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OWI News Release

Location: MAIN ST. - VILLAGE OF SUSSEX

County: WAUKESHA

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THOMAS J GERSTNER, 47 years of age, from SUSSEX has been arrested by the Wisconsin State Patrol Waukesha Post for operating a motor vehicle under the influence, 1st offense.

ON SUNDAY MAY 30TH AT 12:18 PM, THE WISCONSIN STATE PATROL WAS REQUESTED BY THE WAUKESHA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO INVESTIGATE A MINOR TRAFFIC CRASH INVOLVING A VILLAGE OF SUSSEX FIRE DEPARTMENT VEHICLE AND ANOTHER LEGALLY PARKED CIVILIAN VEHICLE. THE INVESTIGATION DETERMINED THAT THE OPERATOR OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT VEHICLE, THOMAS J. GERSTNER, AN ON-DUTY FIRE FIGHTER WITH THE VILLAGE OF SUSSEX FIRE DEPARTMENT, WAS OPERATING UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF AN INTOXICANT AT THE TIME OF THE CRASH. IT WAS ALSO DETERMINED THAT GERSTNER WAS OPERATING WITHOUT A VALID DRIVERS LICENSE DUE TO ITS EXPIRATION IN FEBRUARY.

GERSTNER WAS ARRESTED BY THE WISCONSIN STATE PATROL AND WAS TRANSPORTED FROM THE SCENE OF THE CRASH TO THE WAUKESHA SHERIFF'S SUB STATION, WHERE HE SUBMITTED TO AN INTOXILIZER TEST. HE WE WAS THEN SUBSEQUENTLY RELEASED TO A RESPONSIBLE PARTY. CHARGES WILL BE REFERRED TO THE WAKESHA COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE.

"Pursuant to the direction of the Wisconsin Supreme Court, as found in Supreme Court Rule 20:3.6, Trial Publicly, 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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