

WEEKLY DWI REPORT

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The legal limit is .08

Queena M. Kien

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Dec. 24, 3:11 am

Aggravated DWI

Kien, an Emergency Room nurse at Gallup Indian Medical Center, had the tables turned on her when she crashed her vehicle on NM 118 at 1-40 exit 33. No other cars were involved in the wreck, McKinley County Sheriff's Department Deputy Roxanne King stated in her report.

Kien, 36, said that she had worked a 12-hour shift and fell asleep at the wheel, missing the exit. King noted that Kien had bloodshot, watery eyes and reeked of alcohol, but she initially denied having anything to drink. Paramedics, who knew her by first name, checked on her physical condition. Kien advised them that she was OK.

King asked Kien if she had any other shoes in the vehicle as she was wearing high heels and a short black dress.

"I advised Queena if she just got off work she would have a pair of shoes," King stated. "Queena later changed her statement stating she got off work then went home to Grants and came back."

Kien began the field sobriety tests with the heels on, but eventually took them off, opting for bare feet. Kien also admitted to having "one bottle" at Coal Street Pub between 6-7 pm. Being barefoot didn't help matters any during the tests, and Kien was promptly arrested.

From there, Kien refused to take the breath tests and asked to go to the hospital to be checked for a head injury, saying that she blacked out during the crash, despite telling paramedics that she was fine. She was taken to a hospital for an exam and cleared and booked for the aggravated DWI.

"Based on my training and experience I believe Queena was doing the run around to keep from

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going to jail and having knowledge of the process from working in the Emergency Room at GIMC,” King reported.

Emerson M. Brody

Dec. 23, 4:47 pm

3rd DWI, Aggravated

MCSO Deputy Ivan Tsethlikai initiated a traffic stop on Brody for speeding. He was driving 78 mph in a 55 mph in the slow lane of northbound U.S. 491.

Tsethlikai noted the strong odor of alcohol wafting from the car. When Brody spoke, he was incoherent and slurring his speech, according to the report.

Brody, 34, bypassed the field sobriety tests and turned around so he could be handcuffed. Tsethlikai placed him into the back of his patrol unit, where he promptly passed out.

Peterson Yazzie

Dec. 21, 6:59 pm

2nd DWI

Two shots of “Fireball” liquor landed Yazzie his second offense. He was pulled over by Gallup Police Department Officer Dominic Molina for expired plates.

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Molina could also smell the odor of booze emanating from the Ford Bronco that Yazzie drove.

Yazzie was driving with a suspended license due to not showing up in court. He failed the field sobriety tests, and refused to take the portable breath test, saying "I'm already in trouble because I was drinking."

He did eventually agree to take the required tests, and blew a .15 twice.

Gary Maldonado

Nov. 28, 4:06 pm

3rd DWI

GPD Sgt. Benny Gaona was on patrol when he witnessed the truck Maldonado was driving nearly collide with another truck at the intersection of Arnold and Aztec.

When Gaona initiated his sirens to conduct a traffic stop, Maldonado kept trucking, even rolling through a stop sign. He then headed toward Chaparral Mobile Inn at 1501 W. Aztec, speeding up and fishtailing through the snow. Maldonado came to a stop in front of space 70.

Gaona noted that Maldonado's head was swaying from side to side and that he showed the signs of intoxication. He told Gaona that he had one beer, then changed it to four beers, and changed his story again to say that he had three beers and a shot.

He blew a .158 on the portable breath test machine. During a search, another officer found an

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open miniature bottle of “99 Berries” in his pocket. Maldonado blew a .12, when he took the breath test at the police station.