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## STATE OF WISCONSIN **COURT OF APPEALS DISTRICT II**

Appeal No. 2022 AP 000387 Winnebago County Circuit Court Case Nos. 2021TR008305

STATE OF WISCONSIN,

Plaintiff-Respondent,

v.

**BRYNTON C. FOSTON,** 

Defendant-Appellant.

AN **APPEAL FROM** THE **JUDGEMENT OF** CONVICTION AND THE DECISION OF THE TRIAL COURT FINDING THAT MR. FOSTON REFUSED CHEMICAL TESTING, IN WINNEBAGO COUNTY, THE HONORABLE SCOTT C. WOLDT, JUDGE, PRESIDING

## THE REPLY BRIEF AND APPENDIX OF THE **DEFENDANT-APPELLANT BRYNTON C. FOSTON**

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#### **ARGUMENT**

The State argues Officer Katsma had the requisite level of suspicion to request field sobriety tests. While the officer made some physical observations of Mr. Foston, there is nothing in the record tying the observations to alcohol consumption. Officer Katsma did not question Mr. Foston about consuming alcohol, and specifically did not observe an odor of alcohol coming from Mr. Foston. Officer Katsma testified he was "within inches" of Mr. Foston's face. Yet he still did not testify he observed an odor of alcohol. (R.21:5/Reply.App.1)

The State suggests "there are many impairing substances other than alcohol, many of which are odorless." Brief of Plaintiff-Respondent, page 4. While this is true, Officer Katsma specifically testified he requested the field sobriety tests because he believed Mr. Foston had been "drinking". (R.21:5/Reply.App.1)

The evidence adduced at the Refusal Hearing is insufficient to establish that Mr. Foston had been drinking, or to establish the requisite level of probable cause to continue to detain Mr. Foston for field sobriety test.

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The brief of Defendant-Appellant adequately addresses the issue, and no further argument will be made.

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