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NEWS RELEASE

OWI Task Force/PIT usage

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CASE NO. C13-17085

On Sept. 1, 2013, at 1:11 AM, an officer of the Sheboygan Police Dept. who was participating in the Sheboygan County OWI Task Force effected a traffic stop by employing a PIT maneuver. The operator of the car was taken into custody by the Plymouth Police Dept. There was very minimal damage to both the Police and the offending vehicle. No one was injured in this occurrence.

At about 1:11 AM, a City of Plymouth officer observed a car travelling at a high rate of speed southbound on State Hwy 57. The Plymouth officer was able to get behind the car and began to follow it eastbound on Cnty. Hwy. U at substantially slower speeds. The Plymouth Officer activated his lights and sirens in an attempt to conduct a traffic stop. The offending vehicle slowed to about 28 m.p.h., but the driver refused to stop and continued eastbound on Cnty Hwy. U.

The Sheboygan Police Officer responded to the Plymouth Officers location to assist. After following the car for over a tenth of a mile with both squads using lights and sirens, the Sheboygan Police Officer employed a PIT maneuver to stop the vehicle. The maneuver was performed at slow speed, and resulted in disabling the car with minimal damage to both the police vehicle and the offending drivers car.

The PIT (Pursuit Interevention Technique) is a trained tactic that involves a controlled contact between the squad car and the suspect vehicle at low speeds. The use of the tactic is intended to cause the operator of the pursued vehicle to lose control and the vehicle to

become disabled, thus ending the pursuit.

The driver of the offending vehicle was taken into custody by the Plymouth Police Dept. All charges related to this event will originate from that agency.

The Sheboygan Police Department in-squad video related to this case is posted on our YouTube channel at <http://youtube/508cAIvNUL0> .

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