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**Leroy Jim** 

Jan. 28, 12:03 am

DWI

McKinley County Sheriff Deputy Lorenzo Guerrero said he was dispatched to the 15 mile

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marker on New Mexico Highway 264 after another deputy stopped a car that he observed weaving on the highway.

The stop was made on Navajo tribal land, so while deputies were waiting for a tribal policeman to show up, Guerrero said he talked to Jim, 48, of St. Michaels, Ariz.

He said Jim showed signs of being intoxicated and was having problems standing. He agreed to take a field sobriety test but when he was given instructions, he just stared and wouldn't comply so he was arrested for DWI.

He also agreed to take a breath alcohol test but then failed to comply. He was later turned over to tribal police.

#### Clifford Allen

Jan. 26, 3:58 pm

# Aggravated DWI (Second offense)

McKinley County Sheriff Sgt. Tammy Houghtaling said she was patrolling near Spencer Valley and New Mexico Highway 118 when she observed a vehicle go through a stop sign. She conducted a traffic stop.

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When she talked to the driver, Clifford Allen, 44, of Tsaile, Ariz. he told her his turn signals did not work, to which she responded, according to the report, "what did that have to do with failing to stop at the stop sign?" She observed a pack of beer in the car and Allen admitted that he had had a couple of drinks.

He agreed to take a field sobriety test and failed, at which point he was arrested for DWI.

After being handcuffed and placed in the police unit, Allen asked if his girlfriend could pick up his vehicle, but Houghtaling said that only registered owners are allowed to pick up the car so his request was denied.

At that point, said Houghtaling, Allen became disorderly and began kicking the door of his cage. He finally agreed to take a breath alcohol test and posted two samples of .19.

### Lane Begave

Jan. 20, 2:49 pm

# **DWI** (first offense)

Gallup Police Officer Thomas House said he was dispatched to the Cedar Hills Apartment Complex where a driver was reported to be asleep behind the wheel of a vehicle that was still running.

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When he got there, he found Begaye, 24, of Gamerco, asleep at the wheel with all of the car doors locked. With the help of another officer, they managed to get the passenger door open and turn off the engine.

House said it took a couple of minutes to wake Begaye up and when he did wake up, he grabbed the steering wheel and pressed down hard on the brakes. House said he also saw several shots of 99 Bananas on the floor of the vehicle.

He agreed to take the field sobriety tests and failed so he was placed under arrest. He later agreed to take a breath alcohol test and posted two samples of .24.

#### **Quentin Smith**

Jan. 19, 4:35 am

# Aggravated DWI (first offense)

Gallup Patrolman Douglas Hoffman said he was dispatched to the parking lot of Hampton Inn North because of a report of a vehicle in a ditch.

When he got there, he found the vehicle in the ditch and Smith, 45, of Window Rock, nearby. Smith told him he was going back to his car to get his shoes.

Hoffman said Smith showed signs of being intoxicated and admitted to having five or six drinks earlier in the evening. He still claimed he had not been driving, but Hoffman said his was the only vehicle in the parking lot without snow on the window. Hoffman said he also touched the front of the vehicle and it was still warm.

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Smith refused to take a field sobriety test, and later refused to take a breath alcohol test.