

WEEKLY DWI REPORT

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Tanya Peters
Oct. 31, 9:32 am
DWI

Metro Dispatch was informed of a possible reckless driver that had crashed into a fence and was dragging it southbound on Highway 602 near Ellis Tanner Trading Company.

McKinley County Sheriff's Deputy Timo Molina traveled to the scene and found a vehicle matching the description near Continental Divide Electric, 25 mm Hwy. 602. He pulled up to the vehicle and met the driver, Tanya Peters, 40, of Gallup. Molina noted the vehicle smelled of

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alcohol and Peters had bloodshot eyes and slurred her speech. There were several open cans of Budweiser in the vehicle.

Peters exited the vehicle at his command and said she consumed two 12-oz. bottles of Smirnoff earlier that morning. She stated she was driving to her boyfriend's house on Jones Ranch Road. A witness at the scene said they saw Peters crash into a fence near Sagebrush Apartments on Dani Drive and followed them.

Molina administered the Standard Field Sobriety Tests, but then gave alternate tests after seeing Peters had an injury that could hamper her. However, Peters performed poorly on the tests and was placed under arrest. She was taken to Gallup Indian Medical Center for treatment, where she also agreed to give a blood sample.

The results were not listed in the report, which also stated a summons was filed for Peters with charges of DWI, a suspended license, and having an open container.

Marcus Smith

Oct. 28, 8:02 pm

Aggravated DWI (Second)

A vehicle appeared to drive off the road near the Edward O'Plummer Interchange off U.S. Highway 491 near Yatahey. McKinley County Sheriff's Deputy Frank Villa Jr. arrived at the scene and found the vehicle, which had gotten stuck in the dirt on the side of the road.

The driver, Marcus Smith, 33, of Tohatchi, stopped the vehicle and exited, at which point he fell to the ground. Villa pulled up to the vehicle and helped Smith stand up. As he helped him, Villa

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observed Smith had bloodshot eyes, smelled of alcohol, and slurred his speech. Smith was coming from Sagebrush Liquors and said someone else had been driving, but Villa did not find anyone in the immediate vicinity.

Smith said he drank “two 40s” prior to driving and Villa found a bottle of 99 Pineapples in the vehicle. Smith refused to take the Standard Field Sobriety Tests, so he was placed under arrest. He was transported to the sheriff’s office, where he also refused to give a breath sample.

Villa transported Smith to McKinley County Adult Detention Center and booked him for aggravated DWI, open container, and failure to maintain a lane.

Smith was released on his own recognizance by Judge Virginia Yazzie.

Irvin Peter Woods

Oct. 24, 4:22 pm

Aggravated DWI (Fourth)

A white Pontiac in the lot of the Speedway station at 1039 U.S. Hwy. 491 in Yatahey was seen rolling into a parked vehicle at the station with an unconscious driver at the wheel. McKinley County Sheriff’s Deputy Ivan Tsethlikai arrived at the scene and pulled up to the Pontiac.

He saw a male unconscious at the wheel as reported and tried to wake him. It took several attempts for the driver, Irvin Peter Woods Jr., 32, of Brimhall, to finally awaken and when he did, he tried to shift his vehicle out of the lot but could not. Tsethlikai had to break open the window and he and another arriving officer were able to remove Woods from the vehicle.

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Woods had bloodshot eyes, slurred speech, and smelled of alcohol. Officers found a small bag of marijuana on him as well. Woods was uncooperative and refused to take any sobriety tests and was placed under arrest.

He agreed to give a breath sample and was transported to the sheriff's department for the test, where he posted two samples of .22. Woods was transported to McKinley County Adult Detention Center and booked for aggravated DWI and driving with a revoked license.

Woods was released on his own recognizance by Judge Robert Ionta.

Rolanda Sanchez

Oct. 23, 12:42 pm

Aggravated DWI

Metro Dispatch received a report of a tan GMC Yukon unable to maintain its lane traveling south on Highway 602. McKinley County Sheriff's Deputy Ivan Tsethlikai drove near El Sabino Package Liquor, 1863 Hwy. 602, and found a vehicle matching that description.

Tsethlikai pulled up to the vehicle and met the driver, Rolanda Sanchez, 38, of Zuni, who he saw had bloodshot eyes, slurred speech, and smelled of alcohol. She was with another passenger who also appeared intoxicated. Sanchez had trouble understanding Tsethlikai's questions and said she was taking her nephew home.

While Sanchez agreed to take the Standard Field Sobriety Tests, she almost fell over and

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Tsethlikai determined it was unsafe for her to keep going. She was placed under arrest and the passenger was picked up.

Sanchez agreed to give a breath sample and was transported to the sheriff's office. She posted samples of .26, .23, and .23. Tsethlikai transported her to McKinley County Adult Detention Center and booked her for aggravated DWI and a revoked license.

Sanchez was released on her own recognizance by Judge Virginia Yazzie.

Davianna Haley **Oct. 21, 6:32 pm** **Aggravated DWI**

Ramah Navajo Police officers were present near the 32-mile marker of Highway 53 after a silver Toyota Camry drove into a ditch. McKinley County Sheriff's Deputy Harland Soseeah arrived and met with the officers, who told him they had spoken to the driver, Davianna Haley, 30, of Vanderwagen.

Haley had been driving when she needed to use the restroom, so she tried to turn the vehicle around by pulling into a nearby driveway, but ended up in a ditch instead. Haley's father arrived and took the vehicle home.

Soseeah met with Haley, who smelled of alcohol and slurred her speech. He asked if she had been drinking. Haley said she consumed a pint of 99 Watermelon. She agreed to take the Standard Field Sobriety Tests. However, Haley performed poorly on the tests and was placed under arrest for DWI.

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Haley agreed to give a breath sample and was transported to the sheriff's office for the test, where she posted samples of .19 and .17. She was then taken to McKinley County Adult Detention Center and booked for aggravated DWI.

Haley was released on her own recognizance by Judge Virginia Yazzie.

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