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Staff Reports

Michael Wilson

09.24.17, 10.34

Agg. DWI, 1st Offense

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Dispatched to the Thoreau area at the I-40 exit 53 ramp, to watch for a possible drunk driver, Metro Dispatch advised McKinley County Sheriff's Office Deputy Paul Davis Jr. that the suspect was now at milepost 55. Davis then proceeded eastbound to that location and made contact with the vehicle at milepost 57. The vehicle was swerving from side-to-side, crossing the white-painted dotted lines and the white solid shoulder lines on the roadway.

The vehicle did not stop immediately, traveling another quarter mile before coming to a complete stop. Wilson, 51, agreed to a field sobriety test but he kept losing his balance and Davis stopped the field test to prevent injury to Wilson. When the state's Implied Consent Act Advisory was read, Wilson refused to take a breath test.

When given a second chance, Wilson agreed to a breath test and gave samples of 0.16 and 0.17. Wilson was then transported to McKinley County Detention Center and booked.

Robert Johnson

09.23.17, 2:44 pm

Agg. DWI, 11th Offense

Dispatched to the intersection of South Chino Loop and Highway 49, in reference to a vehicle parked in the roadway with the driver asleep inside, MCSO Deputy Brandon Salazar observed the engine was still running and the sleeping driver was breathing.

Salazar turned the engine off and removed the ignition key before attempting to wake the driver, but that didn't bother the sleeper, who immediately upon waking attempted to drive away and was incoherent.

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Although Johnson, 61, agreed to a field sobriety test, it soon became evident that he could barely stand up, let alone proceed with the rigors of the test. After arresting Johnson, Salazar ran his name and discovered 10 prior convictions for DWI.

Johnson refused a breath test so Salazar obtained a warrant for a blood test. Johnson was then transported to a local hospital for the blood draw and medical clearance. He was then transported to MCDC and booked.

Evan Chavez

09.23.17, 00:15 am

Agg. DWI, 1st Offense

While on patrol on Interstate 40, Deputy Frank Villa Jr. noticed a black vehicle going eastbound that was crossing the center dotted line to the solid shoulder line multiple times.

Villa turned on his camera to record the swerving vehicle and engaged his emergency lights as the black vehicle took the milepost 26 off ramp. When Villa approached the vehicle, he noticed two occupants, but neither was in the driver's seat. Both initially denied knowing who the driver was, but eventually the backseat passenger, identified as Dustin Logg, 26, admitted it was the other guy, 27-year old Chavez.

Chavez agreed to the field sobriety test, which he failed. Logg was transported to Gallup Detox by Deputy Lorenzo Guerrero and Chavez was taken to the Sheriff's Office for a date with the IR8000, which showed two samples, one at 0.17 and 0.16. Chavez was then transported to MCDC and booked.

Melford Begay

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09.17.17, 05:36 am

Agg. DWI, 1st Offense

Gallup Police Officer Douglas Hoffman responded to the area of South Puerco, in reference to a possible drunk driver that had been passed out behind the wheel but was now driving at a very slow speed (about 10 mph) and weaving on the turn into Apache Court, almost hitting the curb.

Stopping the vehicle by activating his emergency lights and siren, Officer Hoffman made contact with Begay, 35, who admitted to consuming five beers. The field sobriety test was proof enough that Begay was intoxicated and he was arrested at that time. His refusal to take a breath test elevated the charge to Aggravated DWI on what was his first offense. Begay was then taken to MCDC and booked.

Jonathan H. Gregg

09.08.17, 10:10 am

Agg. DWI, 1st Offense

It was a bad day for Gregg, who had to stay at a local hospital for four to five hours long, with a 3000 ml IV Drip to flush out the alcohol in his system.

This episode began when GPD Officer Francis Collins was called to a Domestic Disturbance in the Navajo Nation community of Sundance. An "Attempt to Locate" was issued when Gregg, 37, fled the scene. He was stopped by GPD Officer Norman Bowman soon after.

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Collins then took over the investigation for DWI. Gregg agreed to a field sobriety test but reportedly refused eye contact with the officer. He claimed no injuries prior to the test. During the third part of the field test, Gregg claimed he had injuries and refused to continue. Collins read Gregg the NM Implied Constent Advisory, which was refused.

Collins took Gregg to the hospital for blood work and medical clearance, which the hospital refused to take initially because of his high blood alcohol content. Gregg was then transported to MCDC after the delay and booked.

Donna M. Pacheco

09.02.17, 11:13 am

Agg. DWI, 1st Offense

GPD Officer Norman Bowman heard an Attempt to Locate sent out by dispatch on a possible intoxicated driver who had just left the Ortega Shell station. He put cruiser in the vicinity of the 1800 block of east Aztec. Initiating a traffic stop on the vehicle at the Lowe's Uptown parking lot, Bowman explained the reason for the stop and asked for Pacheco's driver's license.

Pacheco admitted having some alcohol to drink and agreed to the field sobriety test, which she failed.

After Officer Bowman read her the NM Implied Consent Advisory, Pacheco agreed to take a breath test at the Gallup Police Department.

Sgt. Emery Holly was on scene and agreed to wait for Pacheco's daughter to pick up the vehicle.

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At the station, Pacheco had twin readings of 0.17 BAC and Bowman transported her to MCDC for booking.

Shannon J. Clark

06.30.17, 10:52 pm

Agg. DWI, Third Offense

Called to the scene of an accident in the area of Third Street and Highway 66, Gallup Police Officer Luke Martin met with Officer John Gonzales, who was investigating the two-vehicle crash. Officer Gonzales advised Officer Martin that one of the drivers was possibly impaired. A DWI field sobriety test was then started on Clark, 39.

Failing to complete the field test, Clark was arrested, read the Implied Consent Act Advisory and agreed to a breath test at the Gallup Police Department. The two breath submissions showed 0.15 and 0.14 on the Intoxilyzer 8000 and the driver was transported to MCDC and booked.

Gerard John

06.30.17, 10:15 pm

Agg. DWI, 2nd Offense

Gallup Police Department Officer Dominic Molina received an Attempt to Locate on a black SUV as he was traveling Northbound on Second Street approaching the intersection with Park Avenue.

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The SUV was going southbound and Molina turned around and followed the suspect vehicle. The suspect entered the parking lot of the Sports Page, drove through the lot, and then exited at a high rate of speed, still going Southbound. The vehicle then made a right turn on Debra Drive and then to the intersection of Debra and Marcy where it stopped in the middle of the road.

Officer Molina activated his emergency lights when the suspect began to move again and followed it for about a quarter mile on Cora Lee before it came to a complete stop.

As Officer Molina approached the vehicle, he noticed no one in the driver's seat, as the driver, identified as John, 22, had jumped into the rear seat with two other passengers. Those two told Molina that John had been driving and had thrown a beer can at a pedestrian, which caused the Attempt to Locate in the first place.

John refused the offer to take a field sobriety test and the breath test. John was then transported to MCDC and booked.

J. Michael Singer

06.17.17, 01:56 pm

DWI, 1st Offense

En-route to the Timberlake area, McKinley County Sheriff's Officers Frank Villa, Jr. and Garylle James were flagged down by a person, later identified as Titus Toledo, in the parking lot of the Vanderwagen Mustang.

Toledo informed the officers that the driver of the car next to his had nearly run him off the road by passing on the right side in a no-passing zone at an excessive speed. The driver was further

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identified when he left the store, as were two of his passengers, Kendrena Yazzie and Kendall Yazzie, brother and sister. Two other passengers were also questioned, Malcolm Chee and Ryan Charley.

Singer, 34, failed his field sobriety test and was arrested for DWI. The other occupants were all run through Metro dispatch for wants and warrants, and the deputies found warrants on three of the five, which included Toledo, 30, who had an out-of-county warrant from Bernalillo for battery on a non-family member.

Kendrena Yazzie, 25, had an aggravated DWI warrant and her brother Kendell, 27, was wanted for possession of narcotics by the Magistrate Court. Singer was taken to MCDC for booking while Chee, 29, and Charley, 34, were given a free ride to Gallup Detox since both were heavily intoxicated.

Arieal Joann King

06.18.17, 8:21 pm

Agg. DWI, 1st Offense

Dispatched to 1 Giant Crossing, MCSO Deputy Brandon Salazar was headed westbound on I-40 and located the vehicle as it was exiting Interstate 40 at milepost 36. Identifying the driver as King, Deputy Salazar got her consent to run a field sobriety test, which she failed.

Once King, 25, was arrested, Salazar read her the Implied Consent Act, and she agreed to take the breath test once they reached the Sheriff's Office. On the first breath test, King blew a 0.25 and on the second test, she blew a 0.24. King was then transported to Gallup Indian Medical Center for medical clearance and from there to the MCDC where she was booked.

Lukas Woody

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06.19.17, 8:24 pm

Agg. DWI, 1st Offense

McKinley County Sheriff's Office Deputy Roxanne Slim was on routine patrol in the Crestview area when she observed a red car traveling Westbound on State Highway 118. The car swerved off the roadway and the tires kicked up dust, which prompted Deputy Slim to activate here emergency lights.

The red car swerved into the Eastbound lane then corrected into the Westbound lane before coming to a complete stop.

When the driver, identified as Lukas C. Woody, 28, exited the car, Slim noticed his pants were unzipped and a passenger in the back seatwas trying to hide a 18-pack box of Budweiser with her right leg. Having agreed to a field sobriety test, Woody admitted having a false eye from a fight about two years ago, but no excuses were going to help him pass this test.

Slim read the Implied Consent Advisory to Woody and discovered he had two outstanding warrants, one in Gallup and one in Cibola County. A second passenger, Christopher Long, 35, also had a bench warrant and was transported to MCDC by Deputy Josie Bowman and booked.

A third passenger and his wife were transported to Gallup Detox. Lukas was given a ride to the Sheriff's Office where he gave samples on the IR8000 of 0.20 and 0.21 BAC. He was then taken to MCDC and booked.