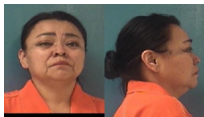


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Truman Taylor Begay

Feb. 27, 5:04 pm

DWI

After Metro Dispatch received a call of a possible drunk driver traveling north on U.S. Highway 491 in a white SUV, McKinley County Deputy Terence Willie said he would watch for it since he was parked near the four mile marker.

Willie began to search for the vehicle and spotted it traveling at a high rate of speed northbound near the seven mile marker. The SUV merged onto State Highway 264 and Willie began following it. It exceeded 63 mph in a 55 mph zone.

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Willie pulled the SUV over near the five-and-a-half mile marker. He conducted a traffic stop and made contact with the driver, Truman Begay, 28, of Piñon, Ariz. As he spoke with the driver, Willie noted Begay smelled of alcohol and had bloodshot eyes.

Begay told Willie he was traveling home from Gallup, and admitted drinking 25 oz. of Four Loco earlier in the day. Begay agreed to take the standard field sobriety tests, but failed.

He was transported to the sheriff's office for a breath test, where he posted two samples of .13. After receiving medical clearance from Gallup Indian Medical Center, Begay was transported to McKinley County Adult Detention Center and booked for DWI and speed regulations.

He was released on his own recognizance on March 1.

Ronda Lewis

Feb. 22, 9:51 pm

Aggravated DWI

McKinley County Deputy Terence Willie was parked facing south on U.S. Highway 491 when he saw a black Nissan Juke traveling north with its head lights and tail lights off. Willie turned to follow it and conducted a traffic stop near the six-and-a-half mile marker.

Willie approached the vehicle from the passenger side and made contact with the driver, Ronda

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Lewis, 46, of Tohatchi. He noted Lewis had bloodshot eyes and saw two open 12 oz. cans of Coors Light in the front center console. Lewis told Willie she was traveling from Gallup back home and admitted to drinking four alcoholic beverages earlier in the day.

Lewis agreed to take the standard field sobriety tests, but failed. Willie placed her under arrest at 9:50 pm and transported her to the sheriff's office for the breath test. She posted two samples of .17. She was then taken to the McKinley County Adult Detention Center and booked for aggravated DWI, tail lamps required, and open containers.

She was released on her own recognizance Feb. 23.

Kimberly Kirk

Feb. 19, 11:56 pm

Aggravated DWI

A vehicle crash resulted in McKinley County Deputy Dewayne Holder being dispatched to State Highway 118 and Crestview Road in Mentmore. He responded to a Code 3 from Deputy Miguel Bittony, who was responding to a call of a crash from Cedar Ridge trailer park.

Bittony made contact with the vehicle, a silver Chevy Malibu, and the driver, Kimberly Kirk, 30, of Prewitt. She had been traveling north on Crestview Road, but did not stop at the intersection of State Highway 118 and hit a chain link fence and telephone junction box north of the road.

When Holder arrived on the scene, Bittony told him Kirk admitted to consuming alcohol prior to driving. Holder met with Kirk, observing she was very intoxicated, had bloodshot eyes, and smelled of alcohol. She also slurred her speech and stumbled as she walked.

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Kirk initially agreed to take the standard field sobriety tests, but eventually stopped and refused to continue. She was placed under arrest early on Feb. 20 and refused to give a breath test.

After receiving a medical clearance from Gallup Indian Medical Center, Kirk was transported to McKinley County Adult Detention Center and booked for aggravated DWI, stop sign violation, and duty upon striking fixtures or other property upon a highway.

She was released on her own recognizance Feb. 22.