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Featured DWI

Lambert Bitsue

June 3, 6:26 pm

DWI (Sixth)

A minor collision led to Lambert Bitsue, 61, of Twin Lakes, adding his sixth entry to a laundry list of DWIs.

Gallup Officer Iris Pinero was on routine patrols when Metro Dispatch advised of a crash near the intersection of Marguerite Street and West Highway 66. Pinero traveled to the scene and found one of the vehicles involved, a tan GMC Yukon. She spoke to the driver, Bitsue, and noticed he showed signs of intoxication including bloodshot eyes and a smell of alcohol on his person.

Bitsue said the engine was off and he couldn't turn it. He was unclear answering Pinero's questions, where he admitted consuming a pint of Importers Vodka prior to driving. He agreed to take the Standard Field Sobriety Tests, but once he exited the vehicle he did not follow Pinero and then stated he did not want to perform the tests.

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Pinero spoke to a witness at the scene, who said they were waiting at the intersection when Bitsue made a wide turn and struck their vehicle. The second driver said Bitsue's vehicle had shut off after the collision and he tried to start it, so he exited his vehicle and took the keys from Bitsue and said to stay there until police arrived.

Bitsue was examined by Medstar personnel but did not cooperate with their questions and was transported to Gallup Indian Medical Center. Based on the circumstances and observations, Pinero placed Bitsue under arrest for driving under the influence and obtained a blood draw warrant from Magistrate Judge Virginia Yazzie.

After receiving medical clearance, Bitsue was transported to Rehoboth Christian Hospital for the blood draw before being transported to McKinley County Adult Detention Center and booked for DWI (sixth) and driving while license revoked. His preliminary examination is set for Aug. 31.

Name: Gerald Lee

Age: 36

Arrested: May 14

Charge: Aggravated DWI (Second)

Status: Sentenced on July 22, community service

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Name: John Adrian Cardona

Age: 32

Arrested: April 21

Charge: Aggravated DWI (Second)

Status: Sentencing hearing on Aug. 17

Name: Derrick Paul Jameson

Age: 26

Arrested: April 22

Charge: Aggravated DWI (Second)

Status: Motion hearing on Sept. 7

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Name: Amya Nicole Largo

Age: 21

Arrested: May 18

Charge: Aggravated DWI

Status: Motion hearing on Sept. 1

Name: Traicinda Marie Yazzie

Age: 26

Charge: DWI - Alcohol/Drugs

Arrested: May 15

Status: Motion hearing on Sept. 1

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Name: Spencer J. Ashley

Age: 39

Charge: Aggravated DWI (Second)

Arrested: May 15

Status: Plea and disposition hearing on Aug. 23

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