

WEEKLY DWI REPORT

Written by Staff Reports

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Geno Antonio
July 27, 7:12 pm
Aggravated DWI

While getting change at the Magic Carwash, 1335 W. Jefferson Ave., a man returning to his vehicle said he was almost hit by a white Chevrolet Impala. He told Gallup Police Officer Patrick Largo he had to jump out of the way and when he did, the car hit a pole.

He approached the driver and suggested he turn off the ignition and exit the car. The driver did

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not turn off the vehicle. The female passenger left the car.

The witness said the driver hit the car wash building several times, then managed to get the car unstuck and left. The caller followed him until officers made contact.

Largo investigated the incident and stated in his report that the car had hit a yellow concrete pole at the last bay of the carwash.

Gallup Officer Clarissa Morgan who was also dispatched to the site spotted a car matching the description of the suspect vehicle turning into the nearby Wendy's parking lot.

Morgan activated her unit's emergency lights and conducted a traffic stop. The driver, identified as Geno Antonio, 33, of Rock Springs, N.M., did not appear to be wearing his seatbelt and seemed confused when responding to Morgan's questions.

Antonio agreed to take the standard field sobriety tests when Morgan asked, but performed poorly and was placed under arrest.

Officer Patrick Largo verified the damage at the scene. Morgan transported Antonio to Gallup Police Department for the breath test, where he posted samples of .32, .29, and .30. Antonio was then transported to McKinley County Adult Detention Center and booked on charges of Aggravated DWI, consumption or possession of an alcoholic beverage in an open container in a motor vehicle, suspended or revoked driver's license, lack of insurance, failure to notify about an accident, failure to wear a seat belt.

He was released on his own recognizance.

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Derrick Martinez
July 27, 12:28 am
DWI

A call for assistance to a traffic stop on West Aztec Avenue led to Gallup Officer Michael Eley being dispatched to the scene. Sgt. Neil Yazzie was at the scene speaking with the driver, Derrick Martinez, 24, of Ya-ta-hey, who had been driving at night without headlights. Yazzie also found several open bottles of Corona beer in his vehicle.

Martinez agreed to take the standard field sobriety tests at Eley's request. He performed poorly on the tests and eventually failed and was placed under arrest. He admitted to having had two unspecified drinks prior to being stopped and only had a New Mexico ID on him. Yazzie remained with the vehicle and passenger who was later picked up by family.

Eley transported Martinez to the Gallup Police Department for the breath test, where he posted samples of .15 and .14. Martinez was then transported to McKinley County Adult Detention Center where he was booked for DWI, driving without a license, open container in a motor vehicle, and driving without his lights.

He was released on his own recognizance.

Bridgette Etsitty
July 26, 8:34 pm
Aggravated DWI

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A small black Jeep that ran into a fire hydrant near East Buena Vista Drive and Ford Drive and then left the scene brought out Gallup Police Officer Elijah Bowman. A caller stated the vehicle might still be in the area.

Bowman checked several vehicles before he found the Jeep. It had exited the parking lot at Ford Canyon to the nearby upper field lot where it ran into the curb and stopped. The driver, identified as Bridgette Etsitty, 23, of Gallup, got out of the vehicle.

Etsitty told Bowman she was fine and had just been arguing with her partner. Then her girlfriend approached and she raised her voice. As he spoke with Etsitty, Bowman noted that she smelled of alcohol and had bloodshot eyes. She told him she had a shot of 99 Bananas and an unspecified alcoholic drink prior to driving.

She agreed to take the standard field sobriety tests, but failed them. Bowman transported Etsitty to Gallup Police Department after she agreed to take the breath test. She posted two samples of .21 and was then transported to McKinley County Adult Detention Center and booked on aggravated DWI and driving without a license.

She was released on a \$1000 cash bond.

Tristin Tsosie
July 25, 1:46 am
DWI

What began as a pick-up, wound up as a hit-and-run according to a woman leaving the Sports Page parking lot.

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She told Gallup Police officer Michael Eley that she and two friends, one of them pregnant, were in her car when a white Ford F-150 drove up next to them and called out, "Hey, Baby. Where you girls going?"

Then the truck drove around her car, hit it and damaged the passenger side.

She followed the truck to get the license plate number and report it. She said it made a fast turn westbound onto Park Avenue and struck a guard rail, which disabled it.

Eley spoke with the driver of the truck, Tristin Tsosie, 23, of Gallup.

Tsosie had no visible signs of being impaired, but performed poorly on two of the standard field sobriety tests. Eley placed Tsosie under arrest.

Tsosie admitted to drinking two beers earlier that evening and was transported to Gallup Police Department for the breath test. He posted samples of .12 and .11. Eley transported him to McKinley County Adult Detention Center, where he was booked on DWI, careless driving, and failure to give information and render aid at the scene of an accident.

He was released on his own recognizance.

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This table represents a seven-day period of Gallup Police Dept. incident calls August 25 - August 31

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INCIDENT TYPE

NUMBER OF CALLS

INTOXICATED

256

WELFARE CHECK

157

TRAFFIC-RELATED

115

POLICE REQUEST

56

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DOMESTIC

40

ROUTINE PATROL

37

LAW

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ALARM

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ACCIDENT

28

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DISORDERLY SUBJECT

24

All other calls including.

attempt to locate, burglary, battery, assault, party call disturbance, etc.

225