors. The man was able to get the elevator door open but apparently lost his balance when getting out of the elevator car.
- In Shawano County, a 44-year-old man died when his truck left the roadway and hit a tree; he was not wearing a seatbelt.
- In Shawano County, a 29-year-old motorcyclist apparently lost control of his cycle before he was found lying dead on the highway. He was not wearing a helmet.
- At Fort McCoy, a soldier at the base for training was found dead.
- In Waupaca County, a driver drowned after his car missed a sharp turn and entered a river.
- In Dane County, two young boys were found murdered in a car. The boys had been reported missing by their mother earlier. The mother's boyfriend has been charged in the case.
- In Washington County, a 51-year-old man died after his vehicle was struck by a train; authorities reported not finding skid marks at the crossing where the accident happened. The train

engineer was notified of the accident by a passing train after it had traveled 7 miles from the point of impact. The passing locomotive noted sparks coming from residue of the vehicle at the 34th car of the 141 car train.

- In Milwaukee, a male robbery suspect lost consciousness and later died while in the back of a squad car; officers and paramedics did attempt to revive the man without success. The man reportedly had been released from jail 5 hours earlier, but was picked up by the police after they witnessed a masked man accost two people and gave chase, catching the man and taking him into custody once again.
- In Grant County, a 13-year-old boy died of accidental electrocution. The boy, who was barefoot, was using a 110-volt electric prod to drive earthworms to the surface of the ground in his yard. The boy was planning to go fishing.
- In Milwaukee, a 34-year-old woman was stabbed to death by a 37-year-old man whom she had met at an online dating service website. The woman, a special education teacher, had told the man she didn't want to see him anymore. The man came to the woman's home and stabbed her through the heart; her two children were home but not injured. The man then drove to Lake Michigan where he attempted to drown himself. Officers arrested him when he was not successful in his suicide attempt.
- In Milwaukee, a man died after crashing his boat into a breakwater on Lake Michigan near the Summerfest grounds.
- In Milwaukee, a man died in a lagoon in a park.
- In St. Croix County, a 56-year-old man died after crashing his ATV. He was not wearing a helmet.
- In Dane County, a 3-year-old boy died 3 days after his 22-year-old mother allegedly hit the child; his head then struck a wall.
- In Eau Claire County, two died in a two-vehicle crash. A truck driven by a 44-year-old man crossed the median and hit a car driven by an 89-year-old woman. Authorities found that the man had been huffing aerosol keyboard cleaner before the crash.
- In Manitowoc County, a 36-year-old woman died and two people were injured in a two-vehicle crash at the crest of a hill.
- In Milwaukee, a 55-year-old man died after crashing his minivan into the wall of an apartment complex. Witnesses estimated the vehicle was traveling at 60 mph. Authorities said the man had a history of epilepsy.
- In Lafayette County, an 86-year-old woman died after being struck by a van while crossing Main Street in Blanchardville.

- In Jefferson County, a 40-year-old man died after failing to navigate a curve, causing his 1985 Honda Shadow motorcycle to flip several times. The man was not wearing a helmet.
- In Winnebago County, a 75-year-old man was found dead in a pond in his yard. Authorities were investigating if this was related to a mishap with a lawnmower.
- In Fond du Lac County, authorities located the body of a 75-year-old man who had been reported missing. The man had committed suicide.
- In Milwaukee, a 19-year-old male died after being shot several times.
- In Marinette County, a 45-year-old man died after he lost control of his vehicle, overcorrected, rolled over and he was ejected.
- In Oneida County, the body of a 63-year-old fisherman was found on the Rainbow Flowage.
- At Fort McCoy, a 40-year-old female captain in the military died while at the base for training.
- In Manitowoc County, a 36-year-old man died in a construction accident. He was pinned between a construction vehicle and a dumpster.
- In Milwaukee, a 10-month-old boy died while sleeping on the same mattress with his grandmother and two-year-old sister. The grandmother, who was found to have put morphine and oxycodone in the child's bottle in April, has a history that includes killing the child's grandfather after she shot him 20 years ago.
- In Juneau County, a 41-year-old man died in a single-vehicle crash.
- In Douglas County, a 42-year-old man drowned in Lake Superior.
- In Washburn County, a 54-year-old man was found dead and his brother, age 52 was arrested and charged with homicide.
- In Walworth County, a 24-year-old man drowned in Lake Geneva.
- In Milwaukee, a 26-year-old man was shot to death.
- In Trempealeau County, a 7-year-old boy died after being pulled from a pond.
- In Outagamie County, a 21-year-old man drowned.
- In Wood County, one person died in an apartment fire.
- In Oconto County, a 54-year-old woman died after she fell out of a boat, then became entangled in the propeller.

- In Woodruff, a 60-year-old woman was killed when her SUV was hit on a downtown street by another driver who was having a seizure. That man later was found to have a brain mass.
- In Milwaukee, an 18-year-old man died after being shot during an argument.
- In Rock County, a 40-year-old man was killed; a 53-year-old man was arrested in the matter.
- In Bayfield County, a 77-year-old man died during the Bike Northwoods Tour.
- In St. Croix County, a 51-year-old motorcyclist died after he hit a deer; he was not wearing a helmet. His daughter was riding on the back of the bike; she was wearing a helmet. She was injured but expected to recover.
- In Oak Creek, a 56-year-old bicyclist died after being hit by a car.
- In Green County, one person died in a house fire.
- In Crawford County, a 29-year-old man died when his SUV rolled down a hill, into the path of an oncoming train. The man was ejected, landing on the tracks, and then was struck by the train.
- In Bay View, a 29-year-old motorcyclist died after he struck a car while traveling at a high rate of speed.
- In Racine County, a 37-year-old man died after his vehicle hit the back of a dump truck that had slowed down to avoid hitting a wild turkey that was in the road.
- In Racine County, the body of a 35-year-old woman was found in Lake Michigan.
- In Greenfield, a 22-year-old man, reported to have been intoxicated, was pulled from the bottom of the family swimming pool.
- In Milwaukee, a 55-year-old woman died of injuries sustained in a March house fire, which also killed a 53-year-old woman.
- In West Allis, a 46-year-old man died after his motorcycle hit a car.
- In Milwaukee, a 27-year-old man died after being shot by a teenager, who was arrested.
- In Clark County, a 75-year-old woman and her 52-year-old daughter died in a house fire.
- In Menominee County, a 45-year-old man drowned while swimming.
- In La Crosse County, a woman died in a two-vehicle crash.
- In Eau Claire County, a 21-year-old man drowned while swimming in the Chippewa River.
- In Dunn County, a 32-year-old man died when his car hit a truck hauling scrap metal.

- In Walworth County, a two-year-old boy died three days after he was found in a family swimming pool. Authorities aren't sure how the boy got out of the home and into the water.
- In Walworth County, a man and a woman, both 86, died when the car they were passengers in made an illegal turn on a highway before being struck by an oncoming vehicle.
- In Columbia County, the death of a 65-year-old man was attributed to being heat-related.
- In Waukesha County, a 28-year-old man died after he fell off his motorcycle.
- In Outagamie County, the body of a woman, 52, was pulled from the Fox River. She had suffered a gunshot wound.
- In Kenosha County, the nude body of a 19-year-old man was found at the bottom of a community swimming pool. The man had apparently broke into the pool after it had closed for the day.
- In Crawford County, the death of an 82-year-old woman was attributed to the heat.
- In Marathon County, a 61-year-old man died after he hit a horse that was on the highway. The man was driving a motorcycle.
- In Chippewa County, a total of 4 men were killed when two boats collided on a river. Three of the men were members of a wedding party; the crash occurred on the day before the wedding. The driver of one of the boats was the bride's father; he was charged with driving a boat while intoxicated. One of those killed was the brother of the groom, who also suffered serious injuries.
- In Dane County, a 31-year-old man died when the vehicle he was a passenger in hit several other vehicles; the driver was charged with DUI.
- In Platteville, a motorcyclist died after he hit a cow which was standing on the roadway.
- In Rusk County, a 70-year-old motorcyclist died after he hit the back of a farm tractor.
- In Chippewa County, a 45-year-old woman died at Rock Fest; authorities reported she suffered from a medical condition.
- In Calumet County, an 18-year-old man died when his vehicle left the roadway and hit a tree.
- In Wood County, a 48-year-old man and his wife, 42, died in a murder-suicide pact. Their bodies were found on a bike trail after they sent text messages to family members, informing them of their plans.
- In Milwaukee County, a 34-year-old inmate hanged himself at the county correctional facility; the man was jailed after being charged with 1st degree sexual assault of a child.

- In Kenosha County, a 15-year-old boy drowned at a pond; the boy was with a church group on an outing.
- In Superior, authorities were investigating an apparent suicide of a man at a motel.
- In Fond du Lac County, two people died when their plane crashed into Lake Winnebago. The couple, a man who was 47 and a woman, 36, were en route to EAA at Wittmann Field in Oshkosh when the crash happened.
- In Marquette County, the death of an 80-year-old man was ruled to be heat-related.
- In Prairie du Chien, the death of an 82-year-old was also ruled as heat-related.
- Sauk County reported the death of an 87-year-old woman in a mobile home that was not air conditioned; that death was also ruled heat-related.
- In Jefferson County, a 17-year-old boy drowned in a lake.
- In Winnebago County, authorities found the body of a 40-year-old woman who had been missing for almost a month. The body was found in a swampy area. The death was ruled a suicide.
- In Jefferson County, the body of a 28-year-old man who had been missing for two weeks was found in a storage unit. The death is due to homicide. Two men were arrested in the case; he allegedly was shot with a rifle the men had stolen from the victim earlier. Reportedly, the victim and one of the men arrested lived side-by-side in a duplex; they had argued about the alleged shooter not keeping his grass cut on his side of the property.
- In Milwaukee County, a six-month-old boy died while sleeping on the floor with his two brothers in his parent's bedroom. A portable crib which had been furnished to the family was nearby, full of toys and other things.
- In Dane County, an electrician was electrocuted while working on the UW campus.
- In Milwaukee County, three men were fighting when two of them fell off a bridge and into the river; one of the men died. One of the participants was a man named Tracy Edwards. 20 years ago, Tracy escaped from Jeffrey Dahmer. He reported the Dahmer encounter to the police, which directly led to the arrest of one of the nation's most notorious killers. Dahmer himself was later murdered in prison.
- The Wisconsin Department of Justice is distributing playing cards with pictures of victim's faces and descriptions of their "cold cases." The cards will be distributed to prisons and sheriff's departments throughout the state in the hopes that inmates will recognize information on the cards and come forward with a lead. The DOJ says there are hundreds more cold cases that were not included in the two versions of the decks of cards. Similar programs exist in Florida,

Indiana, Minnesota, Missouri, Texas and Washington; some people have criticized the DOJ, reasoning that the idea is a good one but that it is tasteless to make playing cards with victim's faces on them.

- In Oconto County, a 51-year-old man died after losing control of his motorcycle.
- In Milwaukee, authorities were investigating the death of a 54-year-old man at a correctional facility.
- In Milwaukee, a man died and a woman was in custody; the death is believed to be a domestic violence incident.
- In Walworth County, a 30-year-old man died when his vehicle ran a stop sign and crashed into the entrance of the Alpine Valley Resort.
- In Beloit, a 25-year-old man was found dead; his death is believed to be a homicide.
- In Juneau County, one person died and two were injured in a house explosion.
- In Columbia County, a 77-year-old woman died after she was struck by a vehicle while walking.