

July 2009 Wisconsin updates....interesting cases handled by Wisconsin's death investigators.....

- In Dane County, a 41-year-old man was killed after being struck by a pizza delivery vehicle while crossing a Madison street.
- In Dodge County, a baby found dead in late April in a garbage bag did not die from trauma or drugs, and officials have ruled her death was not a homicide. The child, known as "Baby Theresa" is buried in a nearby cemetery.
- In Portage County, a judge ordered a 36-year-old man to stand trial on three counts of first-degree intentional homicide. Two young children were found shot to death, and their 30-year-old mother was also found dead, although her cause of death is still to be determined. The incident occurred in late April.
- In Milwaukee County, a 58-year-old worker died from his injuries after being burned by steam in an industrial accident in June.
- In Milwaukee County, a 28-year-old woman who was allegedly arguing with her husband while driving in June, then hitting and killing a motorcyclist was charged with negligent homicide. The cyclist was 54.
- In Milwaukee County, the May death of a 90-year-old woman, found with a plastic bag over her head and pantyhose around her neck, has been ruled a suicide. The woman's 51-year-old daughter had been considered a person of interest in the case. The woman had been dead for 7-10 days before she was found by her son; she shared the home with her daughter.
- In Milwaukee County, a 25-year-old woman was sentenced to 50 years in prison and 25 years of extended supervision, convicted of killing a 13-month-old child and torturing a two-year-old.
- In Marinette County, a trout fisherman found the body of a 28-year old man who had been missing since last October, when he was last seen leaving a bar. An autopsy showed the man had suffered blunt trauma to his chest, head and several broken bones; the exact cause of death is pending.
- In Oneida County, a 20-year-old student at UW-Stevens Point drowned in a lake near Rhinelander.
- In Outagamie County, the family of a 26-year-old man who died in January 2008 while an inmate at the County Jail filed a lawsuit, claiming officials were negligent. The man died of natural causes after another inmate had told guards he appeared to be gravely ill.
- In Milwaukee County, the body of a 21-year-old UW-Milwaukee student was found in the Milwaukee River downtown. He was last seen leaving a bar after celebrating a friend's birthday.
- In Forest County, a 15-year-old girl died after being injured in an off-road vehicle accident.
- In Winnebago County, a 40-year-old man was killed after being struck by a SUV as he tried to cross U.S. Highway 41.
- In Brown County, authorities reported the driver who was going the wrong way on Hy. 41 when he hit another vehicle head-on, killing three teenagers, had a blood-alcohol content of 0.247%. The crash occurred on June 26 during early-morning hours.

- In Dane County, a 46-year-old man died when he drove down a village street in Oregon and a large oak tree, measuring 46 feet in height and 7 feet in circumference blew over, striking the man's car, a Geo Prism.
- In Waukesha County, a 31-year-old man died trimming trees. He was about 42 feet up in the tree when it tipped over. He was working with a crew and was wearing a harness.
- In Washington County, a 40-year-old man died at a beach near a campground.
- In Milwaukee County, a 13-year-old boy died while playing tag. He ran into the street, where he was struck by a truck driven by a 25-year-old man, driving with a revoked license.
- In Washington County, a 41-year-old man drowned while diving in Lake Michigan, the second death of that sort in Washington County this summer.
- In Sheboygan County, an 18-year-old woman died while working in a convenience store. A man who had gotten gas had backed up to pick up his wife, who had gone inside to pay. The man's vehicle crashed through the wall of the store, pinning the woman underneath. The man was charged with homicide by negligent operation of a motor vehicle after admitting he was driving from the passenger side when the crash occurred.
- In Clark County, a 35-year-old man died when his ATV rolled over on a trail; the man was not wearing a helmet.
- In Iowa County, a 62-year-old bicyclist died when a pick-up truck turned in front of him, causing a collision. The cyclist, who was wearing a helmet, was taking part in an organized tour.
- In Milwaukee County, a 22-year-old woman was accused of failing to get appropriate medical care for her baby, who later died. An autopsy showed the child had no fat and his weight, height and head circumference were below the fifth percentile for his age.
- In Columbia County, the parents of a 17-year-old boy said he died while playing the "choking game."
- A 33-year-old Milwaukee man died while competing in the swimming portion of a triathlon.
- In Milwaukee County, a 13-year-old girl died of the swine flu, the 4th death in Milwaukee and the 5th in Wisconsin. She reportedly had an underlying medical condition.
- In Lincoln County, a 66-year-old man drowned, apparently after falling from a boat.
- In Fond du Lac County, a 36-year-old man has been charged with strangling a 28-year-old woman, then getting others, including his mother, to move the body to a burn barrel. After the body was burned, it was disposed of through holes drilled into the ice of Lake Winnebago.
- In Dodge County, a 44-year-old man has been charged with hitting his wife in the head with a pipe, then covering her head with a plastic bag. The man called police and confessed to the killing.
- In Richland County, sheriff's deputies shot and killed a 51-year-old man who reportedly was shooting a gun and striking a child.

- In Waukesha County, a 35-year-old man was charged in a 2002 case where two 26-year-old men were reportedly shot multiple times, their necks cut and their waists were wrapped in chains. The men were found in a private lake. The case is likely drug-related.
- In Waupaca County, a 62-year-old woman died when a combine pulled out from a driveway, striking the vehicle the woman was riding in.
- In Milwaukee County, police arrested a man after two couples were confronted by at least three young people as they left a bar. A confrontation ensued, and a 40-year-old man, the father of five daughters, died of a head injury.
- In Racine County, a 14-year-old boy drowned after a teacher took him and three other boys on a boat without parental permission.
- In Milwaukee County, a 27-year-old man was sentenced for killing a 29-year-old homeless man, shooting him and slitting his throat. The man was killed after apparently taking “lewd cell phone pictures” of a 15-year-old girl.
- In Dane County, authorities suspect murder-suicide in a case involving a man and his estranged wife. The man was found dead after a neighbor reported hearing a gunshot; police found the woman dead, also of a gunshot, when they went to notify her of the death.
- In Racine County, a woman is suing the county, alleging her husband did not receive proper care before dying while an inmate in the jail.
- In Kenosha County, a prison inmate was killed and two others seriously injured after a transport van carrying 10 inmates from a job site rolled over after swerving to avoid an animal on State 142.
- In Juneau County, a 59-year-old religious leader who pleaded no contest in February to hiding the body of an elderly follower on a toilet for weeks, was sentenced to two years in prison. Prosecutors said the man kept the body hidden so he could collect her Social Security checks and annuities. The man’s attorney argued that his client thought God would bring the woman back to life.
- Wisconsin’s Department of Health Services reported that anyone born in Wisconsin between 2005 and 2007 is expected to live to be almost 80 years old.
- In Brown County, a 64-year-old man was found dead after being trampled by a bull or a cow on a dairy farm.
- In Racine County, a body discovered in a burned-out pickup truck was tentatively identified as a 54-year-old man. The incident occurred in a wooded area of an archery club.
- In Fond du Lac County, the body of a 30-year-old man was found in the Fond du Lac River. Police believe the man lost control of his bicycle and fell into the river where he struck his head on some rocks.
- In Vilas County, a judge sentenced an Illinois man who was driving a snowmobile drunk when he hit a tree and killed his passenger, a Chicago television personality, to three years probation and 100 hours of community service. The crash happened in January 2008.