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Staff Reports

Randy Jones

Nov. 4, 10:25 pm

2nd DWI, Aggravated

Jones's alleged erratic driving alerted McKinley County Sheriff's Office Lt. Eric Jim. He pulled Jones over at Hwy 66 and Dean Street. Jones, 36, showed the classic signs of intoxication – red, watery eyes, the strong odor of booze coming from his person, and slurred speech.

He failed the field sobriety tests and blew a .33 and .32 during the breath tests.

Bennie C. Yazzie

Nov. 3, 5:46 pm

Aggravated DWI

Driving the wrong way on Second Street alerted Gallup Police Department Officer Chaz Troncoso to Yazzie.

After Troncoso pulled Yazzie over, he observed a plastic bottle of Vodka half filled with a clear liquid. The officer also noted that Yazzie, 44, was showing the signs of intoxication. He told Troncoso the reason that he turned the wrong way down Second Street was because he got

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into an argument with the passenger in his car and became distracted.

He refused to take tests to measure his blood alcohol content.

Tyrell Thompson

Nov. 3, 6:58 pm

DWI

GPD Officer Clarissa Morgan pulled Thompson over for having no headlights on at night. Thompson, 25, pulled into the Giant Central, 1223 E. Hwy 66, and Morgan noted in her report that when she approached him sitting in his truck the signs of intoxication were present.

When asked whether he had anything to drink, Thompson reportedly said “yea, I had a can way earlier ...” and that he was returning to his home on Ford Drive after dropping his uncle off at the Lariat Motel.

Thompson failed the field sobriety tests and was taken to State Police headquarters for a breath test, where he blew a .19 twice.

Darvin Bills

Nov. 3, 8:14 pm

Aggravated DWI

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As MCSO Inv. Gabrielle Puhuyesva travelled east on Highway 66, she noticed Bills' vehicle high-centered on a curb near Taco Bell west. She turned on her emergency lights, and parked her vehicle on the roadway to keep other drivers from hitting the stranded vehicle.

When she approached Bills, she could smell "the odor of intoxication beverage coming from his person." And he reportedly slurred his words as he told Puhuyesva that headlights blinded him as he turned into the business, causing him to run up the curb.

Despite the distraction, Bills, 24, didn't perform well during sobriety tests, and blew a .18 and 17. Prior to his vehicle being towed, the deputy found two miniature half empty bottles of 99 Bananas.

Orlando Wartz

Nov. 3, 7:36 pm

Aggravated DWI

Wartz picked the wrong place to pass out behind the wheel of his vehicle. MCSO Dep. Lorenzo Guerrero was dispatched to Sagebrush Liquors to wake Wartz up.

Other deputies also arrived on scene, and placed stop sticks behind the rear wheels as the vehicle was still running. Guerrero attempted to open the doors, but they were locked, so he tapped on the window to awaken Wartz.

Wartz, 45, couldn't unlock the door. Guerrero noted in the report that he could smell alcohol and saw an open container of booze in the passenger seat. The deputy was able to unlock the door and get Wartz, who had a hard time maintaining his balance, out of the car.

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He refused to engage in field sobriety tests and take breath tests, earning him the aggravated DWI status.