

March 2010.....interesting cases handled by Wisconsin's death investigators....

- In Brown County, a 21-year-old man was killed when he lost control of his motorcycle and struck a car, which was legally parked.
- In Portage County, a 36-year-old man pleaded guilty to two counts of first-degree intentional homicide and one count of first-degree reckless homicide in a case involving his 30-year-old girlfriend and their two young children. The man had poured gasoline throughout the house when police arrived at the scene to do a welfare check, at the request of the girlfriend's mother.
- In Marathon County, a 29-year-old man reached a plea agreement in the death of a 43-year-old woman. The man told authorities he "smacked her" after the woman allegedly kicked the man in the mouth in a March 2009 case.
- In Chippewa County, police believe a 17-year-old male was stabbed to death while sleeping at the house of a 30-year-old man, who then moved his body to the shore of the Chippewa River.
- In Milwaukee County, police have made at least 5 arrests in a bizarre case that occurred in February where a 23-year-old woman and her two small children were killed; then a 19-year-old woman was found shot in the head and killed. Police believe she was killed due to her knowledge and involvement in the case. Reports also state one man fathered children with two different women who were killed in this case; one of those babies died shortly after birth, and one of the women killed the other, before later being murdered herself.
- In Waupaca County, a 16-year-old male died when the vehicle he was driving crossed the center line and struck an oncoming vehicle at a high rate of speed.
- In Brown County, a 44-year-old woman died of her injuries one week after being involved in a multi-vehicle crash which involved a semi on Hy. 41. A passenger in her vehicle died at the scene.
- In Milwaukee, a 30-year-old male was sentenced to 4 life terms for killing 4 people at a block party in 2008. Police believe the man shot the others as retaliation for an earlier beating and robbery by members of the Murda Mobb gang.
- In Sheboygan County, a man was convicted of shooting a 30-year-old man to death last March. Police believe the men were competing cocaine dealers.
- In Dane County, the Wisconsin State Journal reported that Dane County will switch from a coroner system to a medical examiner system in January, 2011. Currently, 27 Wisconsin counties have an ME system.
- In Rock County, two teens have been arrested in a case involving the death of a 13-year-old boy due to an overdose of Oxycontin. A 14-year-old girl is tentatively charged with first-degree reckless homicide; she apparently took the medication from a relative. The girl was expelled from the Milton Middle School last year for having 27 half-tablets of Oxycodone at the school. Another 13-year-old boy has been charged with illegally possessing prescription medication; the two boys had spent the night together before the one boy died.
- In Outagamie County, a 39-year-old man, a former fire fighter for the City of Appleton, was found guilty of first-degree intentional homicide in the shooting death of his 39-year-old estranged wife last April. The man claimed he was

trying to prevent her from committing adultery with another man, who was a paramedic for a private ambulance service. The fire fighter also shot and wounded his mother-in-law during the homicide.

- In Ozaukee County, a 38-year-old woman was charged with first-degree reckless homicide in a case where she allegedly sold methadone to a 21-year-old woman who died of an overdose. She also was linked with two more methadone deaths in 2009.
- In Dane County, a 51-year-old woman died when her vehicle stuck a semi as it pulled out in front of her from a business on Hy. 39/51.
- In Dane County, a 27-year-old man was shot to death; authorities believe the shooting was drug related.
- In Milwaukee County, a 31-year-old woman pled guilty to child neglect after her 6-day-old daughter suffocated on her couch.
- In Racine County, a 4-year-old boy died after the vehicle he was riding in was stuck by a 78-year-old man who was driving without a valid driver's license.
- In Sauk County, a 13-year-old boy was found not competent to stand trial in the January shooting death of his 55-year-old father. The boy told authorities a "balloon of anger" inside him broke just before he shot the man in the head as he rested in a recliner.
- In Brown County, a 22-year-old man was sentenced to life in prison after he was convicted of smashing his 4-month-old son's head into a door in June 2008. The man apparently became frustrated while giving the boy a bath. The man claimed the boy slipped and hit his head while seated in the tub.
- In Sheboygan County, the death of a 15-year-old girl was attributed to asphyxiation.
- In Racine County, a 2-year-old boy died; a 30-year-old man was arrested and charged with beating the child, his girlfriend's son, to death.
- In Racine County, a 41-year old shopkeeper was shot to death in his store.
- In Taylor County, a 37-year-old man died in a motorcycle crash.
- In Vernon County, a 40-year-old man died when the car he was driving struck a tree.
- In Brown County, a 40-year-old man died after the vehicle he was driving, stopped in traffic, was struck by a stolen truck driven by a 19-year-old man. The man was charged with homicide by negligent use of a motor vehicle.
- In Marathon County, a 37-year-old man was sentenced to five years in prison and probation after he threw a fatal punch which killed a 43-year-old man during a bar fight.
- In Sheboygan County, a 32-year-old man pled no contest to a negligent homicide charge regarding the death of an 18-year-old clerk; the vehicle, operated by the man from the passenger seat drove through the door/window of the store.
- In Racine County, a 44-year-old man pled guilty to driving while intoxicated in a 2008 accident; the man struck a bicyclist.
- In Marathon County, a 40-year-old man pled not guilty to charges relating to an accident last October that killed his wife, 40, and daughter, 11. Authorities believe the man had been drinking at a party before the crash.

- In Hudson, a 19-year-old man died after being hit by a recycling truck.
- In Milwaukee, a man died of a gunshot wound which concluded a police chase. Police wanted to talk to the man, who was suspected of possessing child pornography. The man shot himself during the chase.
- In Milwaukee, a 65-year-old man, once a suspected serial killer who is serving a life sentence for the 1997 strangulation death of a woman, has now been charged with killing another woman in 1993.
- In Milwaukee, police shot and killed an armed 21-year-old man after he pointed a gun at officers and threatened to shoot them.
- In Clark County, a driver lost control of their vehicle, which rolled over several times, ejecting them. This was the first fatality in Clark County this year.
- In Winnebago County, a 31-year-old woman died after the vehicle she was riding in went out of control and struck a tree, then rolled over, pinning her and the driver in the wreckage.
- In Sheboygan County, a 23-year-old man has been charged with first-degree reckless homicide after his one-month-old son died. The man told police that he dropped the boy while reaching for the TV remote control; physicians told police that the baby had suffered “abusive head trauma.”
- Dane County Coroner Ray Wosepka died on March 20 at the age of 67. Ray had retired from the coroner’s office after 13 years of service in 2001, after being diagnosed with throat cancer. He returned to the office in the fall of 2009 after the sudden death of then-coroner John Stanley. Ray was a kind and gentle man, known to many in the WCMEA for both his duties as coroner and working for tissue banks.