

OCTOBER 2010.....interesting cases handled by Wisconsin's death investigators.....compiled by Jon Hagen.

- In Oconto County, a man died after the car he was sleeping in overheated and started on fire.
- In Walworth County, the bodies of two people were found in Whitewater Lake. The couple were married, ages 93 and 76. They were avid boaters and swimmers; authorities speculate one of them may have had a medical emergency and the other came to help. They were wearing swimwear.
- In Vernon County, a man died after being struck by a train.
- In Manitowoc County, a 44-year-old woman died in a two-vehicle collision. The woman's 16-year-old son was driving, pulling out in front of another car.
- In Winnebago County, three people died in a head-on collision. Those killed include a married couple, both 64, and a 54-year-old man.
- In Brown County, a 47-year-old man died after a steel plate fell on him at a meat processing plant.
- In Brown County, an 81-year-old woman died and two other people were critically injured in a head-on crash on Hy. 41. One of the vehicles crossed through the median.
- In Marathon County, a 17-year-old boy died when he lost control of his car, striking a utility pole.
- In Milwaukee, police announced in early October that the 2010 homicide count had already reached 72, equaling the 2009 total.
- In Milwaukee County, a 29-year-old man died when his vehicle clipped the back of a semi-trailer as he changed lanes, causing his vehicle to rollover.
- In Milwaukee, a 56-year-old bicyclist died of injuries sustained when he was struck by a car; the car's driver claimed he was blinded by the sunrise.
- In Dane County, three people (19, 20, and 23) died when their vehicle, stranded on the median of Hy. 39/90, was struck by a 31-year-old man who was driving drunk.
- In Milwaukee, a 3-year-old girl died of traumatic injuries; her mother (20) and the mother's boyfriend (21) have been arrested in the case.
- In Ozaukee County, a 30-year-old man died when his car left the roadway, struck some trees and went down a slope.
- In Winnebago County, a 34-year-old man died when the car he was driving left the roadway and went into Lake Winnebago. Walkers discovered the submerged car in the water; divers found the man's body still inside the vehicle.
- In Sheboygan County, a 73-year-old man suffered a fatal heart attack, causing him to lose control of his vehicle, which then rolled over, injuring his wife.
- In Trempeleau County, a man died after being struck by a freight train.
- In Milwaukee, a 24-year-old man died after he was shot in an "ongoing dispute" by a person known to him.
- In Milwaukee, a 19-year-old man was shot and killed during a robbery.

- In Milwaukee, a 23-year-old man was found dead after falling 10' from a retaining wall. The man was wearing a "pub crawl" T shirt which had been taking place the night he was found.
- In Brown County, a 23-year-old man died after he was hit by a car while walking along a highway.
- In Waupaca County, a man died when his vehicle went out of control, rolled over and hit a tree.
- In Sheboygan County, two 19-year-old men went their vehicle went out of control, rolled over and hit a utility pole. Two others were injured.
- In Sauk County, a man was convicted of killing his twin 5-month-old sons in 2008; the man was sentenced to prison without parole. Officers found the man asleep when they arrived; the man reached for scissors before being restrained. Officers then found the boys dead, under the man's bed. Police were sent to the home by the man's wife, who said he refused to answer the door.
- In Racine County, a 67-year-old woman photographed the man who beat her with his cane, stealing a jar which contained \$100 in quarters. The woman was going to a local launder mat to give the money to those in need "just to be nice." The woman died of her injuries; police found the photo of the accused on the woman's digital camera, taken as he walked away from her.
- In Crawford County, a 26-year-old man confessed to strangling his then 23-year-old girlfriend in 2006, then disposing of her body in a garbage container. The man walked into the police station to confess his crime.
- In Pierce County, a 65-year-old man died of injuries suffered in a rollover crash; the man was a passenger. The driver was critically injured.
- In Iron County, a 37-year-old man died in an ATV accident.
- In Winnebago County, two people died of drowning within a week of each other. In unrelated instances, both drove their vehicles into Lake Winnebago. Neenah cops were investigating the strange but true cases. One driver was an 85-year-old woman; the other was a male in his 30's.
- In Dane County, a pedestrian died after being hit by two cars on Hy. 19.
- In Dane County, sheriff's deputies shot and killed a 25-year-old man who allegedly pulled a gun on his ex-girlfriend, then attacked a deputy, head butting him and punching him in the face repeatedly before being shot.
- In Beloit, an 18-year-old man was shot to death. The police arrested a 16-year-old male with an extensive criminal record in the case.
- In Rock County, a 20-year-old man died when the vehicle he was driving crossed a median and struck a semi.
- In Oconto County, an 18-year-old man drowned after he fell into a lake off a pontoon boat.
- In Pierce County, a 22-year-old man died after being ejected from his vehicle in a crash.
- In Brown County, the body of a 55-year-old man was found in a pick-up truck which was submerged in the water off a county park.

- In Marathon County, a 26-year-old woman, the mother of three children, died when she lost control of her vehicle and it rolled over before striking a power pole. The woman's sister died in a MVC in 2004.
- In Lincoln County, a 61-year-old man died after crashing his ATV into a tree.
- In Portage County, a 27-year-old woman died after being ejected from her car as it rolled over.
- In Tomahawk, an elderly woman died in a house fire.
- In Dane County, a man in his early 20's died after a two-car crash on a Madison street.
- In Waupaca County, an 84-year-old man died after being burned while tending a brush fire.
- In Marathon County, an 82-year-old man also died while burning brush and grass.
- In Iowa County, a 44-year-old man died after losing control of his motorcycle.
- In Jackson County, a 56-year-old man was shot to death. A 23-year-old male was arrested after being found with the man's truck, which had been stolen.
- In Iowa County, a hunter was found dead in the woods. He died of natural causes.
- In Marinette County, a body was found in the remains of a house fire.
- In Fond du Lac County, a four-day-old male died four days after being born in a car. The woman who gave birth reportedly did not know she was pregnant; she was on her way to the hospital when the birth occurred.
- In Lafayette County, one person died and another was injured in a fiery crash. The vehicle went out of control, rolled over and down an embankment.
- In Fond du Lac County, a 65-year-old man died when he was struck by a vehicle while crossing a city street in Fond du Lac. The driver of the car was not charged.
- In Washington County, a 44-year-old man died of his injuries after hitting a deer while driving his motorcycle.
- In Winnebago County, two women were charged with homicide for providing Methadone to an 18-year-old man who died of an overdose in September.
- In Marquette County, a 27-year-old man died after his vehicle hit a semi.
- In Waukesha County, a 68-year-old woman died in a multi-vehicle crash. The woman reportedly was driving erratically before the accident.
- In Waukesha County, a 51-year-old man died when his SUV rolled over.
- In Winnebago County, an 8-month-old boy died after his mother, who was intoxicated, drove their car into the Fox River. The mother was charged in the case.
- In Winnebago County, a 47-year-old man was shot to death; his 42-year-old landlord was arrested in connection with the case.
- In Marathon County, the body of a man was found inside a vehicle which was on fire. At press time, authorities believe they know the identity of the man, who is thought to be 59 years old. The victim had buried his mother just hours before his body was found inside the burning vehicle.
- In Milwaukee, a 22-year-old woman and an 18-year-old man were the victims of homicide.