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COUNTY OF WINNEBAGO,

Plaintiff-Respondent,

v.

KELLI MARIE KOSMOSKY,

Defendant-Appellant.

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AN APPEAL FROM THE JUDGEMENT OF  
CONVICTION AND THE ORDER DENYING THE  
DEFENDANT'S MOTION FOR SUPPRESSION OF  
EVIDENCE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR  
WINNEBAGO COUNTY, THE HONORABLE THOMAS  
J. GRITTON, PRESIDING

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THE REPLY BRIEF AND APPENDIX OF THE  
DEFENDANT-APPELLANT KELLI MARIE KOSMOSKY

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## ARGUMENT

While the County argues that Trooper Koehler had sufficient probable cause to believe that Ms. Kosmosky was operating her vehicle while impaired, the County does not address the crux of Ms. Kosmosky's argument that they failed to establish a time of driving.

This is not a case where the motion hearing record reveals a time of operation, or where the officer felt the hood of the vehicle to establish that it was warm thus suggesting recent operation. In fact, Trooper Koehler concedes that prior to the arrest, he did not determine the time in which the vehicle was driven to the location. (R.30:12/ ReplyApp. 1). The issue is whether based on the facts adduced at the motion hearing, would a reasonable officer conclude that Ms. Kosmosky was intoxicated at the time of operation. Probable cause "exists where the totality of the circumstances within the arresting officer's knowledge at the time of the arrest would lead a reasonable police officer to believe ...that the defendant was operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of an intoxicant." *State v. Nordness*, 128 Wis.2d 15, 35, 381 N.W.2d 300 (1986). Probable cause requires that at the moment of

arrest, an officer knew of facts and circumstances that were sufficient to warrant a prudent person to believe that the person arrested had committed or was committing an offense. *Village of Elkhart Lake v. Borzyskowski*, 123 Wis.2d 185, 189, 366 N.W. 2d 506 (Ct. App 1985).

Because the record does not reveal a time of operation a reasonable officer would not have concluded that Ms. Kosmosky was impaired at the moment of operation.

### **CONCLUSION**

Because of the above the evidence was insufficient to establish that Ms. Kosmosky was impaired at the moment that she operated her vehicle. Thus, the trial court erred in denying Ms. Kosmosky's motion for suppression of evidence. The court should reverse the trial court's ruling and vacate the Judgment of Conviction.

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## **APPENDIX**