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Dodge County Sheriff's Office Reports
Two Felony Operating While Intoxicated Arrests

On July 15, 2014 at 7:51 PM, the Dodge County Sheriff's Office and the Neosho, Rubicon, Ashippun Police Department responded to a one vehicle crash on Washington Road near Franklin Road in the Town of Ashippun. Investigation revealed that Deric Drongeson (44 years old from Ashippun) was operating his vehicle westbound on Washington Road when he lost control, went into the ditch and rolled over. Drongeson, who was the sole occupant, was extricated from the vehicle by the Ashippun Fire Department. Drongeson was transported to Summit Aurora Hospital by Lebanon EMS with non-life threatening injuries. Drongeson was arrested for operating while intoxicated 5th offense. Investigation of the crash is ongoing by Neosho, Rubicon, and Ashippun Police Department.

On July 16, 2014 at 1:18 AM, a Dodge County Sheriff's Office deputy was on patrol when he observed a vehicle traveling 122 mph on CTH O in the Town of Ashippun. A traffic stop was conducted and found the vehicle (1991 Ferrari) was being operated by Joel Yochum (28 years old from rural Ashippun). Further investigation showed Yochum was impaired and arrested for operating while intoxicated 4th offense along with speeding, operating after revocation, and bail jumping.

Sheriff Patricia Ninmann states, "These incidents are very concerning. Both could have ended tragically in serious crashes, putting the lives of other drivers at great risk."

For additional information please contact Sheriff Patricia Ninmann.