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Driving related offenses kept North Fond du Lac Police busy over the weekend. Officers responded to several accidents, made a number of arrests for drunk driving, and issued citations to two Fond du Lac teens following a "road rage" incident.

On Friday evening, officers arrested a 36 year-old Fond du Lac man for OWI after he was initially stopped for speeding. When the officer told the driver that he could smell an odor of intoxicants, the man denied having been drinking. The man also refused to submit to a preliminary breath test, but eventually agreed to perform field sobriety tests. He was arrested for Operating a Motor Vehicle While Intoxicated and released to a responsible party.

On Saturday evening, a 36 year-old Fond du Lac man was also arrested for OWI and released after he crashed his truck into the front porch of a residence on Illinois Avenue. Officers were called to the scene around 6:40 pm when a passer-by called police on his cell phone to report that a vehicle had struck the front of a home causing the awning to collapse onto the truck. When officers arrived, the driver of the vehicle admitted that he had been drinking whiskey, and he registered .252 on a preliminary breath test. The driver said that he was driving south on Illinois Avenue when a vehicle pulled out of a driveway on the west side of the road in front of him. The driver said he swerved to avoid colliding with that vehicle and lost control of his truck. No one was inside the home at the time of the accident, and the driver of the truck was not injured. Officers were unable to verify the driver's claim that another vehicle had pulled out in front of him.

Shortly after 8:00 pm on Saturday, officers responded to a reckless driving complaint. The caller reported that he had been driving north on Prospect Avenue when the female driver of a Dodge Dynasty cut him off. According to the man, the driver then continually slowed down and sped up in front of him and came to a complete stop in the roadway on Van Dyne Road near Marghael's Banquet Hall. The driver eventually pulled into the PDQ Food Store for gas, and the man called police from his cell phone to provide the vehicle's description and license plate. As he did so, the 15 year-old passenger of that vehicle began yelling at and taunting the man's pregnant wife who was a passenger in his

vehicle along with his two small children. The 16 year-old driver was issued a citation for Unsafe Lane Deviation and her passenger was cited for Disorderly Conduct.

Shortly after midnight on Sunday morning, officers were called to the scene of an accident on Wisconsin Avenue near Harrison Street. The 28 year-old driver, a North Fond du Lac man, left his apartment on Wisconsin Avenue following an argument with his girlfriend. As he left, the man performed a "doughnut" in the middle of the street, narrowly missing several cars parked in the area, and striking the curb. The van he was driving came to a stop on the terrace. The man told police he was upset after returning home from a friend's house where he had been drinking "since noon" to find several males there visiting with his girlfriend. After performing a series of field sobriety tests, the man was arrested for OWI and cited for Disorderly Conduct With a Motor Vehicle, Open Intoxicants, and Possession of Marijuana. He was released to a responsible party.

Also, shortly after 4:00 am on Sunday morning, a 26 year-old North Fond du Lac man was arrested for OWI after he failed to stop at a stop sign and nearly struck a police squad car. The man submitted to field sobriety tests and was arrested. The driver told police that he had been drinking rum and was returning home when he was stopped. The man was also cited for Failure to Obey a Stop Sign and was eventually released to a responsible party.