

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

- In Waushara County, a 31-year-old man died after his vehicle left the roadway and hit some trees, then a large rock.
- In Dane County, an 83-year-old woman died of injuries sustained when her husband, 81, failed to stop at a rural intersection and collided with another vehicle.
- In Kewaunee County, a 59-year-old man died of hypothermia after his boat capsized.
- In West Allis, a 53-year-old man died after crashing his bicycle, equipped with a 36 volt electric motor, into the wall of a building. The man reportedly had been consuming alcohol prior to the accident.
- In Dane County, an 88-year-old man died after pulling his vehicle into oncoming traffic.
- In Dunn County, a 76-year-old woman died after her vehicle hit the back of a motor coach that had been stopped by a state trooper.
- In Brown County, an 84-year-old man died after crashing his moped at a round-about. He was not wearing a helmet.
- In Forest County, a 34-year-old man died after his vehicle left the roadway, rolled over and started on fire.
- In Chippewa County, a 34-year-old man died after he jumped off a cliff into the Chippewa River.
- In Eau Claire County, one person died when two semis collided.
- Wisconsin had 47 traffic deaths in May 2011, matching May 2008 with the lowest deaths for May since WW II. 178 people had died on the state's roadways thru the end of May, compared with 196 for the same time period last year. 5 people died in Memorial Day weekend crashes this year; 12 died in 2010 on the holiday weekend. The most traffic deaths in May was in 1968, with 123.
- In Milwaukee County, a 23-year-old factory worker was crushed to death when a 3-ton steel bar swung down from an overhead crane.
- In Outagamie County, a 52-year-old man died after stumbling and falling, striking his head on the floor of a tavern.
- In Columbia County, a 17-year-old boy died when the car he was driving struck a utility pole. The boy had just finished his junior year of high school.

- In Marinette County, police shot and killed an armed man who refused to put down his weapon. The police had been called to investigate a domestic disturbance.
- In Milwaukee, a 69-year-old man died after employees of the nursing home he resided at left him outside for more than three hours in humid conditions where the temperature approached 100F.
- In Waushara County, a 31-year-old man died when his vehicle left the roadway, then hit some trees and a large rock.
- In Dane County, an 83-year-old woman died when a vehicle driven by her husband, 81, failed to stop at an intersection and collided with another vehicle.
- In Milwaukee County, a 10-year-old boy died after his body was pulled from a swimming pool at a park, which was closed. Authorities had been told that kids were climbing over the fence.
- In St. Croix County, a 50-year-old man died when his motorcycle hit a deer. The cyclist was not wearing a helmet.
- In Chippewa County, a 24-year-old man died when his motorcycle hit a car at a high rate of speed. Two people in the car were injured.
- In Green County, a 29-year-old man died after he lost control of his pick-up truck and hit a tree. The truck then caught fire; an autopsy revealed he died of his injuries before the fire.
- In Sheboygan County, a 59-year-old woman died after she pulled out of her driveway into the path of an oncoming vehicle.
- In Jackson County, a 51-year-old man died when his motorcycle collided with a wolf. He was not wearing a helmet.
- In Vernon County, a 25-year-old man died after he was ejected from his vehicle as it rolled over.
- In Vilas County, a 67-year-old man died when his motorcycle hit a turkey; he then left the roadway and hit some trees. He was not wearing a helmet.
- In Dane County, a 17-year-old died of injuries suffered in a May crash where the vehicle he was riding in hit a parked truck, then some trees. The 18-year-old driver was charged with DUI.
- In Bayfield County, a 20-year-old man died after his kayak capsized in Lake Superior.
- In Chippewa County, a 24-year-old woman died after her car hit a semi, then a tree. The vehicle then started on fire.
- In Marathon County, a 26-year-old man died when his car hit a tree.

- In Greenfield, a 46-year-old man died after his wife shot him. The woman told police her husband was an “abusive philanderer.” The woman was packing to leave when her husband started berating her...for the last time.
- In Milwaukee County, a one-year-old girl died after she allegedly was abused by a 25-year-old man, the boyfriend of her mother. The man, who had been ordered to not have contact with the child after a previous abuse case where he fractured the girl’s femur, was arrested and charged with reckless homicide.
- In Grant County, a 33-year-old man died after his motorcycle collided with a tractor pulling a hay bane. The tractor pulled out from an intersection, into the path of the oncoming cycle.
- In Shawano County, a 32-year-old man died after falling off the roof of a house, at midnight.
- In Milwaukee County, a 36-year-old man was stabbed to death in a domestic dispute. A 36-year-old woman was arrested.
- In Marathon County, a 60-year-old man died when a tractor rolled onto him as he was picking up round hay bales.
- In Grant County, a 32-year-old man died when he drowned in the Mississippi River. The man was at a beach with his family. They began to drift away due to the river’s current. The man went to rescue them when he drowned. The rest of the family made it to shore safely.
- In Winnebago County, a 16-year-old boy walked out of the woods and lay down on railroad tracks as a train approached. The train was unable to stop in time.
- In Dane County, a woman died after she was hit by a city bus. The woman was in a crosswalk and did have a “walk” sign. The bus was turning a corner when it struck her.
- In Pierce County, a 38-year-old man died after he fell backwards while sitting on a rail on a second-story balcony.
- In Milwaukee County, a 25-year-old man was shot to death. A 36-year-old female was arrested.
- In Pierce County, a 16-year-old male died when the vehicle he was driving ran a stop sign and collided with a truck.
- In Milwaukee, a 36-year-old man was stabbed to death; his 28-year-old “long time” girlfriend was arrested. Police said the couple had been having relationship problems.
- In Fond du Lac County, a 49-year-old man died after becoming entangled in a farm auger.
- In Richland County, a 36-year-old man died after he lost control of his motorcycle. He was not wearing a helmet.

- In Dane County, three people died in a three-vehicle crash. A vehicle driven by a 73-year-old man crossed the center line, side-swiping a van before crashing into an SUV, killing the 52-year-old male driver. A passenger in the causative vehicle also died; she was 71.
- In Dane County, a 16-year-old boy died after swim practice. The boy was a cancer survivor.
- In Washington County, an 8-year-old boy died in a freak bicycle accident. The boy lost control of his bike, struck a small rock fence, which caused him to vault over the handlebars.
- In Marathon County, two men drowned after jumping from a bridge into the Wisconsin River to cool off on a hot, humid day. The men, both of whom reportedly had been drinking prior to the incident, were each 30 years old. One man reportedly began to struggle in the water; the other man went to help, but they both went under water. Their bodies were recovered a short time later.
- In Outagamie County, a 55-year-old bicyclist died after being struck by a vehicle driven by an elderly man. Authorities believe the cyclist was laying in the road when he was struck.
- In Outagamie County, an 87-year-old woman was killed when the car she was a passenger in was struck by a vehicle that crossed the center line.
- In Winnebago County, a 20-year-old man died when he was struck by a vehicle while trying to cross Hy. 41 on foot late at night. The 17-year-old driver was not charged.
- In Dane County, a 58-year-old woman died after she was hit by a bus while crossing a Madison street. The woman reportedly had a "walk" signal and was in the crosswalk. The bus was making a turn when the accident happened.
- In Milwaukee, a 27-year-old man died in a house fire.
- In Outagamie County, a 38-year-old man died after the motorcycle he was riding hit a deer.
- In Chippewa County, a 29-year-old man died when the "tube" he was on, being pulled by a boat, struck a bridge pillar.
- In Rock County, a 42-year-old man died after losing control of his vehicle and entering a ditch. The man was ejected through the windshield.
- In Eau Claire County, a man in his 50's died in a duplex fire.
- In Manitowoc County, an 11-year-old girl died after being pulled from a public swimming pool.
- In LaCrosse County, a 23-year-old woman died after the vehicle she was a passenger in was struck from behind by a pickup truck. Her vehicle was stopped to make a turn. The truck driver fled the scene on foot, but was captured a short time later. That man, who already had one OWI, is facing homicide by intoxicated use of a motor vehicle charges.

- In Milwaukee, a 37-year-old man with a lengthy police record was shot and killed by police after he broke in to his ex-girlfriend's residence, then shot at the police when they arrived after being called to help.
- In Washington County, a 39-year-old female died with the motorcycle she was a passenger on struck the back of a vehicle.
- In Fond du Lac County, a 43-year-old man died of injuries sustained several days earlier after he lost control of his motorcycle.
- In Dane County, a 24-year-old woman died when her vehicle rolled over and then struck a tree.
- In Milwaukee, a 62-year-old male patient at the Milwaukee County Behavioral Health Division reportedly choked to death.
- In Waushara County, a 79-year-old man died when his ultralight crashed.
- In Kenosha, an 8-year-old child with a reported history of asthma died after losing consciousness on a playground.
- In Waukesha County, a 63-year old man was found bound and beaten in his garage. Two men were arrested in the case; they claimed the decedent owed them money.
- In St. Croix County, a 24-year-old man died after being shot in the chest by his friend, who told police he "didn't think the gun was loaded."
- In Walworth County, a 28-year-old man died when a car fell off a hoist.
- In Winnebago County, the body of a 41-year-old man was found in a river. The man, said to have been depressed, had been missing since April.
- In Waushara, a 79-year-old man died when his Jaguar was struck by a vehicle that had been rear-ended, then pushed into his path.
- In Vilas County, a 13-year-old girl died when the personal watercraft she was operating struck a pontoon boat.
- In Sheboygan County, a 42-year-old man drowned in Lake Michigan.
- In Kenosha County, a 31-year-old motorcyclist died when a large tree fell on him during a storm.
- In Jefferson County, a man died when his truck hit a tree.