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Wayne Lucero

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Aggravated DWI

Metro Dispatch received multiple calls about a grey Toyota Tundra parked in front of the Prewitt post office with its motor running and the driver asleep at the wheel. McKinley County Deputy Clayton Etsitty was dispatched to the area of 1692 State Hwy. 122 in Prewitt, where he found the suspect vehicle. As he drove up, Etsitty saw the driver open the door and appear to vomit.

Etsitty turned on his unit's emergency lights and approached the suspect vehicle from the passenger side. He made contact with the driver, Wayne Lucero, 60, of Grants, who said he was leaving McKinley Paper Mill and traveling back home.

As he spoke, Etsitty observed Lucero slurred his speech, had bloodshot eyes, and could not maintain his balance. There was also an open bottle of Corona beer in the front cup holder.

Lucero agreed to take the standard field sobriety tests, but failed. He was placed under arrest and transported to McKinley County Sheriff's Office for the breath test.

After posting two samples of .18, Lucero was transported to McKinley County Adult Detention

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Center and booked for aggravated DWI and having an open container.