

## IN BRIEF

### **Multiple sclerosis survivor announces bid for Wisconsin congressional seat**

WAUKESHA — Democrat Ramon H. Garcia has announced his candidacy for Wisconsin's 5th Congressional district with the intent to push for affordable health care, equal rights and a move toward a "100 percent renewable energy state," according to a press release.

Ramon — who calls himself a multiple sclerosis warrior — would cover Waukesha, Dodge, Walworth, Jefferson and parts of Milwaukee counties. After suffering from multiple sclerosis since 2003, Ramon has published two books about MS, a rare disease that attacks the central nervous system, and is an advocate for people with disabilities, according to the release.

Incumbent Republican Jim Sensenbrenner, first elected to the 5th Congressional district in 2002, has announced he will run for re-election in 2018.

### **Oconomowoc man charged for hit-and-run**

WAUKESHA — A 38-yearold Oconomowoc man made his initial appearance in Waukesha County Circuit Court Monday on charges suggesting he injured another driver in a Waukesha hit-and-run incident.

Gregory L. Estes is charged with one count of hit-and-run causing injury.

According to the criminal complaint, a Waukesha police officer responded Friday at 8:39 a.m. to Wisconsin Avenue for a report of a motor vehicle accident involving injury.

Upon arrival, the officer saw several individuals standing around a dark SUV on the lawn of a nearby house. The driver of the vehicle, who was still on the scene, was transported to Waukesha Memorial Hospital after reporting she hit her head.

Another Waukesha police officer located another SUV, which showed significant damage, and traced its registration to Estes.

According to the criminal complaint, Estes was given a preliminary breath test, which showed a blood alcohol content of .10.

Estes denied he consumed alcohol before driving, and said it was the other vehicle that hit him.

for community supervision.

On July 1, Brantley was given a one-day pass to visit his mother in Kenosha. But, a criminal complaint said, he cut off his GPS monitoring bracelet and did not return. He was apprehended by U.S. marshals on Sept. 13, the complaint said.

### **Three charged in credit card forgery case**

WAUKESHA — Three Chicago residents were charged in Waukesha County Circuit Court on Monday after they were allegedly caught with altered credit cards as they tried to make cash advances in Brookfield last Wednesday.

Nikko Brown, 20, Ieshia Choice, 25, and Jacoby Coolidge, 23, all were charged with credit card forgery, a crime carrying a maximum penalty of 3 1/2 years in prison and \$10,000 in fines. Coolidge also was charged with obstructing an officer after he gave police a false name and date of birth.

A criminal complaint said a teller at North Shore Bank on Bluemound Road reported a fraudulent transaction involving a credit card. An employee on his way into the bank Wednesday saw what he believed was a suspicious vehicle in the lot and jotted down the license number. That car was seen by police and ultimately stopped.

Inside the car, officers discovered four credit cards with Choice's name misspelled and embossed on the cards, purporting to be from various institutions but all originally issued by Chase Bank. Choice told police she got them from Coolidge and not any bank or financial institution, and the parties were in Wisconsin intending to do fraudulent cash transactions, the complaint said. Brown at first denied involvement, saying he was merely driving the other two, but later admitted he knew of the plan to try the fraudulent transactions before they left Chicago, the complaint said.

### **New Waukesha Public Library director starts Wednesday**

WAUKESHA — The Waukesha Public Library will get a new director Wednesday, nearly eight months after former Director Grant Lynch left for a job in Columbus, Ohio.

Bruce Gay, formerly the director for the Milwaukee County Federated Library System, was offered the position this fall after a months-long national search.

He will make a starting salary of \$106,000 plus full

## **Man, 20, charged after 10 weeks on lam**

WAUKESHA — A Kenosha man was charged Monday in Waukesha County Circuit Court after he was given a day pass last summer from Lad Lake and allegedly cut off his monitoring bracelet and failed to return.

Dvon Brantley, 20, was charged with a count of escape and faces up to six years in prison if convicted. He is to appear in court Dec. 11.

A criminal complaint said Brantley was given a five-year term of commitment following a 2012 armed robbery in Kenosha, with an expiration date of Dec. 13, 2017. He has spent time at a number of detention facilities, including Lincoln Hills and Lad Lake, since January

benefits, according to the city's Human Resources Department.

In a previous interview with The Freeman, Gay said he is looking forward to engaging the community in Waukesha and providing more events that bring people to the library.

Gay will also handle a problem-ridden automated book-drop system that was implemented several years ago and has cost taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Interim Director John Klima will return to his job as assistant library director.