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Merna Roan

Oct. 20, 9:50 pm

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Aggravated DWI

Gallup Police Department Patrol Office Adrian Quetawki said he was dispatched to a house on the 1000 block of East Green Avenue in connection to a report of a Dodge that hit another vehicle as it backed out of the driveway.

The truck left the area, but Quetawki received a report a short time later from a clerk at the Giant gas station on East Highway 66 of a woman in a white Dodge truck who was refused at checkout when she attempted to purchase beer because she appeared to be intoxicated.

Police went out in search of the vehicle and found it outside another liquor store.

Quetawki said he waited outside the store until a woman, identified as Merna Roan, 57, emerged with six-pack of beer.

She reportedly denied backing into a vehicle, but when asked for her address, she gave the one where the hit-and-run occurred. She showed signs of intoxication.

Roan refused to take either a field sobriety test or a breath-alcohol test, so Quetawki said he requested a warrant to have Roan's blood drawn at the Gallup Indian Medical Center.

Roan refused to have her blood drawn, and demanded to see the search warrant. She agreed to have her blood drawn after she saw the warrant, but pulled back when the process began.

She was charged with aggravated DWI, leaving the scene of an accident, causing property damage and being in possession of an open liquor container in a vehicle.

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Latham Saunders

Oct. 16, 4:13 pm

Aggravated DWI

GPD Officer Cable Kleeberger said he was dispatched to an address at East Aztec Avenue where a man had been detained after reportedly running over a curb.

Kleeberger said when he approached Saunders, 24, of Thoreau, Saunders told him he not been drinking. Kleeberger, however, reportedly noticed signs that Saunders was intoxicated, so he asked him if he would take a field sobriety test.

Saunders agreed, but failed, and was arrested for DWI. He also had two outstanding bench warrants.

Saunders later took a breath-alcohol test and blew samples of .17 and .16.

Chanea Saucedo

Oct. 16, 2:48 am

DWI

GPD Officer Julio Yazzie said he responded to a report of an accident on the 200 block of East Highway 66, where he found a car with heavy front-end damage.

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At the scene, Saucedo, 26, of Gallup stepped out of her vehicle and told Yazzie she was afraid she had hit something. She said her ankle hurt, too, so MedStar was called.

Yazzie said he noticed that Saucedo showed signs of intoxication, so he asked her to take field sobriety tests, which she did. She said midway through the test, "Just to be honest, I am not going to pass the test because I am drunk."

Saucedo didn't pass the test and was arrested. She later took a breath-alcohol test and posted a sample of .22, and while this was enough to be charged with aggravated DWI, the report states she was charged with DWI.

Robby Yazza

Oct. 8, 9:18 pm

Aggravated DWI (2nd offense)

GPD Patrolman Adrian Quetawki was dispatched to the Hillcrest Trailer Park on the 2400 block of East Aztec Avenue after a caller reported a car that swiped another car.

When Quetawki arrived on the scene, he met Yazza, 28, of Gallup, who was sitting in his car with a female passenger. Yazza was asked to get out if the vehicle, and as he did, a bottle of vodka fell to the ground.

Quetawki said he asked Yazza if he had been drinking, and Yazza said no. Quetawki reported that Yazza showed signs of intoxication and had a hard time keeping his balance.

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Quetawki said he checked Yazza's car and found a fresh imprint of white paint. Yazza denied hitting another vehicle.

When asked to take a field sobriety test, Yazza said no. He also refused to take a breath-alcohol test.

Quetawki said Yazza was uncooperative throughout the process. Yazza was charged with aggravated DWI, having an open container in his vehicle and failure to report an accident.

Danielle Morgan

Oct. 10, 3:25 am

Aggravated DWI

GPD Patrolman Brandon Salazar was dispatched to State Highway 602 near the Continental Divide Office because of a report of a car in the roadway that appeared to have a flat tire.

When Salazar arrived, he found the car. The driver was asleep behind the wheel. When he awoke the driver, Morgan, 25, of Vanderwagen, he said she appeared to be confused. Morgan reportedly tried to shift the gears when Salazar asked her to turn off the engine.

Morgan showed signs of intoxication, and when asked if she had had anything to drink, she admitted she had three shots at Sonic.

She agreed to take a field sobriety test and failed. Later, she agreed to take a breath-alcohol test and posted two samples of .17.

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