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MEDIA RELEASE

For Immediate Release

Date: 10/14/2020
Case: SO2041582

Contact Person

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On October 14, 2020 at 8:15 pm, Rock County Deputies were dispatched to the area of W STH 11 and S Severson Rd for a vehicle on the side of the road. When Deputies arrived on scene, they made contact with the driver Stephen D. Clauss.

Deputies observed signs of impairment from Stephen and requested he participate in standardized field sobriety testing. Stephen completed the tests and was subsequently arrested for operating while intoxicated. A check through DOT records showed four prior OWI convictions, making this felony fifth offense OWI.

Stephen was booked into the Rock County Jail for the fifth offense OWI violation. Stephen will attend Jail Court on 10/15/2020 at 3:00pm. Stephen was also arrested for Operating a Motor Vehicle without Owner's Consent because the vehicle he was operating was stolen out of Madison, WI.

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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