

Milwaukee County Medical Examiner
933 W. Highland Avenue
Milwaukee, WI 53233
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Case Number: 22-08959
Investigator: Maili Fraser, D-ABMDI
Date of Death: 12/13/2022
Date Today: 12/14/2022

INVESTIGATION REPORT - PRESS

Decedent: Paul Woida

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SYNOPSIS

This 85 year old male was the driver and sole occupant of a vehicle that was struck in the midst of an accident caused by a City of Milwaukee Department of Public Works truck. He died on scene despite resuscitative efforts. MRF

DESCRIPTION OF INCIDENT

12/13/2022 at 1254 hours:

I received a call from Wauwatosa Fire Department Paramedic (PM) Patrick McGuire with Med 51 who called to report the death of Paul Woida, W/M, DOB: 06/03/1937. Med 51 was dispatched to the address of 717 N. Mayfair Road, Wauwatosa, WI 53213 at 1206 hours for an extrication from a vehicle involved in a multi-vehicle accident. Paul was initially breathing and had a strong central pulse when he was removed from the vehicle, but he was pulseless and not breathing on their arrival at 1213 hours. CPR was performed using the LUCAS device and an endotracheal tube was placed with a bag valve mask for ventilations. An intraosseous line was established in the left lower leg, but no medications were administered. Paul converted from a pulseless electrical activity to asystole, and Paramedic Based Physician #0040, Dr. Jillian L. Theobald, pronounced time of death at 1235 hours. Injuries observed included a laceration (approximately 6") to the back of Paul's head and fractures to his arms.

PM McGuire stated Paul was removed from a midsized SUV, possibly a Toyota. There were three other civilian vehicles and a Department of Public Works (DPW) truck involved in this accident. All of the vehicles caught fire, but Paul was removed from his vehicle before the fires started. He was not burned. PM McGuire did not know any of the circumstances of the accident, but stated the driver of the DPW truck was pronounced dead in the vehicle without any resuscitative efforts. He did not have demographic information for that decedent. Another driver was taken by Bell Ambulance to Froedtert Hospital, but PM McGuire did not know the extent of that patient's injuries. I asked that he have officers on scene contact me as soon as they are able. MRF

12/13/2022 at 1345 hours:

I received a call from City of Wauwatosa Police Department (WPD) Detective Joseph Roy. He stated the incident occurred at 717 N. Mayfair Road (intersection of N. Mayfair Road and W. Wisconsin Avenue) at 1205 hours today, and provided the following preliminary circumstances. The driver of a City of Milwaukee DPW flatbed truck was travelling southbound on N. Mayfair Road today at a speed of 60-70 mph. The posted speed limit in this area was 40 mph. The DPW truck approached traffic that was stopped for a red light that was facing southbound, and made no attempt to slow down or stop. The DPW truck struck 10 vehicles, four of which were completely destroyed. Bystanders reported that the driver of the DPW truck was still responsive when they tried to pull her out, but they were unsuccessful before it was engulfed in flames. Other bystanders were able to pull Paul out of his vehicle before it caught fire, but resuscitative efforts were to no avail. There was at least one additional fatality from the scene at Froedtert Hospital, but Detective Roy did not have that patient's information at this time. He was working with personnel with DPW to find tentative identification of the driver of the truck. State Patrol was on scene working on accident reconstruction. Detective Roy was ready for me to respond with transport for the two victims on scene. MRF

12/13/2022 at 1438 hours:

On scene I was provided with the demographic information for the three individuals that died as a result of this accident. They were tentatively identified as follows.

1) Paul Woida, MCMEO Case #: 22-8959, W/M, DOB: 06/03/1937, home address: Milwaukee, WI 53205. He was the driver and sole occupant of a grey 2014 Toyota Rav 4, Wisconsin License Plate: PJW-MKE, VIN: 2T3RFREV0EW175026. He was belted and airbags were deployed when a bystander removed him from his vehicle prior to EMS arrival. He was pronounced dead on scene at 1235 hours by Paramedic Based Physician #0040, Dr. Jillian L. Theobald.

2) , MCMEO Case #: 22-8962, B/F, DOB: 01/27/1958, home address: She was the driver and sole occupant of the DPW flatbed truck #: 25068, Municipal License Plate: 92942. It was unknown if any restraints were used, or if airbags deployed, given the extent of the fire damage. I pronounced time of death on scene at 1501 hours. Wauwatosa Fire Department removed the door from the truck in order to remove.

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3) Amy L. Miller, MCMEO Case #: 22-8966, W/F, DOB: 05/19/1982, home address:, Cedarburg, WI 53012. She was the driver and sole occupant of a grey 2019 GMC Yukon XL, Wisconsin License Plate: ADU-4381, VIN: 1GKS2GKC5KR318900. It was not known if any restraints were used in the vehicle, or if the airbags deployed given the extent of fire damage to the vehicle. Amy was transported to Froedtert Hospital where she was pronounced dead at 1236 hours by Dr. Alexis Bowder.

The DPW truck was traveling southbound on N. Mayfair road at a high rate of speed. It struck a vehicle near the intersection with W. Watertown Plank Road, and continued to travel south on N. Mayfair Road. The truck was travelling in lane 5 of 6 when the multi-vehicle incident occurred at the intersection with W. Wisconsin Avenue. MRF

SCENE VISIT

I arrived on scene located at 717 N. Mayfair Road, Wauwatosa, WI 53213 at 1438 hours and was met by a large presence with City of Wauwatosa Police Department and Wauwatosa Fire Department. A large debris field began near the address of 725 N. Mayfair road outside of a Cousin's Subs, and continued southbound to the intersection with W. Wisconsin Avenue outside a Clark Gas Station. A red SUV was in lane two, slightly north from the other five vehicles involved in this accident. A DPW truck, grey GMC Yukon XL SUV, a gold sedan, and grey Toyota Rav 4 were among the vehicles severely damaged in lanes 4-6. There was a strong odor of gasoline and a large amount of burned debris. A grey Honda sedan with minimal damage was parked in the driveway of the Clark station just west of lane 6. A red tarp was covering the windows of the DPW truck, and a white tent was observed outside of the Clark station protecting the body of Paul Woida.

Paul's vehicle, the grey 2014 Rav 4, had extensive front end damage with the bumper torn away a few feet from the vehicle. The airbags had deployed, but were burned/melted long with the upholstery in the vehicle. There was massive intrusion in to the back of the SUV, and a lot of scratching/paint transfer to the driver's side. Paul's was lying supine beneath white EMS sheets inside the white tent. He was clad in socks, pants, a belt, suspenders, and a long sleeve shirt.

An identifying tag was attached to the decedent's right great toe. He was secured in a body bag with lock #: 314296 for conveyance to the MCMEO with All Night Flight Transport Services. MRF

PROPERTY

The following items were identified as being Property related to the decedent:

Money	2 x \$0.25
Money	3 x \$0.10
Money	1 x \$0.05
Money	1 x \$0.01
Money	1 x \$10.00
Money	5 x \$1.00
Money Total	\$15.86
Other Items	handkerchief

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The following items were identified as being Property related to the decedent:

Other Items	Black pocket knife
Other Items	Red pocket knife
Jewelry	Watch
Clothes	Upper denture (left with body)
Other Items	Wallet
Other Items	Paper/card of unknown value
Other Items	Wi DL
Other Items	comb
Other Items	money clip
Other Items	4 keys on a caribiner
Other Items	Pen
Other Items	Cough drop
Clothes	1 pair of pants
Clothes	1 pair of socks
Clothes	1 underwear
Clothes	1 belt
Other Items	dentures-upper
Clothes	1 suspenders
Jewelry	1 barcelet

FAMILY CONTACT

On Dec 13, 2022 at 1600 hours, Maili Fraser, D-ABMDI of the Medical Examiner's Office spoke to the decedent's Law Enforcement, Detective Joseph Roy, of the City of Wauwatosa PD and obtained the following information:

Det. Roy believed Paul was widowed, but had a son residing in Indiana. He planned to send a teletype to Indiana to request an in-person death notification to the son. He agreed to send a photograph of the decedent along with the teletype for positive identification. He agreed to keep our office updated. MRF

On Dec 13, 2022 at 1829 hours, Maili Fraser, D-ABMDI of the Medical Examiner's Office spoke to the decedent's Law Enforcement, Detective Will, of the City of Wauwatosa PD and obtained the following information:

Detective Will called to update that he was still working with Indianapolis Police Department to notify the decedent's son in person. He planned to go talk with Paul's neighbors to see what they knew about Paul's family. He agreed to show a neighbor a photograph of the decedent if they were willing to view it. MRF

On Dec 13, 2022 at 2124 hours, Madeline Baumeister, D-ABMDI of the Medical Examiner's Office spoke to the decedent's son, Michael Woida, and obtained the following information:

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SOCIAL HISTORY

On Dec 13, 2022 at 2124 hours, Madeline Baumeister, D-ABMDI of the Medical Examiner's Office spoke to the decedent's son, Michael Woida, and obtained the following information:

MOTOR VEHICLE INFORMATION

Decedent Position: Driver

Obstructions: Clear of Obstructions

Road Type: Asphalt

Posted Speed Limit: 40

Speed a Factor: Yes

Multiple Deaths: Yes

MOTOR VEHICLE RESTRAINTS USED

Lap and Shoulder Belt

MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY EQUIPMENT USED

Airbags Deployed

VEHICLES INVOLVED

Vehicle Number 1

Decedent in Vehicle: Yes **Type:** SUV

Make, Model, Year: Toyota, Rav 4, 2014

License Plate and VIN: PJW MKE, 2T3RFREV0EWI75026

Direction, Occupants and Collision Type: South, 1, Struck by Another Vehicle