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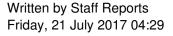












Matthew M. Tsosie

07.08.17, 7:40 pm

Aggravated DWI, 2nd

While McKinley County Sheriff's Deputy Brandon Salazar was working the sobriety checkpoint at County Road 1 and Mentmore Road, 30-year-old Tsosie approached the checkpoint and stopped when ordered to do so. Deputy Salazar observed an open box of beer on the passenger side floorboard. Tsosie told the deputy that the passenger had been drinking but the odor of intoxicating liquor was so great, Tsosie was asked to perform a field sobriety test, to which he agreed.

Tsosie failed every aspect of the test and the deputy determined that it was unsafe for Tsosie to drive a motor vehicle, placing him under arrest. A roadside breath test was performed by Sergeant Tammy Houghtaling, resulting in a reading of 0.158. After being transported to the Sheriff's Office, Tsosie blew a 0.15 and 0.16 and was then transported to the McKinley County Adult Detention Center for booking.

Donaldson Pettigrew

07.07.17, 6:20 pm

Aggravated DWI, 2nd

A speeding vehicle near an ENDWI saturation patrol resulted in the ultimate arrest and booking of 28-year-old Pettigrew. Denying to MCSO Deputy Merle Bates that he drank anything, twice, and trying to focus the blame on a passenger, the deputy could not be dissuaded.

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Bates explained the field sobriety test to Pettigrew, who then failed every aspect.

Pettigrew was arrested and transported to the Sheriff's Office, where he was tested again on the breathalyzer. The results were 0.23 an 0,21 and the subject was taken to the MCADC and booked.

Blaine John

07.03.17, 7:40 pm

Aggravated DWI, 2nd

John, 33, was pulled over by Gallup Police Department Office Douglas Hoffman in the parking lot of the El Capitan Motel on East Historic Highway 66. His vehicle had been described in detail by a security guard in the downtown area and the report also stated the driver and only occupant of the vehicle was drinking prior to leaving the area. Just minutes after the attempt to locate was given, Hoffman came across the vehicle, still eastbound on Aztec Avenue.

When Hoffman made contact with the subject, he asked if John would agree to a field sobriety test and he said yes. The failed test seemed to make John belligerent, and he refused to take a breath test at this time, so he was arrested and transported to the MCADC for booking.

Lawton Francisco

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Aggravated DWI, 3rd

Francisco, 52, of Cuba, N.M., was first noticed by MCSO Deputy Slim as he was driving into Gallup from the north on Hwy 491. She pulled him over in the parking lot of Wendy's North after he failed to maintain his traffic lane and Deputy Slim turned over the investigation to Deputy Lorenzo A. Guerrero once she noticed the odor of alcohol coming from Francisco's vehicle.

Francisco told Guerrero that his last alcoholic drink had been about five hours earlier and agreed to the Standard Field Sobriety Test to determine if he could operate the motor vehicle safely. He could not pass the test and was placed under arrest.

At the Sheriff's Office, Francisco blew twin readings on the breathalyzer of 0.18 and was transported to the Gallup Indian Medical Center for medical clearance and then to the MCADC where he was booked.

Hosea Phillips

06.16.17, 5:51 pm

Aggravated DWI, 3rd

Phillips, 41, of Pine Hill, NM was busted in Ramah, N.M., by MCSO Lieutenant Eric D. Jim after dispatch notified him that the Ramah Police had stopped a vehicle at the corner of Highway 53 and Savoya Road. Lt. Jim made contact with Ramah Officers Zane Clyde and Geneva Benally at this location.

Officer Benally had removed the driver and placed him in the back seat of Clyde's unit. She also removed the suspects 13-year old child from the vehicle that was stalled in the middle of the east bound lane.

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Phillips refused to take the field sobriety test, claiming that his leg was injured, and refused again asked to take an alternate test. He denied having any alcohol to drink. Phillips submitted to a breath test after being transported to the Sheriff's Office where he blew a 0,22 and 0.23.

Phillips' son was picked up by a family member, and his vehicle was towed.

Edward L. Haswood

06.03.17, 6:42 pm

Aggravated DWI, 2nd

GPD Officer Chaz Troncoso was notified by Officer N. Bowman of a motor vehicle crash at the corner of Boardman and Aztec, and was sent to assist when Officer Bowman reported that one of the drivers appeared to be intoxicated and had attempted to flee the scene.

Haswood stated that he had only one drink, but his slurred speech, bloodshot eyes and the odor of alcohol on his breath said otherwise. Haswood was seen briefly by EMS at the scene and had a red mark diagonally across his clavicle.

Haswood stated that he had attempted to run a red light when he crashed into the other vehicle. He refused to consent to a Standard Field Sobriety Test and could not rise by himself from a sitting position on the curb.

After being handcuffed, Haswood's car was searched for insurance and registration papers but none were found. There was a nearly empty 375 ml bottle of Importer's Vodka in his vehicle.

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Haswood refused a breathalyzer, but was cleared medically by GIMC before being transported to the MCADC for booking.