

WEEKLY DWI REPORT

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Felicia Lynn James

Jan. 22, 6:00 am

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Aggravated DWI (first offense)

McKinley County Sheriff deputies were dispatched to the six-mile marker on New Mexico Highway 371 in connection with a report of a hit and run.

An investigation revealed that the driver who fled the scene had received extensive front-end to her vehicle. Shortly thereafter, the sheriff's office received a report of a car parked alongside the road with extensive front-end damage.

When deputies arrived at the site, they found Felicia James, 27, of Thoreau, N.M., behind the wheel with a bloody nose and a swollen lip from the accident. She also showed signs of being intoxicated.

She refused to take field sobriety tests but agreed to a breath alcohol test, during which she blew samples of .24 and .23. She was charged with aggravated DWI, failure to maintain a traffic lane, and leaving the scene of an accident.

Lathan Antone

Jan. 20, 1:55 am

Aggravated DWI (third offense)

McKinley County Sheriff Deputy Johnson Lee said he was traveling eastbound on New Mexico

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Highway 122 when he noticed the vehicle in front of him being unable to maintain a traffic lane.

He conducted a traffic stop and spoke with Lathan Antone, 28, of Crownpoint, N.M., who exhibited signs of being intoxicated. Antone refused to take field sobriety tests and was arrested for DWI.

He later agreed to take a breath alcohol test and posted two samples of .21.

Just shortly after Antone refused to take a field sobriety test. Lee asked the two passengers in the vehicle to exit the car. One of the two was identified as Lane Charley, 29, of Thoreau, N.M.

Lee told the two passengers to try and call someone to pick them up. A couple of minutes later Charley told Lee he could not find someone. Lee said Charley then became very upset and started yelling. Lee said he told him to calm down or he would be detained.

But Charley continued to yell at him, Lee said, and began to clench his fists so Lee placed Charley in handcuffs. Charley continued to resist as Lee took him to the ground as backup arrived.

The two officers tried to put Charley in the police unit and he continued to resist. He then reportedly kicked Lee in the leg and was taken to the ground for a second time before he was placed in the unit.

He was later charged with battery on a police officer.

Melvin Sangster

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Jan. 13, 1:45 am

Aggravated DWI (first offense)

Gallup Police Officer Daniel Brown said he heard reports from other officers of a car driving on South Second Street with no headlights on.

He came upon the vehicle as it was pulling into a gas station on South Second Street. As he was going up to the window, he said he saw the driver, later identified as Melvin Sangster, 56, of Holbrook, Ariz. pass an open container of beer to a passenger.

Sangster admitted drinking a couple of cans of beer an hour before. He also showed signs of being intoxicated. He was asked to take a field sobriety test and at first refused, but then agreed. He failed the test and was arrested for DWI.

After Sangster refused to take a breath alcohol test, Brown discovered that he had a warrant out for his arrest and was taken into custody.

Duanna Skeet

Jan. 12, 1:47 pm

Aggravated DWI

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Gallup Police Officer Adrian Quetawki said he was dispatched to Allsup's west on West Highway 66 because of a report of a reckless driver.

When he got to the site, he saw a vehicle matching the description of the one he was looking for, so he parked behind it as the driver had gone into the store. Later, Lynn Skeet, 22, of Vanderwagen, N.M., got back in her vehicle and started backing up when Quetawki approached her and asked if she had been drinking.

She admitted she had a couple of shots of whiskey and agreed to take field sobriety tests, which she failed so she was arrested for DWI. She later agreed to take a breath alcohol test and posted samples of .20 and .18.