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Devin Spencer

09.09.17, 01:40 am

DWI, 1st Offense

While on routine patrol within the city of Gallup, Gallup Police Department Officer Luke Martin was dispatched to the area of Valley View Road and Aztec Avenue in reference to a rollover vehicle crash. The driver was identified as Spencer and his passenger was listed as Angel Martinez. Spencer tried to claim he was the only occupant of the pickup, but another GPD Officer saw Martinez walking west and then south to get away from the scene. He was soon tracked down and returned to the scene by the other Officer.

Spencer claimed he was distracted by his cell phone just before driving into the median and initially claimed he had not been drinking. He agreed to provide a breath sample on a portable breath tester and blew a 0.141. He later admitted to drinking three 16 ounce cans of Coors but said his last drink was around 6:30 pm. Neither subject admitted to receiving great bodily harm and Spencer initially agreed to a field sobriety test. Then Spencer complained of pain in his left elbow and refused the test.

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At that time, Spencer was placed under arrest and Officer Martin read him the New Mexico Implied Consent advisory. Spencer then agreed to submit breath samples at the Gallup Police Department, which provided samples of 0.12 and 0.11. Spencer did not go gently to the McKinley County Detention Center, but instead raised a fuss with the hospital personnel and the jail employees. Spencer also refused to sign the MVD notice of revocation which was recorded using the in-car audio/video camera system.

Brandon Wilson

09.09.17, 5:57 pm

Agg. DWI (Tribal Arrest)

McKinley County Sheriff's Office Sgt. Elreno Henio was working saturation patrol when he gave assistance to a possible violator of a traffic stop. Henio located the vehicle coming from the east towards him with a pedestrian, later identified as Robert Brown, Jr., who had jumped on the hood of the vehicle, then continued to walk past the vehicle in a westerly direction. Henio made a head on felony stop and saw Wilson in the driver's seat with a passenger beside him.

Wilson would admit to only two cans of alcohol and agreed to a field sobriety test but only finished the first portion before refusing to do the rest. He was then arrested and transported to MCSO where he agreed to a breath test. His two samples were duplicate 0.24 and he was then relayed to the Crownpoint Detention Center by Navajo Police Department Officer Bitsui. The passenger, Calbert Brown, was also transported to Crownpoint for public intoxication. Robert Brown Jr. was released to family at the scene.

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Ray Benson Smith

09.08.17, 7:44 pm

Agg. DWI, 3rd Offense

McKinley County Sheriff's Department Lt. Eric D. Jim was dispatched to Cousins Road and Oak Mesa Road in reference to a one vehicle crash with possible injuries. On arrival, Lt. Jim noticed a chevy truck in the trees at the intersection, with heavy front end damage. Volunteer Fire Department personnel were removing a highly intoxicated female from the vehicle, and Jim was informed by medical personnel that the driver of the truck was being treated in the ambulance.

While walking Smith from the ambulance to the patrol unit, Smith advised the Lieutenant that he was "a man of god," though he didn't specify which one. Smith did not remember what happened or even where he lived. He admitted driving to "no where" and did not know who his passenger was. Smith refused to take a field sobriety test and was transported to the MCSO where he submitted to a breath test, the results of which were 0.26 both times.

Smith was found to have a revoked driver's license and two prior arrests for DWI. He also was unable to provide valid vehicle insurance and registration for his vehicle. The highly intoxicated passenger, still unidentified at the time, was taken to Gallup Indian Medical Center by MedStar Ambulance.

Frederick Johnson

09.02.17, 00:46 am

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Agg. DWI, 3rd Offense

GPD Officer Andrew Thayer responded to a call of two individuals passed out in the drive-thru lane at McDonalds east. The call did not reflect whether the service was slow or not, but before Officer Thayer could get to that scene, he was notified that the vehicle had driven a few doors east to the Sonic Drive-In.

After making contact with the driver, Thayer asked if Johnson had anything to drink that evening. His first answer was two beers, but after having to fumble for his license multiple times, said it might have been a six-pack.

Johnson agreed to a field sobriety test but then complained that the parking lot was not level enough to perform the test. Johnson also would not perform a breath test and was placed under arrest and taken to jail.

Michael R. Wilson

09.03.17, 01:21 am

Agg. DWI, 6th Offense

GPD Officer Douglas Hoffman responded to a call from the Giant Station at 1730 South Second in reference to two intoxicated males. The suspect vehicle headed westbound on Nizhoni and Hoffman, falling in right behind, noticed the vehicle swerve into the eastbound lane and then back to the westbound before going back into the center continuous turn lane.

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Wilson agreed to a field sobriety test but on the second portion turned to Officer Hoffman and admitted, "I'm totally impaired." Wilson also refused to take a breath test but couldn't turn down the free ride to the MCDC, where he was booked.

Lionel Dabbs

09.01.17, 8:58 pm

Agg. DWI, Refusal

Stopped for a traffic violation in the Mossman area, Dabbs agreed to a field sobriety test but almost fell over after not doing well on the first two portions. Dabbs agreed to a breath test but changed his mind as GPD Officer Tyler Woody was prepared to start the exam. No further discussion was necessary at that point, but while being booked into MCDC, a green leafy substance (marijuana), less than an ounce, was found on Dabbs. The substance was collected by Corrections Officer Saunders.

Kayla Tsosie

09.01.17, 11:47 pm

Agg. DWI, 1st Offense

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A downtown cruise by GPD Officer Julio Yazzie found him noticing a vehicle coming towards him on Coal Avenue that was not maintaining lanes. Turning around at Second Street to follow, Officer Yazzie saw the suspect turn left on Fifth Street and cut them off by taking Fourth Street to Aztec, and waiting for them to show up, which they did.

Agreeing to field sobriety tests, Tsosie could not pass any part of the test. She then refused the breath test and was arrested and transported to the MCDL.

Willie Jones, Jr.

08.21.17, 10.53 pm

Agg. DWI, 1st Offense

GPD Officer Dominic Molina was alerted to a speeding vehicle on I-40 eastbound and intercepted the suspect with his dash-mounted radar clocking over 100 mph. As it passed Molina, he hit the emergency lights and the suspect immediately hit his brakes.

The driver refused to take a field sobriety test or a breath test, so he was placed in cuffs and put in the back seat of the patrol unit.

Without further waste of words or time, Jones was transported to the MCDL and booked.

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Virginia Boyd

08.15.17, 09:47 am

Agg. DWI, 2nd Offense

GPD Officer Jeremy Shirley responded to another Officer's call out in regards to a traffic stop at Carver Street and Maloney Avenue of a possible intoxicated driver. Officer Shirley had been working an ENDWI patrol and smelled the odor of alcohol upon first contact with Boyd. That was verified just a short time later as Boyd said she was just released from the jail in Window Rock for DWI and had consumed two shots of Vodka.

The field sobriety test was stopped early as Shirley noticed that Boyd could not keep her balance and he was worried for her safety. She was arrested and transported to GPD for two breath tests, which showed a BAC of 0.20 and 0.18. Boyd was then transported to the MCDC and booked.

Raeann Tso

06.02.17, 10.13 pm

Agg. DWI, 1st Offense

An alert citizen notified GPD Officer Norman Bowman of a vehicle she had followed from Viro Park to the parking lot of Don Diego's Restaurant. Pointing out the car to him, Bowman followed it to Seventh Street where it pulled to a stop.

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When asked if she had consumed any alcohol, Tso stated a 12-pack of Importer's Vodka. Failing the field sobriety test, Tso was transported to GPD where she was given another attempt at proving sober, but her BAC came back 0.26 and 0.25. She was given another free ride, this time to the MCDC where she was booked.

Clayton Becenti

05.13.17, 9:05 pm

Agg. DWI, 1st Offense

GPD Officer Angelo Cellicion was summoned to the Walmart parking lot in reference to a possible intoxicated male subject passed out in a vehicle. The suspect vehicle tried to leave through the area marked for cars in the parking lot, speeding up and slowing down, forcing pedestrians to stop until he went by.

Agreeing to a field sobriety test, Becenti could not complete either of the first two sections and was placed under arrest. Becenti did agree to take a breath test after the consequences were explained to him. His results were a 0.20 and 0.19.

Becenti was then transported to the MCDC and booked.