

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

- In Milwaukee County, a 25-year-old man was shot to death.
- In Milwaukee County, charges were filed against a 53-year-old man who shot and killed a 16-year-old boy who allegedly was stealing from the man's junkyard. The man lived in a trailer on the property of his business.
- In Marathon County, an 89-year-old man died in a house fire that is believed to have started in a wood burner.
- In Rock County, authorities ruled that a 69-year-old man died of natural causes, before his mobile home caught fire.
- In Milwaukee County, a 17-year-old boy died after being shot and driving his SUV into a utility pole.
- In Calumet County, a 14-year-old boy died at high school track practice. The boy collapsed after he became dizzy after running. His death was cardiac-related.
- In Outagamie County, the body of a 78-year-old man was discovered in the parking lot of a shooting range. After the investigation and forensic autopsy, it was determined the man had shot himself.
- In Wood County, a body was discovered inside a car which apparently caught fire after it struck a church. Authorities identified the body as a 23-year-old man.
- In Marshfield, a 21-year-old motorcyclist died after losing control of his cycle, hitting a curb before striking a guardrail. He was not wearing a helmet.
- In Milwaukee County, the driver of a moped died when he crashed into an SUV which turned in front of him. Police believe the SUV was trying to beat a yellow traffic light. The moped driver was 29.
- In Douglas County, two people died in a head-on crash. Killed were the driver of one car, a male whose age wasn't released, and a 25-year-old female passenger in the other vehicle.
- In Columbia County, a 19-year-old man died after crashing into the back of a school bus.
- In Waukesha County, a 78-year-old man was allegedly killed by his 17-year-old grandson during a Mother's Day gathering. Police said the grandson has schizophrenia.
- In Eau Claire County, a 40-year-old woman died while she was an inmate at the county jail.
- In Marathon County, a 57-year-old man committed suicide by shooting himself in the head with a pneumatic nail gun. He first shot himself in the chest with a 3" nail, but that didn't kill him.

- In Brown County, DePere police shot and killed a man who refused to put down his weapon when ordered to by officers.
- In Racine County, a 37-year-old man died after being in a bar fight; a man was taken into custody.
- A man accused of driving drunk and killing a 21-year-old man and his 67-year-old grandmother in a crash in Rock County escaped from UW Hospitals, where he was being treated for his injuries. Police were not guarding the man, as they felt he wasn't a risk to flee. Police did find the missing man's wheel chair and walking boot.....and the man was captured a few days later.
- In Dodge County, an 18-year-old motorcyclist died after colliding with a mini-van.
- In Monroe County, an 84-year-old woman died in a house fire.
- In Wood County, a 51-year-old male died after he was struck by a train. The death was ruled a suicide.
- In Sheboygan County, a 68-year-old man was killed when a vehicle driven by a man, 59, crossed the center line and struck the older man's vehicle. Police said the man who caused the crash was intoxicated.
- In Dane County, a 31-year-old man was shot to death.
- In Dodge County, a 62-year-old motorcyclist died after colliding with a van.
- In Green Lake County, a 56-year-old woman died after she crossed the center line, colliding with an oncoming semi.
- In Portage County, a 37-year-old woman died of stab wounds allegedly inflicted by a 19-year-old man. The woman's husband was critically injured, and his brother was also seriously wounded. The adults had broken up a party being held at the property; the alleged killer had returned to the property to retrieve his vehicle. He was arrested a short time later.
- In Milwaukee County, the body of a 48-year-old woman was found a few days after her home burned to the ground.
- In Wood County, a 19-year-old man died in a single-vehicle rollover.
- In Milwaukee County, a 31-year-old woman was shot to death; the woman was the mother of 9 children.
- In Ashland County, authorities believe human remains found are those of an 18-year-old male who was reported missing in August 2010.
- In Kenosha County, a 29-year-old man died in a single-vehicle rollover.

- In Rock County, a mother and her two sons, ages 4 and 6, died when a vehicle driven by the woman's wife and the children's father swerved to miss a vehicle that was turning in front of them, and then skidded into the path of an oncoming minivan.
- In Dodge County, two men died after they drove around train warning barriers and were struck by an Amtrak train.
- In Dodge County, a 58-year-old man and his 56-year-old wife were found dead in their home. Toxicology is pending as the autopsies were inconclusive.
- In La Crosse County, 3 men reported to be "in their twenties" died when their vehicle, which was being pursued by a police officer, left the roadway at a high rate of speed and rolled over multiple times, ejecting them. Witnesses reported the squad car was about a mile behind the evaders when the crash happened.
- In Lincoln County, a 42-year-old woman died of injuries sustained in a traffic accident two weeks earlier. The woman was ejected when her car rolled over.
- In Columbia County, a 54-year-old motorcyclist died and his female passenger seriously injured when they were struck by a pickup truck. Alcohol did play a role in the crash.
- In Portage County, a 22-year-old woman who had just purchased her marriage license died when her SUV crossed the center line, striking an oncoming semi.
- In Brown County, a 63-year-old woman died after her SUV left the roadway and was partially submerged in water. Her death was attributed to a medical condition.
- In Columbia County, a 72-year-old woman died in a rock-picking accident. Authorities believe the woman was removing a rock that was wedged in the tines of the rock picker.
- In Sauk County, the February death of a 13-month-old female in February is believed to have been caused by the father shaking the child forcefully.
- In Milwaukee County, a 52-year-old man committed suicide by lying on the railroad tracks as a train approached.
- In Clark County, a 26-year-old man died in a single-vehicle rollover.
- In Washington County, a motorcyclist died and his female passenger was critically injured after a car pulled out into their path. Neither cyclist was wearing a helmet.
- In Milwaukee, a 31-year-old man was shot to death and his brother critically wounded after they drank the shooters beer at closing time in a tavern; police arrested a suspect in the slaying.
- In Calumet County, a 42-year-old motorcyclist died after being struck by a pick-up truck which ran a stop sign.

- In Iowa County, a 58-year-old man died after his truck struck a tractor which was pulling a wagon on the highway. The man's truck burst into flames; he died at the scene.
- In Columbia County, the body of a 29-year-old man was found at the bottom of Gibraltar Rock. He was found 100 feet below the crest of the formation.
- In Milwaukee County, police were investigating the death of a 10-month-old child.
- In Milwaukee County, a man died and many others were injured in a two-vehicle crash in the city.
- In Brown County, a 67-year-old man died of his injuries suffered weeks earlier after crashing his experimental aircraft at a small airport.
- In Washington County, a 27-year-old man died when a gust of wind caused his small boat to capsize.
- In Walworth County, the body of a 20-year-old college student was found at the base of a quarry. The man was last seen leaving a party; authorities believe he fell to his death.
- In Shawano County, a 49-year-old man and his 41-year-old wife died when the man lost control of their vehicle, which then rolled over and ejected both of them.
- In Outagamie County, a 95-year-old woman died after she was struck by a car in a church parking lot.
- In Jefferson County, a 24-year-old man died after he was struck by a train while walking on railroad tracks.
- A body was recovered from the Menomonee River on the Wisconsin-Michigan border. The man, 48, was believed to have fallen into the river while fishing from shore.
- In Trempealeau County, a 59-year-old man died after the vehicle he was driving crossed the center line and hit a hay bine which was being pulled by a tractor. The man's vehicle then caught fire.
- In Milwaukee, there were four homicides over the Memorial Day weekend, including a 10-month-old boy whose father has been charged in the case, a 52-year-old man who died of blunt force trauma, a 34-year-old man who was shot in an alley and a 50-year-old man who was shot on his porch.
- In Milwaukee, a 3-month-old boy died of head injuries sustained in an April accident in which his mother lost control of her vehicle and struck a tree.