MAY 2010……..interesting cases and news related to death investigation in Wisconsin.

- In Outagamie County, a 44-year-old man died when he lost control of his vehicle and it overturned, partially ejecting him. He was found by a passing motorist.
- In Milwaukee, two people shot and killed themselves within a week of each other at a gun range, with weapons rented on-site. One of the men had overdosed a week earlier. Two people committed suicide last year at a gun range in Racine County.
- In Kenosha County, a 26-year-old woman was shot to death by a former boyfriend after she was dropped off by another male. The shooter was later found dead of a self-inflicted gunshot wound.
- In Dane County, a man was ambushed, shot and killed in front of his girl friend and 14-month old son by an unknown assailant. The man was pistol-whipped last December by an unknown person who entered his home.
- Dane County reported 61 people died of heroin overdoses in 2009.
- In Juneau County, the bodies to two fishermen were recovered from Castle Lake. The men had been missing since April 15.
- In Bayfield County, two men died when their vehicle left the roadway and struck a tree. Authorities think the driver may have become distracted when a picnic table fell out of the back of the vehicle.
- In Iron County, a 63-year-old man died in an ATV accident.
- In Milwaukee, a 6-year-old girl died when a vehicle driven by her uncle crashed. The uncle was intoxicated and was racing another vehicle. The girl was not wearing a seat belt.
- In St. Croix County, an 18-year-old male was sentenced to 8 years in prison for being under the influence of marijuana during last summer's crash that killed a 26-year-old man and a 17-year-old girl. All three were ejected from the vehicle.
- In Racine County, a 46-year-old man died a week after he was struck by a hit-and-run driver. The driver was caught and was found to be intoxicated at the time of the accident.
- In Waupaca County, a 68-year-old man died on a raft while fishing in the Wolf River.
- In Marathon County, a 26-year-old woman died and two other people were critically injured, all ejected when the driver of their SUV lost control and the vehicle rolled over on Hy. 39.
- In Wisconsin, 54 people died in 51 crashes, nine more than last April.
- In Marathon County, a 33-year-old man died after he was lying on top of a mattress on the roof of a minivan, which was moving; the man fell off onto the roadway.
- In Milwaukee, the body of a 49-year-old woman was found in the Menominee River.
- In Outagamie County, a 39-year-old former City of Appleton fire fighter was sentenced to life in prison, guilty of first-degree intentional homicide. He shot and killed his estranged wife in April 2009; he also wounded his mother-in-law.

- In Milwaukee, an 11-year-old boy died while standing at an intersection. An SUV did not stop at the signal, striking a pickup truck, which then struck the child.
- In Milwaukee, a 30-year-old man was shot and killed, and another man injured. A 27-year-old man was arrested.
- In Vernon County, a 17-year-old boy and an 18-year-old woman were killed on prom night. Their car, driven by a 17-year-old girl crested a hill, went out of control and hit some trees. Two others were injured.
- In Green Bay, a woman was killed when her pick-up truck rolled and became partially submerged in a ditch.
- In Marinette County, a 72-year-old man and his 91-year-old mother died in a two vehicle crash.
- In Milwaukee, an 87-year-old woman and an 83-year-old man died in a murder-suicide at a retirement community. The man apparently wanted a "romantic relationship" and the woman refused, so the man shot her before turning the gun on himself.
- In Marinette County, a 13-year-old boy took his mother's car while she was asleep. He lost control on a country road and died when he struck a tree. Speed was a factor in the accident.
- In Milwaukee, a 27-year-old man, posing as a female prostitute, died when he was shot by another man seeking sexual services.
- In Marathon County, a 2-year-old boy died at home after being scalded by hot liquid two days earlier. The family, who has 8 children, reportedly had sought medical attention for the boy.
- In Fond du Lac County, a 49-year-old man who had assisted another man and his mother in disposing of the cremated remains of a woman who had been murdered was sentenced to 7 ½ years in prison for his role in the case. The woman's body was dumped through holes cut in the ice of Lake Winnebago.
- In Washington County, a 35-year-old man was found guilty of homicide by intoxicated use of a motor vehicle in a November case in which the SUV he was driving ran a stop sign, colliding with another vehicle and killing a 24-year-old man.
- In Cudahy, a 48-year-old man died after being struck by a train. Police believe the man was intoxicated and stumbled into the train's engine.
- In Dodge County, a 61-year-old man died after being struck by a semi while crossing a street in Horicon.
- In Marinette County, a 45-year-old man died one week after the vehicle he was riding in crossed the center line and struck a semi head-on. The driver of that vehicle, a 48-year-old woman, was intoxicated at the time of the crash.
- In Milwaukee, a 51-year-old man died about 3 weeks after falling from the stands onto the field at Miller Park. The man fell about 14 feet while trying to catch balls during batting practice before a Brewers-Cubs game.
- In Waukesha County, a 79-year-old woman died and 3 others were injured in a 3 vehicle crash. The vehicle the woman was riding in was struck by a delivery truck.

- The FAA ruled that pilot error was to blame when a DNR plane used to spot wildfires crashed in April 2009. The FAA said the pilot was flying too low and too slow, which caused the crash.
- In Milwaukee, a 29-year-old tribal drummer, singer and dancer was shot and killed, and his nephew shot and paralyzed after a confrontation with a 23-year-old man. The shooter was a "proponent and regular practitioner of openly carrying a holstered handgun" according to the Journal-Sentinel. The shooter was charged with first-degree intentional homicide, among other charges. The shooting apparently stemmed after an argument over a parking spot in front of a bar.
- In Waukesha County, a 19-year-old male died after a high-speed case in the wrong direction on Hy. 43. He died when his vehicle crashed into a parked tow truck which was assisting at another incident.
- In Milwaukee, a 58-year-old woman collapsed and died after her home was struck by gunfire. Investigators believe the shooting was in retaliation for an earlier incident in which a man who lives at the woman's house reportedly stole a gun from another person. The death was ruled a homicide.
- In Columbia County, a 47-year-old woman died in a hit-and-run accident. The woman was found lying in the road by a passing motorist; he stopped and tried to protect the woman from oncoming traffic, shielding her with his vehicle. Another vehicle drove around his vehicle, then struck the woman.
- In Racine County, a mother who taught her 16-year-old son how to use drugs was sentenced to 8 years in prison. Her son died of an overdose; the woman admitted she had taught him how to use marijuana, crack cocaine and heroin.
- In Portage County, a 33-year-old man died when the vehicle he was riding in, driven by a drunk driver, crossed the center line and struck an oncoming vehicle head-on. Four others were hurt.
- In Calumet County, the cause of an industrial fire was ruled undetermined. In December 2009, a St. Anna volunteer fire fighter was killed and others injured when they applied water to the fire; the material burning was aluminum alloy and aluminum oxide dross, which exploded when water was applied to it.
- In Milwaukee, a 22-year-old woman died when her car stuck the back end of a parked bus.
- In Marathon County, a 34-year-old man died after falling into the Wisconsin River while fishing. The man is the father of two children and his wife is pregnant with a third child.
- In Outagamie County, a man filed a circumstance of claim against the Kaukauna School District. The man's wife, 53, committed suicide earlier this year. The woman was a teacher in the district; her husband claimed that his wife who had been employed by the district for 20 years, was being mistreated by the school district.
- In Marathon County, a 94-year-old woman died after she was injured extinguishing a fire in her home. The woman was burned on her hands, feet and face.
- In Racine County, two men have been charged with bursting through a man's front door and shooting him to death in front of his mother. The man killed was

28. The men charged are 35 and 27. The men apparently stole jewelry, almost $20,000 in cash and more than a pound of cocaine.

- In Oneida County, a 23-year-old man was sentenced to 12 years in prison for the drug overdose of his 10-month-old daughter. The man had left a morphine tablet within reach of the child; a large amount of the drug was found in her system.
- In Douglas County, authorities found the body of a Duluth teenager who had been reported missing in January.
- In Rock County, a 72-year-old man died in a head on crash; an oncoming vehicle crossed the center line.
- The Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel reported at more than 600 people in Milwaukee County died of drug overdoses from 2002-2009. 217 died of methdone overdoses, 164 of oxycodone, 118 of morphine and 111 of diazepam overdoses.
- In Kenosha County, a boy who was 15 in 2008 was found guilty of beating a neighbor boy to death with a baseball bat during a robbery.
- In LaCrosse County, a 27-year-old man was charged with child neglect after his 4-month-old child died of positional asphyxia.
- In Waupaca County, a 19-year-old man died after drowning at a man-made lake on private property. Several people had been at an all-night party where alcohol was used at that location.
- In LaCrosse County, the bodies of a 65-year-old man and his wife, 63, were found murdered inside their home. They had not been seen for several days, and the bodies were found after the woman didn't show up for work.
- In Milwaukee, excavation was done of a 12x20 foot concrete bunker at a home on the northside of the city. Authorities were looking for the remains of a woman missing since 2003. Her husband, described as "abusive," killed himself in 2007.
- In Chippewa County, a 32-year-old man was charged with first-degree intentional homicide after he killed a 41-year-old man. The victim was killed after the man discovered him sleeping with his ex-girlfriend.
- In Outagamie County, a 32-year-old man died when he became trapped in a feed mixer at a farm where he worked.
- In Outagamie County, a man died after he was found at the bottom of a motel swimming pool.
- In Marathon County, a 23-year-old man was found guilty of operating a motor vehicle while intoxicated in a 2009 crash. His vehicle struck and killed a 41-year-old man who was on a motorcycle.
- In Brown County, a 20-year-old motorcyclist died after a van turned in front of him at an intersection. His passenger was injured and flown from the scene with internal injuries.
- In Outagamie County, a 24-year-old man was convicted of homicide in regards to a 2009 rollover accident which killed his 23-year-old male passenger.
- In Dodge County, a 47-year-old woman was charged with first-degree reckless homicide in a 2007 case where she was baby-sitting for her 22-month-old nephew. The woman claimed the child died of injuries suffered when he fell down the stairs.
- In Manitowoc County, a 57-year-old farmer died after he was exposed to silo gas.

- In Manitowoc County, a 27-year-old man died after he fell from a dock into a lake while fishing. The man reportedly did not know how to swim.
- In Rock County, a 47-year-old motorcyclist died when he ran a red light and struck two vehicles.
- In Brown County, a 53-year-old man and a 51-year-old woman died when the motorcycle they were on struck a deer.
- In Oneida County, a 20-year-old man drowned.
- In Kenosha County, a driver fled from the scene of a crash which killed a mother and son in the vehicle he struck. The man was arrested.
- In Milwaukee, a one-month-old girl died; she was co-sleeping with her mother and two siblings. This is the 8th co-sleeping case in Milwaukee this year.
- In Juneau County, a 45-year-old woman died after crashing her Mercedes SUV into the back of a semi-trailer on the interstate.
- In Oneida County, a 33-year-old woman drowned while saving the life of her 9-year-old daughter who had fallen out of a boat.
- In Washington County, a 41-year-old police officer died of a gunshot wound that occurred while he was on-duty. While little information was released, authorities said that they were not looking for any suspects in the case.
- In Fond du Lac County, a 69-year-old man died when the SUV he was riding with went out of control, striking a fence. The man was impaled through the chest by a metal rod.
- In Dodge County, a 21-year-old inmate at the Dodge Correctional Institute pled guilty to assisting his 20-year-old cell mate who hanged himself from a bunk in a cell.
- In Brown County, speed and alcohol were believed to be factors in a crash where a vehicle left the roadway and struck a tree, killing a 39-year-old man and his 30-year-old stepsister.
- In Milwaukee, the body of a 39-year-old woman, the mother of six children, was found in a yard, the victim of a homicide.