

WEEKLY DWI REPORT

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Stephen Gene

March 18, 1:30 am

2nd DWI, Aggravated

Gallup Police Department Officer John Gonzales was on patrol near Virgie's Restaurant on U.S.

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Highway 66 when another driver on the road made him suspicious. The blue Ford was weaving between lanes and its exhaust pipe was dragging behind, according to the police report. Gonzales pulled over the driver, Gene, 34, who appeared drunk. Gonzales saw open containers of beer in the center console and the passenger's seat.

When Gonzales asked Gene how much he had to drink, he said he drank four beers: two Budweisers, a Bud Lite, and "whatever was in the car," according to the report. Gene agreed to sobriety testing. During the tests, Gene was "swaying back and forth," and he performed poorly.

Gene blew a .17 and a .16 before being booked for his second DWI.

Lane Begaye

March 17, 10:18 pm

DWI, Aggravated

GPD Officer Timothy Hughte arrived at the Munoz Overpass in response to a driver struggling to maintain lanes, with an open trunk. Hughte spotted the car as it was exiting the parking lot of a California Chinese Fast Food parking lot, and followed the driver as he headed down Wilson Avenue, then pulled him over.

Begaye, 27, told Hughte he did not have a license or registration, and spoke with "delayed slurred speech," according to the police report. Hughte asked Begaye if he had anything to drink before driving, and he said yes, according to the police report. When Hughte asked him how much, Begaye looked at him "with a confused blank stare."

Begaye refused field testing and a breath test. After being brought to the police station, he argued with corrections officers and was told to sit down, according to the report.

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Erik N. Denny

March 17, 4:46 am

DWI, Aggravated

GPD Officer Julio Yazzie was dispatched to Applebee's at 1560 West Maloney Avenue, where he met Denny, 22, who was "fiddling around with something" in his car, which had a damaged bumper. Denny told Yazzie that he drank four cans of beer and had a shot of whiskey, and that he had a room at the Hilton Garden Inn but was asked to vacate by management. Denny was drunk and involved in a crash at the Applebee's parking lot that night, according to the report.

Yazzie asked Denny to complete field sobriety testing, and Denny agreed. He performed poorly on the tests and was booked, and his breath test read .16 and .18 at the station.

Karyn Cooche

March 11, 8:44 pm

DWI, Aggravated

GPD Officer Justin Benally was driving on U.S. Highway 66 when Cooche, 32, flew past a stop sign in front of him. When he pulled her over, Cooche made little eye contact with Benally while he explained the reason for the stop, according to the police report, and Benally began to suspect she was intoxicated judging by her slurred voice and appearance.

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Benally asked Cooche to step out of the car, and said he noticed her wobbling. Cooche agreed to do field sobriety tests, and she struggled with them. At the station, Cooche blew a .29 and a .31 on her breath test.