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MEDIA RELEASE
Pursuit leads to OWI Arrest

For Immediate Release

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 Case: SO2315184

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On 3/30/2023 at approximately 0025 hours a Janesville Police Department officer attempted to stop a vehicle for a traffic violation in the area of Midvale Dr and Wright Rd. The vehicle fled after Janesville was able to get a vehicle description. A Beloit Police Department supervisor advised the vehicle matches the description of a recently stolen vehicle out of the City of Beloit. They also advised the possible driver/suspect was Cory Bendorf Sasseen and they have probable cause to arrest him for, theft, reckless endangering safety, false imprisonment, operating a motor vehicle without owner's consent and 2 counts of fleeing. A short time later the vehicle fled from Walworth County Sheriff's Office into Illinois, Wisconsin State Patrol assisted. At approximately 0117 hours the vehicle entered back into Wisconsin and stop sticks were successfully used by the Beloit PD. Beloit PD then started pursuing the vehicle around the City of Beloit and requested our assistance with the pursuit. Rock County deputies got involved in the pursuit. The vehicle eventually left the City of Beloit northbound on Cty Tk D, due to the vehicle leaving the City of Beloit, Beloit PD requested the Sheriff's Office to take over the pursuit.

Rock County continued to pursue the vehicle northbound on Cty Tk D and the Janesville PD's assistance was requested for stop sticks. Deputies used a moving roadblock to slow the vehicle to a stop. While the vehicle was slowing it struck 3 different Rock County squad cars. The vehicle came to a stop on Cty Tk D near Rockport Park Dr. The driver was taken into custody and identified as Cory Bendorf Sasseen. Once the vehicle was stopped deputies noticed the passenger in the vehicle was having a medical event and immediately began rendering aid and contacted EMS. No injuries occurred during the incident. The Rock County Sheriff's Office charged Bendorf Sasseen with fleeing, reckless driving, operating after revocation, reckless endangering safety – 1st degree, 2 counts of reckless endangering safety – 2nd degree and operating while intoxicated – 2nd offense. At this time, it is not known what other charges will be brought by the other agencies involved.

"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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