

June 2009 Wisconsin Updates.....some interesting cases handled by Wisconsin's death investigators

- In Portage County, two men were arrested for delivery of prescription medications after another man was found dead in a motel room.
- In Sheboygan County, a 48-year-old man died when he crashed his race car during a SCAA-sanctioned Chicago Region June Sprints event at Road America.
- In Milwaukee County, a 21-year-old man was arrested, charged with killing a 77-year-old man during a robbery of a store that the man owned. Relatives of the man turned him in to authorities after finding candy they suspected he stole; the store owner reportedly “kept reaching for the gun” during the robbery; the man charged told the store owner “if he reached for the gun again, he would shoot him,” according to published reports.
- In Dane County, an Iowa Boy Scout leader and a Boy Scout were killed after a dog jumped onto the lap of a man driving an SUV, which then crossed the center line and hit the motor home, driven by the Scout leader.
- In Chippewa County, two incoming senior students at Chippewa Falls High School died within a few days of each other. A 16-year-old student drowned in the Chippewa River, and a 17-year-old boy died in a house fire.
- In Waukesha County, a 56-year-old former physician entered no-contest pleas to three charges of homicide by intoxicated use of a vehicle in the deaths of a pregnant high school administrator and her 10-year-old daughter.
- In Price County, a citizens group launched a petition campaign to recall the sheriff; the group claims the sheriff mishandled the search for a 70-year-old woman who suffered from dementia; the woman died.
- In Dane County, a 38-year-old homeless man was found dead of natural causes on a bench on the Capitol square.
- The Office of Justice Assistance reported a 20% drop in Wisconsin homicides from 2007 (184) to 146 in 2008.
- In Milwaukee County, a 14-year-old girl died of swine flu after being hospitalized for respiratory distress about two weeks earlier.
- In Winnebago County, a 17-year-old male was found guilty of first-degree intentional homicide after he strangled his father, then put his body in the trunk of a car. The boy had claimed self-defense. The incident happened in October 2008.
- In Oneida County, a judge refused to dismiss a homicide charge against a man whose 10-month-old daughter died after ingesting a morphine tablet that had been left within her reach. The man's attorney claimed he was “overcharged” in the case.
- In Fond du Lac County, a 15-year-old girl died in a farm accident. Her 16-year-old brother was operating a skid steer and attempting to pull-start a tractor the girl was driving. Both implements overturned, pinning the girl underneath.
- In Sheboygan County, a 54-year-old woman died after complaining of chest pains and then collapsing near the end of a 400-yard swim course during the Elkhart Lake Triathlon. The death was attributed to drowning.

- In Milwaukee County, a 21-year-old woman was sentenced to 20 years in prison for helping a new boyfriend kidnap and kill a college student for his sports car. The man was stabbed to death last October. The alleged killer shot and killed himself as police approached his home.
- In La Crosse County, a 38-year-old woman faces up to 15 years in prison after her van fatally struck and killed a 55-year-old pedestrian on New Year's Eve. The woman "heard a noise" but claimed she didn't know she had struck the man, who was then run over by a following vehicle. An autopsy showed the first vehicle that hit him delivered the fatal injuries, as he was standing when his spine was fractured.
- In Dane County, two 16-year-old boys were charged with first-degree intentional homicide in the shooting death of a 17-year-old boy, who is the father of a 1-year-old son. He was shot in the back and died on the doorstep of a nearby townhouse.
- In Dane County, a 61-year-old highway worker died after being struck by a vehicle on Hy. 151.
- In Chippewa County, a 45-year-old male died after his ultralight crashed.
- In Milwaukee County, a 24-year-old man died after being shot by a security guard during an attempted robbery of a check cashing business; a second robber was wounded. The guard was properly licensed to carry a gun on the job.
- In Door County, a husband, wife and his elderly mother died when their car pulled away from a stop sign and into the path of a tanker truck that was hauling milk.
- In Marinette County, a 47-year-old man fell from his canoe and drowned. His 7-year-old daughter, who was wearing a life vest, jumped into the water after him and was rescued.
- In Jackson County, a Sheboygan chiropractor and his son died when their single-engine plane crashed in a remote area.
- In Milwaukee County, a 42-year-old woman was charged with fatally stabbing a 18-year-old girl.
- In Brown County, four people died after a vehicle drove the wrong way on Hy. 41 and collided head-on with another vehicle. The driver of the vehicle heading the wrong way had just left the scene of another accident he was involved in; alcohol is suspected as being a factor in the crash.
- In Brown County, a man confined to a wheel chair died in a house fire.
- In Milwaukee County, a 23-year-old man was shot and killed in a drive-by shooting; the man's father was arrested for removing drugs from the clothing of his son as he lay on the street.
- In Lincoln County, a 31-year-old man was arrested after allegedly delivering heroin to a 29-year-old woman who died at a domestic abuse shelter.
- In Columbia County, a 46-year-old man was arrested in connection with the stabbing death of a 43-year-old man which occurred on the street in the business district of Pardeeville. Police reported the two argued over a woman.
- The Wisconsin State Journal reported that Wisconsin ranks 44th in seat belt usage in the United States, with only 74% buckling up. The national average is 83%.

- In Brown County, a driver involved in a hit-and-run crash which killed a motorcyclist and left his passenger with permanent brain injuries was sentenced to 11 years in prison. His blood alcohol level was found to be 0.124%.
- In Lincoln County, a 20-year-old woman was convicted of helping plot a robbery that led to the stabbing death of a 42-year-old woman in 2007.
- In Dane County, a 42-year-old man was sentenced to life plus 65 years in prison for killing a 37-year-old man and wounding the man's brother.
- In Dunn County, an 18-year-old man drowned while swimming in the Chippewa River.
- In Fond du Lac County, a 67-year-old woman was killed and her husband seriously injured when they were hit by a SUV while crossing a city street.
- In Marathon County, a judge refused to delay the reckless homicide trial of a father accused of praying instead of seeking medical help for his 11-year-old daughter, as she was dying of undiagnosed diabetes.
- In Forest County, a 19-year-old man drowned in McKinley Lake.
- In Milwaukee County, a couple who was arguing as they drove down U.S. 45 and then struck and killed a motorcyclist face homicide charges.
- In Taylor County, the body of a 46-year-old man was found in a pond on his property after an extensive search.
- In Sheboygan County, a 63-year-old man died after falling off a second-story porch. Police said the man had "been drinking heavily all day" before he fell.
- In Kenosha County, two teenage women died after their car rolled over and they both were ejected on a county highway.
- In Sheboygan County, a 14-year-old boy died when the tractor he was driving overturned. The tractor was pulling a hay wagon.
- In Columbia County, a 21-year-old man hanged himself at the Columbia Correctional Institute in Portage. He had a history of mental illness.
- In Beloit, two men who crashed their car into a street-light pole had been shot before the accident. A 30-year-old man died of his wounds, and a 24-year-old man was seriously injured.
- In Kenosha County, an 18-year-old man died of a viral illness that affected his heart, according to an autopsy. He starred on the Kenosha Bradford baseball team, leading to the 2008 WIAA State Tournament title. He was named to the first-team all-state squad, had earned a scholarship to play baseball at the University of Minnesota, but transferred to Carthage College during his freshman year.
- In Milwaukee County, a 78-year-old woman was killed while walking in a cross-walk after two vehicles collided and then one of the cars struck the woman.
- In Milwaukee County, a 47-year-old woman was found dead after her vehicle struck and killed a dog when her car veered off the street, onto the sidewalk and then hit a light pole.
- In Wood County, authorities ruled the boating-related death of a 52-year-old man was an accident. Investigators think the man slipped on the concrete boat-landing, striking his head and becoming unconscious. The death was ruled due to drowning.

- In Milwaukee County, a 28-year-old man was shot and killed outside a Milwaukee nightclub.
- In Trempealeau County, a man died in a house fire.
- In Marathon County, a 21-year-old man convicted in the 2007 stabbing of an 18-year-old man at a party was sentenced to 28 years in prison.

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Medtronic issued a pacemaker recall, warning physicians about potential problems with the Kappa Series 600/700/900 and the Sigma Series 100/200/300. Those concerned can call 1-800-505-4636.

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CONGRATULATIONS to John Folstad, a deputy coroner in Eau Claire County. While attending a WIAA tennis sectional at Marshfield, John and his wife Julie, both registered nurses, provided CPR and utilized an AED, saving the life of Adam Bassak, a 30-year-old man who is the assistant tennis coach at Baldwin-Woodville High School. The Folstad's 16-year-old son was competing in a match, representing Eau Claire Regis High School, when all of this took place.