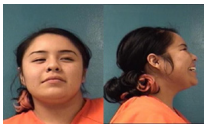


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Josiah Yazzie

March 19, 1:49 am

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DWI

Gallup Police Officer Dominic Molina said he was dispatched to the Allsup's Store on Arnold Street because of a man trying to fight employees. Before he got there, the man left the store and drove away.

Molina and another officer found his vehicle on Highway 66 and conducted a traffic stop.

Molina said as he approached the driver's side, he could see a number of open liquor containers in a child's car seat in the back left of the vehicle. He added that when he talked to Josiah Yazzie, 29, of Gallup, he could smell the odor of alcohol coming from inside the vehicle.

He told Yazzie he was stopped because of the altercation inside Allsup's. Yazzie, who is an employee at the store, said the fight was because one of the employees was having an affair with his friend's wife.

Because of the indications of liquor consumption, Molina asked Yazzie if he would be willing to take the standard field sobriety tests but Yazzie declined, saying it was too cold and windy.

After making excuses to avoid the standard field sobriety tests, Molina offered him the opportunity to take a portable breath test. Yazzie agreed then to take the field sobriety tests. While explaining the test to him, Molina said Yazzie became very disorderly and argumentative so Molina said he took this as a refusal and placed him under arrest.

Yazzie's wife was called to pick up the car, Inside were two occupants, both intoxicated, five open bottles of beer and a bottle of liquor.

Yazzie later agreed to take the breath alcohol test and posted samples of .16, .13 and .14

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He was released on his own recognizance by a judge March 19.

Alfredo Tomas Skeet

March 16, 3:22 am

Aggravated DWI

Gallup Police Officer Michael Eley said he was asked to do a drunk driver test for another officer who saw a vehicle on the road that was unable to stay within the lanes. The officer was unable to conduct the interview because he was transporting a juvenile.

Eley caught up to the driver in the parking lot of the Dollar General Store, 2408 E. Hwy. 66, and watched as he had difficulty maintaining his balance as he exited his vehicle. Alfredo Skeet, 30, of Pinedale, had bloodshot eyes and slurred speech.

When asked if he had been drinking, Skeet admitted to having had only one drink before driving. He agreed to take the standard field sobriety tests and failed. He was arrested for DWI.

He then agreed to take a breath alcohol test, but when it came time to give it to him, Eley said Skeet would not stand up.

Skeet was booked into the McKinley County Adult Detention Center after receiving a medical clearance. In addition to a charge of aggravated driving while under the influence, he was issued a notice of revocation from the New Mexico Motor Vehicle Division.

On March 17, Skeet was released on his own recognizance by a judge.

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Krystal Thompson

March 1, 4:36 am

Aggravated DWI

Gallup Police Officer Dominic Molina said he was investigating an earlier traffic stop where the driver and passenger had fled the area. The passenger was found and arrested on felony warrants, but the driver could not be located.

As he entered the parking lot at 1400 S. Second St., Molina saw a Nissan leaving and traveling northbound. The driver, with pink and black hair, matched the description of the driver who had fled the scene earlier, Molina said he followed the vehicle and conducted a traffic stop. But the driver said she was not the person the officer was seeking. She said another female dressed just like her with red hair was driving her car with a male. She said she didn't know who that woman was, but the male was Alonzo Johnson.

He then talked to Krystal Thompson, 21, of Mentmore, who showed signs of being intoxicated. He asked her if she had been drinking and she admitted to having had two beers a couple of hours before driving.

Molina said he noticed two opened miniature shots on her seat. He asked Thompson to take the standard field sobriety tests and she agreed. She failed the tests and was arrested.

Thompson's vehicle had a suspended registration and no insurance. Thompson had a suspended driver's license.

She asked for permission to call a friend to pick up her vehicle, but after trying twice and getting

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no answer, her cell phone died and a tow truck was called.

She later agreed to take a breath alcohol test and posted two samples of .17.

Thompson was released on her own recognizance by a judge March 2.

Steven Fierro Jr.

March 1, 3:27 am

DWI

Gallup Police Officer Brandon Salazar was dispatched to McDonald's East, 2300 E. Hwy. 66, after a worker there reported a driver asleep in his car in the drive-thru lane.

When he got there, he found Steven Fierro, 38, of Gallup, asleep at the wheel with the engine running. Salazar said he turned the ignition off before waking Fierro.

Fierro admitted to drinking earlier that evening and agreed to take the standard field sobriety tests, which he failed. He was arrested for DWI.

He later agreed to take a breath alcohol test and posted two samples of .13.

Fierro was released on his own recognizance by a judge March 2.

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Johnpaul Samora

March 1, 2:58 am

Aggravated DWI

Gallup Police Officer Daniel Brown was on patrol when he arrived at the Best Western Plus Hotel, 910 E. Aztec Ave., to assist another officer who was performing a welfare check on a driver who had pulled into the parking lot.

Metro Dispatch had advised a dark gray GMC truck had been driving dangerously north on Boardman Drive. The vehicle in the hotel parking lot matched the description of the vehicle advised by Dispatch.

Brown made contact with the driver, Johnpaul Samora, 34, of Gallup, who had two small scratches under his bloodshot eyes. The vehicle also had the odor of alcohol coming from Samora's breath.

When asked if he had been drinking, Samora said he had drank about eight shots and two pints of quarter whiskey earlier that evening. He said he did not need medical attention, and that he was only involved in a dispute he did not want to talk about. He was emotional.

When asked how much he had to drink, Samora said he had seven or eight shots within 12 hours and that six hours previous he had downed two quarter pints of whiskey.

Samora agreed to take the standard field sobriety tests, but failed. He refused to take a breath alcohol test. Samora was arrested for aggravated DWI. Brown ran his information through Metro Dispatch and learned that Samora's license was revoked.

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His girlfriend picked up the vehicle.

A judge released Samora on his own recognizance March 2.