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Shortly after 6:00 pm, on Sunday, June 14, 2009, North Fond du Lac Police were called to Wisconsin Avenue near Harrison Street for a report of an intoxicated motorist that had been driving recklessly. Responding officers located a 28 year old Fond du Lac man, John Thrasher, who had just parked his vehicle on the curb. Based upon witness statements, officers administered field sobriety tests and subsequently arrested the man on charges of 1st Offense Operating a Motor Vehicle While Under the Influence of an Intoxicant (OWI) and 4th Offense Operating After Suspension (OAS).

As officers were preparing to transport Thrasher, he made comments that his life was in danger because he had taken a large quantity of unknown pills. When officers summoned the North Fond du Lac Ambulance, Thrasher began to violently convulse. Thrasher was transported to St Agnes Hospital and later admitted that he faked the medical episode because he was fearful of going to jail.

In addition to being cited for OWI and OAS, Thrasher was booked into the Fond du Lac County Jail on one count of Disorderly Conduct, one count of Resisting / Obstructing an Officer and four counts of Bailjumping (2 felony / 2 misdemeanor) based upon violating an absolute sobriety bond condition imposed on four separate open cases being handled in Fond du Lac County. Thrasher is facing charges in one of those open cases after being arrested for spitting in the face of a Fond du Lac County Sheriff's Deputy and head butting a City of Fond du Lac Paramedic.