

APRIL 2011.....interesting cases handled by Wisconsin's death investigators.
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- In Brown County, authorities were investigating the death of a 32-year-old woman who was found dead in her apartment.
- In Brown County, an 83-year-old man and his wife died when their van was hit by a vehicle driven by a 38-year-old man who was intoxicated when he crossed the center line.
- In Waupaca County, an 82-year-old woman died when she went through a stop sign and hit another vehicle, seriously injuring the other driver.
- In Dodge County, a 26-year-old woman died when the vehicle she was riding in slid into the median safety cables then came back into the traffic lane and was struck by another vehicle. Icy roads were a factor in the crash.
- In Menomonee Falls, a 51-year-old woman died trying to rescue her dog, which had fallen through the ice on a pond in a park. The woman drowned; the dog was found lying on the ice. Authorities believe the dog died of hypothermia.
- In Milwaukee, authorities were investigating the death of a 2-year-old girl. A 26-year-old man was arrested; he was out on bail after he had been charged with child abuse for allegedly beating the same child previously.
- In Dane County, a 20-year-old man died after crashing a stolen vehicle into a tree. He had led authorities on a chase through three counties; police found nine weapons in the car.
- In Racine County, a 21-year-old man died of injuries sustained in a fight. A 29-year-old man was charged with first-degree intentional homicide.
- In Green County, a man died as police chased his minivan believed to be fleeing after robbing a bank. Speeds in the chase reached 100 mph. The van rolled over several times, ejecting the man, after police deployed stop sticks in the roadway.
- In Milwaukee County, a 23-year-old college student died after falling down some stairs while attending a party.
- In River Falls, a female college student was found dead in her dorm room.
- In Rock County, a 3-year-old boy died after he fell out of the cab of a tractor his dad was using to plow a field. The tractor hit a bump and the door grabbed the door handle, causing the door to open. He fell out and was run over by the back wheel of the tractor.
- In Iowa County, a 39-year-old man was electrocuted when he came in contact with a power line while working.
- In Milwaukee County, a 26-year-old man died after being shot by another man.
- In Ozaukee County, a 38-year-old man died in a high-speed rollover, and another man was critically injured; both were ejected.
- In Green County, authorities were investigating the death of a 54-year-old man whose body was found in a river.
- In Outagamie County, a two-year-old girl died after being hit in her driveway. Her father was moving a pick-up truck and accidentally struck her.

- In Rock County, a 47-year-old man died after being run over by a 26,000 truck that he was working on. The man was working on the starter when the ignition engaged, starting the engine of the truck, which was in gear.
- In Milwaukee County, a three-month-old girl died in a co-sleeping incident.
- In Walworth County, a 55-year-old man died after losing control of his motorcycle on a curve. The man hit a guardrail and landed in the road; he was struck by a traveling companion, a woman who was celebrating her 47th birthday.
- In Eau Claire County, a 48-year-old man died in a fiery crash involving two semi's.
- In LaCrosse County, a 49-year-old woman died in a single-vehicle rollover.
- In Milwaukee County, a 27-year-old man died of gunshot wounds.
- In Kenosha County, a 13-year-old girl died after she jumped into Lake Michigan. The water temperature was 42 degrees, according to investigators.
- In Brodhead, a 28-year-old man died when the tractor he was driving left the roadway and overturned, pinning him underneath.
- In Outagamie County, a 61-year-old man died in a three-vehicle crash.
- In Lacrosse County, a 89-year-old woman died in a crash on I-90.
- In Dodge County, a 57-year-old man died when his motorcycle collided with a pick-up truck that pulled out from a stop sign. His female passenger was seriously injured; the man was not wearing a helmet.
- The Wisconsin DNR reported 17 snowmobile fatalities for the recently completed winter season, down from 21 last year.
- In Milwaukee, a 21-year-old man was shot to death.
- In Manitowoc County, a 4-year-old boy died after being found pulseless and not breathing, underneath large logs at a woodpile at his home.
- In Dane County, a 36-year-old man died after the vehicle he was a passenger in left the roadway and hit a tree. The man was wearing a seatbelt. Alcohol was believed to be a factor in the crash.
- In Columbia County, a 21-year-old man died in a single-vehicle crash. Speed and alcohol use were cited as contributing factors.
- In Marinette County, a 23-year-old woman died after her vehicle left the roadway and hit a guidewire for a power pole, causing her car to overturn, ejecting her.
- In Crawford County, two teens died when their vehicle crossed the center line and struck an oncoming minivan. The teens were 15 and 16; a 10-year-old in the same vehicle was also injured.
- In Milwaukee, the body of a 34-year-old man was found shot to death in a backyard.
- In Milwaukee County, a 20-year-old man was arrested in the homicide deaths of his parents, ages 45 and 39. Police went to the home on a welfare check after being called by his mother's employer. The man let the police in when they knocked on the door; the bodies were found in the garage. Authorities reported the killer had asked his father for \$5 for gas money; the father refused so the son shot him twice in the head. He moved the body to the garage and was cleaning up the mess when his mother arrived home, and he shot her twice, also, according to news reports.

- In Washington County, a 59-year-old tow-truck operator died after he was struck by an SUV while pulling another vehicle out of the ditch. The man then fell onto the highway and was struck by a passing semi.
- In Outagamie County, a 65-year-old man drowned after falling from his fishing boat on the Wolf River.
- In Polk County, a 35-year-old man and a 22-year-old woman died when their vehicle left the roadway and struck some trees.
- In Pepin County, a person died when their car left the roadway and struck a tree.
- In Chippewa County, a 22-year-old man was found dead in his cell at the county jail. The man had been convicted of murder two weeks earlier; in April 2010 he shot and killed a 24-year-old male and wounded his estranged 18-year-old wife.
- In Racine County, a woman died in a freak accident. She was sitting in a disabled vehicle in the lane of traffic when her car was struck by an SUV traveling in the same direction. The woman was ejected. Several others were also injured.
- In Price County, a man died in an explosion and fire at his home.
- In Milwaukee County, a 29-year-old man was shot to death.
- In Milwaukee, a 47-year-old woman died of homicide; authorities were tight-lipped about the cause of death.
- In Milwaukee County, a 47-year-old woman died while being taught how to ride a motorcycle in a vacant parking lot. The woman apparently hit the throttle instead of the brake and crashed into a light pole.
- In Milwaukee County, a 24-year-old man was shot to death as he sat in a car.
- In Portage County, a 54-year-old man died in a house fire.
- In Winnebago County, the body of a 44-year-old snowmobiler was recovered more than a month after he went through the ice.
- In Monroe County, a 28-year-old man was shot and killed by police after he opened fire during a traffic stop; authorities are investigating if he was involved in a drive-by shooting on the highway.
- In Rock County, a 19-year-old man died in a crash; he was ejected when the van he was riding in was broad-sided by a man who was charged with being intoxicated and driving with a suspended license.
- In Milwaukee, a driver and passenger were killed in a two-vehicle accident.
- In Waukesha, a 32-year-old man died when he was hit by a train while walking on railroad tracks. The man was a resident at a group home.
- In Clark County, a 69-year-old man died after he was caught in a skid steer he was trying to repair on a farm.
- In Outagamie County, an 18-year-old motorcyclist died. He was passing a vehicle on a county road when the truck turned left in front of him.
- In Lafayette County, a 53-year-old man died when the self-propelled pavement roller he was using to roll his lawn turned over on an embankment.
- In Milwaukee County, two men, ages 26 and 35, were found dead in a house.
- In Waupaca County, a 51-year-old motorcyclist died after a vehicle pulled out in front of him. The man was not wearing a helmet.
- In Wood County, a 47-year-old man died when a truck he was working on slipped off a hydraulic jack.

- In Dane County, a 33-year-old inmate died by hanging at the county jail. The man, incarcerated since March 2010, was found in a cleaning closet.
- In Milwaukee County, a 27-year-old died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound after an 8-hour standoff with police
- In Milwaukee County, a 10-month-old baby died while co-sleeping with his sister and his grandmother.
- In Dane County, a man hung himself in a cleaning closet of the county jail. The man had been incarcerated for more than a year. The man had been convicted a day earlier on child pornography charges.