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MEDIA RELEASE

Homicide by Intoxicated Use of Vehicle

For Immediate Release

Date: 5/4/19
CASE: SO1924596

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On 5/4/19 at 2118 hours Rock County Sheriff's Office Deputies responded to a two vehicle head on collision on Hwy 14 North of E Cty Tk MM. On Hwy 14 a southbound Ford Mustang was attempting to pass an uninvolved vehicle. While the Mustang was traveling southbound in the northbound lane it collided head on with a Buick Encore.

As a result of the collision a 33 year old male of Janesville was pronounced dead on scene. The male was an occupant of the Mustang. The driver of the Encore suffered minor injuries and was transported to the hospital but eventually released. The driver of the Mustang, Thomas Bluhm of Janesville, showed signs of impairment and was arrested for:

- Homicide by Intoxicated Use of a Vehicle
- OWI 2nd Causing Injury
- OWI 2nd

As a result of the crash Hwy 14 was shut down for approximately five hours while the Rock County Recon team could complete their investigation. Bluhm was booked into the Rock County Jail for court on 5/6/19.

Pursuant to the directive of the Wisconsin Supreme Court, as found in Supreme Court Rule 20:3.6, Trial Publicity, you are advised that a charge is merely an accusation and that a defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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By: Sergeant Clint Rowley
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