













Everette Begay

07.24.17, 1:01 pm

Aggravated DWI, 3rd

McKinley County Sheriff's Office Sgt. Tammy Houghtaling was dispatched to the west end of town in an attempt to locate a teal colored Pontiac that was heading west on Hwy. 118 near the Motel 6. She was advised that the driver was DWI and had a 30-pack of beer in the vehicle.

After driving erratically over curbs and making wide right hand turns, the vehicle came to a stop on County Road 1.

Sgt. Houghtaling contacted the driver, identified as 40-year-old Begay of Ganado, AZ. The driver stated he had no driver's license, registration, or insurance card since he had just purchased the vehicle from Troy's Auto, but did have an ID card. When asked how much he had drank, he replied 'a lot.' He proved that statement when Houghtaling asked him to get out of the car and he couldn't, saying the door wouldn't open. Houghtaling finally removed him when she discovered the door was merely locked, and not broken or jammed.

Begay refused to take a field sobriety test and was handcuffed, and transported to the Sheriff's Office, where he was asked again to take a breathalyzer test. Again, he refused.

While waiting for the paperwork to be completed, Begay began cursing and was told by Sgt. Houghtaling to stop but he refused, stating he was a veteran. He also pushed his left shouler into the Sgt.'s body and told her he would remember her, calling her a common name for a female dog and stating proudly that he was a Marine.

Houghtaling got him to the McKinley County Adult Detention Center and notified the correctional officers that Begay had quite a bit of cash on his person including tucked into the waistline of his boxer shorts. That's when the fight started, as two correction officers attempted to remove the money for safekeeping while Begay resisted, and ultimately added more charges to his booking.

Ivan McKinley

07.22.17, 00:01 am

Aggravated DWI, 7th

MCSO Deputy Roxanne Slim was dispatched to MM57, about three miles east of the I-40 exit for Thoreau in relation to a motor vehicle accident. Thoreau Fire Department was already on the scene, as well as the Thoreau ambulance. They were trying to restrain the driver of the wrecked vehicle from leaving on foot, but Deputy Slim solved that problem by putting the 38-year-old suspect in handcuffs.

McKinley tried to put the blame on a passenger for wrecking the car, but Deputy Slim observed signs of common injuries from deployment of the air bag only on McKinley's face. Both passengers stated they had been in the back seat at the time of the crash.

MKinley agreed to a field sobriety test but failed. He refused a breathalyzer test upon reaching the Sheriff's Office but had his blood drawn at 03:53am at RMCH after Judge DePauli signed a warrant. Erwin was transferred to Gallup Detox though no mention was made in the report of where the female subject was taken.

Ronald Vallo

7.19.17, 2:34 pm

Aggravated DWI, 2nd

MCSO Deputy Nocona Clark and Sgt. LeSheena Johnson teamed up on 44-year-old Vallo of Acoma for several violations of state law, including Possession of a stolen vehicle, Possession of drug paraphernalia, and a second DWI (aggravated) in east Gallup.

Glass pipes, some with white crystal powder, were in more than one place in the car. The suspect admitted to drinking a can and a half of beer about 15 minutes before the stop but failed the field sobriety test and was deemed too impaired to operate a vehicle.

Vallo refused to take the breathalyzer test and was booked into the MCADC.

Leander Bitsie

07.17.17, 1:25 pm

Aggravated DWI, 4th

Dispatched to a single-vehicle accident on U.S. Highway 491, Gallup Police Department Officer Tyler Woody spoke with Bitsie, and a witness to the accident, who reacted quickly and possibly prevented the impaired driver from leaving the scene. The witness reached inside of the car, removed the keys, and placed them on the roof of the car.

Although Bitsie agreed to a field sobriety test, Officer Woody deemed him too intoxicated to perform the actions required. Woody noted that Bitsie could not stand under his own power and created an affidavit, later signed by Judge DePauli, for a blood draw at RMCH about 5:14pm. The suspect was then booked into MCADC and the DNA Blood Kit was stored pending trial.

Christopher Lee Morgan

07.16.17, 2:05am

Aggravated DWI, 2nd

While en-route to U.S. 491, MCSO Deputy Paul Davis Jr. was advised by dispatch that the vehicle he was trying to locate was in Gamerco on South Chino Loop. A witness told the Deputy he had seen the vehicle in the middle of the roadway and stopped to check on the driver's condition.

The engine was turned on, but the doors were locked. Deputy Davis called for assistance and when Deputy Lorenzo Guerrero arrived, he parked his unit close to the rear bumper of the subject car, preventing it from leaving the scene.

Deputy Davis knocked several times on the window to wake the driver, and he slowly came awake but seemed disoriented. Reaching quickly inside when the 27-year-old driver rolled the window down, Davis unlocked the car doors and assisted Morgan out of the driver's seat.

The subject was unable to finish the field sobriety test because of inattention and was transported to GIMC for medical clearance. At 5:16 am he was transported to the MCADC and booked.

Valerie Jake

07.15.17, 2:24pm

Aggravated DWI, 2nd

MCSO Sgt. Shane Bennett and Deputy Garylle James were dispatched to the Giant Store in Thoreau to check on a suspected DWI subject parked at the gas pumps. En-route, Deputy James spotted the vehicle just north of the Giant Store at BJ's Country Store.

Making contact with the driver, Sgt. Bennett began the field sobriety tests but the subject was arrested before the finish based on observations of the veteran officer. She refused to take a breathalyzer so she was transported to GIMC for medical clearance. Before being transported to MCADC, Jake made a reference to an officer that was recently killed in the line of duty, "you're going to get shot and killed one of these days, just like Largo." She was booked for DWI at MCADC.

Pearl Tsosie

07.15.17, 1:08

Aggravated DWI, 3rd

While on routine patrol, MCSO Deputy Frank Villa, Jr. observed a vehicle stopped in the intersection of Juniper Ridge Road and Mae Lane. A closer look revealed a female sitting behind the steering wheel, sound asleep.

Opening the driver's side door, Deputy Villa noticed that the vehicle was not in park so he reached inside to adjust the gear shift to a safer position and engaged the emergency brake.

It took several attempts to wake the 45-year-old driver who responded as if she was not aware of what was happening. There was a strong odor of alcohol coming from her and her speech was slurred, but she claimed not to know what she had been drinking.

Tsosie failed the field sobriety test and refused to take it again. She still was not aware where she was and insisted that she was either driving to or driving from Dani Drive, which is on the other side of Gallup.

She was booked into MCADC for her third DWI.