JANUARY 2011……..Interesting cases handled by Wisconsin's death investigators….compiled by Jon Hagen

- In Milwaukee, a person died in a house fire.
- In Mequon, a 69-year-old woman and her husband, 72, were killed by a hit-and-run driver. Their bodies were found in a ditch after they had been reported missing my family members.
- In Beloit, a 46-year-old man died of injuries suffered when the vehicle he was driving left the roadway and struck a tree.
- In Milwaukee, a one-month-old boy died; authorities are investigating it as a co-sleeping death. The child was in a twin-sized bed with his mother.
- The "Daily Beast," an online news and opinion website, named Milwaukee as the "drunkest city" in the United States.
- In Vilas County, a 69-year-old woman died when the vehicle she was riding in was involved in a three-vehicle collision.
- In Vernon County, a 59-year-old woman was killed when the vehicle she was driving pulled out in front of a semi.
- In Beloit, a 53-year-old man, who was confined to a wheel chair, died in a house fire.
- In Dane County, a 50-year-old man died after being restrained by staff at a mental health facility. The man was restrained after fighting and struggling with the staff.
- In Monroe County, a 58-year-old man shot himself to death after being involved in a stand-off with authorities at his home.
- In Outagamie County, the death of an 18-year-old woman was ruled a suicide. Her death was the fifth suicide of students attending the same high school, dating back to May 2009. Two teachers in the same district also have committed suicide since that time.
- In Fond du Lac County, a 43-year-old woman died when the vehicle she was driving was passing a snowplow; the woman hit an oncoming truck which was loaded with building supplies.
- In Marinette County, a 71-year-old man died in a house fire.
- In Fond du Lac County, jurors ruled that the death of a 59-year-old farmer is a crime. The man was run over by a tractor driven by his 26-year-old son; the son claimed they were "playing chicken" when the incident occurred in August, 2010.
- In Sauk County, a 43-year-old man died and another was seriously injured when their semi went out of control on an icy road and hit a bridge.
- In Lincoln County, an 86-year-old woman died while retrieving her mail from a roadside mailbox. The woman was dressed in dark clothing after sunset; the driver of the minivan that hit her was not charged.
- In Greenfield, a three-day-old boy died in a co-sleeping incident with his father. They were sleeping on a futon.
- In Columbia County, a 57-year-old man died after falling 15 feet through a trap door at a family business.

- In Bayfield County, a 20-year-old woman died of her injuries sustained when the car she was riding in collided with a semi. The woman was a junior at UW-Madison.
- In Dane County, a 24-year-old male UW student died of bacterial meningitis.
- In Marinette County, a 45-year-old woman died when her vehicle left a slippery road and hit a power pole. She was not wearing a seatbelt.
- In Milwaukee County, a 75-year-old man died when his car struck a tree; authorities believe a medical condition led to the crash.
- In Milwaukee County, a 6-year-old girl died of accidental hanging; the girl was found hanging from a hook in her bedroom with a jump rope she'd gotten for Christmas.
- In Waupaca County, a 69-year-old man died of injuries suffered three weeks earlier, when he lost control of his vehicle and it rolled over, ejecting him.
- In Lafayette County, two men, ages 23 and 22 died when the vehicle they were in skidded out of control and hit a guardrail. Two others were injured. Speed, alcohol and failure to buckle up were listed as contributing factors.
- In Outagamie County, a 29-year-old man died when the snowmobile he was driving hit the back of a trailer, which was being pulled by a car.
- In Milwaukee, a five-month-old girl died while co-sleeping with her mother.
- In Milwaukee, a 49-year-old man died while incarcerated in the county jail. He'd been there for two weeks, and had been refusing to eat. He was arrested on traffic-related offenses.
- In Forest County, a 53-year-old man was shot to death by a 19-year-old male during an argument.
- In Kenosha County, a 28-year-old female died when the vehicle she was a passenger in was struck by a drunken-driver.
- In Milwaukee County, a 76-year-old man died of natural causes, according to the medical examiner. The man was found inside his residence, which had burned down. The fire was ruled accidental.
- In Eau Claire, a 24-year-old woman died in an apartment fire.
- In Waupaca County, a man died of his injuries sustained after his car when off the roadway and rolled over. He was 69.
- In Milwaukee, a 64-year-old man died in a house fire.
- In Vernon County, a 39-year-old woman died after she apparently fell into a feed mixer on the family farm. She was the mother of four children.
- In Fond du Lac County, an 88-year-old man and his dog died due to carbon monoxide poisoning in their home. His furnace had not been serviced for several years.
- In Brown County, a 20-year-old man who was confined to a wheelchair died after he was struck by a hit-and-run driver. The man was using his wheelchair in the street as the sidewalk had not been cleared of snow. Police received several tips and did arrest a suspect.
- In Barron County, a 33-year-old woman died when the car she was driving crossed the center line and hit a logging truck.

- In Winnebago County, a 57-year-old woman died when her 3-wheeled mobility scooter was struck by a pick-up truck while she was on a city street.
- In Winnebago County, a 33-year-old man died when his car hit the back of a semi on Hy. 441 bridge over Little Lake Butte des Morts.
- In Brown County, a 12-year-old boy died when he was struck from behind by a car on a county road, where he was walking about 10 p.m. The boy suffered from a medical condition and was "prone to wander."
- In Brown County, an 80-year-old man died when he lost control of his vehicle and it rolled over.
- In Rock County, an unidentified body was found in a ditch.
- In LaCrosse County, a 30-year-old woman died when her vehicle crossed the center line, striking an oncoming vehicle head-on. Icy roads were a contributing factor.
- In Milwaukee County, an 18-month-old female died; the 29-year-old man who was entrusted with her care was charged with first-degree reckless homicide.
- In Waukesha County, a four-month-old boy died while co-sleeping with his mother.
- In Milwaukee County, a person died after jumping from a downtown bridge near the Marquette interchange.
- In Green County, a 43-year-old man died in a house fire; he had gotten out but decided to reenter the house, likely in an attempt to extinguish the fire.
- In Rock County, the County Board announced that the county will change to a "Medical Examiner system" in 2015.
- In Sheboygan County, a 74-year-old woman was arrested for being responsible for the 1957 death of her daughter, who was six-months-old at the time. The woman claimed the girl fell off a couch, which caused her head injuries. Another child of the woman and brother of the deceased, was two-years-old at the time. He claimed that his mother was responsible for the death. After questioning now, all these years later, she admitted she "threw" the child on the couch and the child then bounced off the couch and onto the floor after she had become frustrated with another child's alleged misbehavior. Ironically, a law-enforcement building now sites on the site where the alleged home…and crime scene….once stood.
- In Marathon County, a 22-year-old man died when the car he was driving left the roadway and hit a tree. Alcohol and excessive speed were felt to be contributors.
- In Kewaunee County, a 17-year-old girl died when she lost control of her car while passing another; she was involved in a head-on collision.