Man arrested twice within six days for DWI

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New Mexico State Police officers are out in force this holiday season, encouraging everyone to not drink and drive, and arrive safely.

On Dec. 14, around 12:05 pm New Mexico State Police Officer Todacheenie made a traffic stop for a registration violation. The violation occurred on U.S. 64 near mile post 31, however the violator continued driving until he reached the Navajo Reservation. The driver James Lee was charged with Driving while Under the Influence, Driving While License Revoked and Unreadable Registration. A warrant has been issued for these charges by the Eleventh District Attorney's Office.

Fast-forward six days ...

On Dec. 20, around 9:51 am, Lee was stopped on U.S. 64 near the 32-mile marker for another traffic infraction. The officer witnessed actions that led him to believe that Lee was unable to operate a motor vehicle safely, and visually witnessed an open container of alcohol in the vehicle.

Standardized field sobriety tests were administered, and Lee was subsequently arrested for Driving while Under the Influence with test results of breath alcohol content (BRaC), .08/08. Lee was also cited for Driving While License Revoked, Open Container and Unreadable Registration, and was booked into the San Juan County Adult Detention Center.