

FEBRUARY 2011.....interesting cases handled by Wisconsin's death investigators.....compiled by Jon Hagen

- In Shawano County, a 40-year-old woman and her 18-year-old son died when their vehicle pulled out in front of an SUV while crossing Hy. 29. Four people in the SUV were injured.
- In Racine County, the body of a 52-year-old woman was found under three feet of snow during a storm; her car was found a short distance away in a ditch.
- In Milwaukee, at least three men died after shoveling snow during the February blizzard that affected much of the nation.
- In Rock County, a 47-year-old man was arrested in connection with the suspected homicide of a 31-year-old woman whose body was found covered with snow in a ditch in January; police believe the man was trying to cover up their affair. The suspect's son is the father of the decedent's two-year-old daughter.
- In Milwaukee County, a 41-year-old male inmate at a county correctional facility died. The man was incarcerated for his 5th OWI and felony bail jumping.
- In Marathon County, a 38-year-old woman died when her car when out of control and was crushed under a truck which was carrying liquid propane.
- In Manitowoc County, a 34-year-old man died when the snowmobile he was riding on a frozen river hit a downed tree branch, ejecting him from the snowmobile.
- In Milwaukee, a 23-year-old man drowned when he fell through the ice on Lake Michigan at a marina. The man and his girlfriend were taking photos.
- In Brown County, a 41-year-old bicyclist died in a hit-and-run accident.
- In Kenosha County, a 30-year-old woman died in an apartment fire.
- In Bayfield County, a 45-year-old man died when his snowmobile struck a car after he failed to stop at a stop sign. Alcohol was a factor in the death.
- In Taylor County, a 67-year-old man died after he broke through ice after walking near an aerator on a pond.
- In Milwaukee, a 30-year-old woman died of stab wounds, allegedly after a domestic dispute with a 35-year-old man who was arrested.
- In Waupaca County, a 45-year-old man was found in a snow-covered field. He had been missing for two days.
- In Fond du Lac County, a 27-year-old man died when his vehicle collided with a semi.
- In Racine County, a man died when his clothing became entangled in machinery at a recycling factory.
- In Outagamie County, a 19-year-old man died after his stalled vehicle was struck from behind on a highway. The man was sitting inside the car when he was hit.
- In Juneau County, a 17-year-old girl died after she crashed her snowmobile on a trail.
- In Vilas County, a man died after his snowmobile hit a snow mound on Big St. Germain Lake.
- In Oneida County, a 69-year-old man died after crashing his snowmobile.

- In Lafayette County, a 24-year-old man died after his snowmobile left a trail and hit a tree.
- In Marathon County, a woman in her 60's died after her frozen body was found in her driveway.
- In Milwaukee, a 50-year-old man died when he was struck by a hit-and-run driver.
- In Racine County, the body of a 46-year-old man was found inside a burning car which had struck a tree.
- In Racine County, a 23-year-old man died in a freak accident. A bus carrying college students returning from a ski trip lost a tire, which struck the man's oncoming vehicle.
- In Calumet County, a 59-year-old man died after his truck broke through the ice of Lake Winnebago.
- In Winnebago County, a pedestrian died after being hit while walking on Hy. 41.
- In Milwaukee County, an 83-year-old man died when the vehicle he was riding in was broadsided by another vehicle that they had turned in front of.
- In Eau Claire County, the body of a 19-year-old male was found in a hotel room.
- In Ashland County, a snowmobiler came across the body of a 23-year-old male cross-country skier who had been killed by a hit-and-run driver. The alleged driver, 16, did turn himself in to police hours after the body was found.
- In Shawano County, an autopsy was planned in the case of a 21-year-old man who was dropped off at a hospital ER in "extreme medical distress." The man died a short time later. Police located another man who brought the man to the hospital and then fled on foot.
- In Dodge County, the body of a 47-year-old woman was found lying at the side of a highway.
- In Rock County, a 51-year-old man died of his injuries four days after crashing his vehicle into two parked cars. Police had charged the man with drunk driving.
- In Milwaukee County, a 50-year-old man was sentenced to life in prison for the homicides of 7 women over a 20-year period. Authorities discovered that his DNA profile was missing from the state's database; they feel if that had not occurred, they may have been able to arrest the man before his last murder in 2007.
- In Columbia County, a man, now 50, was convicted of a 1980 homicide. Authorities said the man beat and strangled an 18-year-old woman who was the wife of his high school friend. The woman's body was discovered by her husband when he returned home after working a night shift; the couple's 3-month-old child was unharmed in a nearby crib.
- In Trempealeau County, the body of a 42-year-old woman was found dead outside in a trailer park.
- In Washington County, a 63-year-old male inmate at the County Correctional Facility collapsed and died shortly after telling guards he was short of breath.
- In Rock County, the bodies of a couple were found dead in the basement of their residence. Police believe the pair had a suicide pact; a gun was found at the scene. They were said to have had health and financial problems.

- In Rock County, two men, ages 19 and 20, were killed and a third person was critically injured when their vehicle passed another on a hill, went out of control and struck a concrete culvert.
- In Dane County, a 44-year-old woman was killed by a 51-year-old drunk driver who then fled the scene, later striking a bridge, car and finally a tree. The woman has been convicted of three prior DUI's.