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Tamatha Joe

9:14 pm, 8.20.17

Agg DWI, 6th Offense (0.26)

Gallup Police Department officer Douglas Hoffman responded to a dispatch behind 216 Verdi Drive when a vehicle was driven into a storage shed behind the apartment building. En route, dispatch advised Officer Hoffman that the female driver had passed out behind the wheel with the engine still on. The only way to remove the driver was to pry the door open.

A witness to the accident said he saw no one else in the car or leaving the scene, but the driver, Tamatha Joe, insisted she had not been driving and refused the field sobriety test offered to her.

Joe was transported to the GPD for a breath test and gave one good sample with a result of 0.26, more than three times the legal limit. Joe was then transported to MCDC for booking.

Carlton Yazzie

8:25 am, 8.20.17

Agg DWI, 1st Offense (0.23)

GPD Officer John Gonzales was the first to arrive after Metro Dispatch put out the call for a possible drunk driver. Seeing the subject car leaving the Allsup's East parking lot, Officer

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Gonzales followed at a safe distance from Patton Drive to Highway 66 East until the suspect pulled into the parking lot of the Busy Bee Laundromat.

When the driver, later identified as Yazzie, got out of the car, he had some trouble walking, was slurring his words, and had red, bloodshot eyes. His story was that he had been in an argument with his girlfriend but insisted he had only had one can of beer but was stoned.

Another GPD Officer retrieved his girlfriend from the Pinon Hills apartments and she gave a slightly different statement. She said that Yazzie had consumed four cans of Four Loco beer and about five shots of Fire Ball whiskey. Yazzie failed the field sobriety test but when given a breath test of the GPD, blew twin marks of 0.23 on the IR 8000.

Yazzie was then booked and processed into the MCDL.

Stanley Saunders, Jr.

2:14 am, 8.17.17

DWI, 1st Offense

Flicking your headlights off and on while you're stopped at a green light is not usually a good idea, especially if it happens right after the bars close.

GPD Officer Andrew Thayer noticed Saunders doing this very thing and his cop senses were alerted almost immediately. Turning on his emergency lights, the suspect pulled into the parking lot of Nizhoni Trading, through a dirt lot at the rear of the store, and then over a sidewalk and curb, and finally into the parking lot of Goodfellas.

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Saunders failed the field sobriety test but agreed to a breath test at GPD, where he blew two 0.14 marks. Saunders also admitted knowing that his driver's license was expired due to a warrant out of San Juan County. He was transported to jail and booked while his car was released to his girlfriend with his permission.

Calvin James

10:07 pm, 8.16.17

Agg DWI, 4th Offense

GPD Officer Douglas Hoffman responded to a call for assistance in a traffic collision at the intersection of Third Street and Highway 66. Both drivers admitted to consuming alcohol before the crash. Officer Andrew Thayer was busy investigating one driver and Hoffman was left with the second driver, James.

Since James refused to take the field sobriety test, Hoffman placed him under arrest. At the GPD, James gave two breath samples of 0.19 and 0.18. James was then transported to MCDC for booking.

Calvin Tsosie

10:07 pm, 8.16.17

DWI, 3rd Offense

Although Tsosie agreed to a field sobriety test, he told his friend riding with him, "Dude, I'm going to blow it" and later added, "Bail me out." Tsosie did poorly on the test and was given a

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Portable Breath test that registered 0.09.

After being transported to the GPD at 10:41 pm, Tsosie was given two tests on the Breathalyzer about 20 minutes later, where he blew a 0.08 and a 0.07. He was then booked into the MCDC for processing.

Antonia Montano

1:58 am, 8.16.17

DWI, 1st Offense

McKinley County Sheriff's Deputy Monty Yazzie had received a dispatch to locate a green sport utility vehicle when the subject suddenly whizzed by him in the opposite direction, going 100 mph. Turning around in front of the Shalimar, Yazzie gave chase, engaging his emergency lights when the suspect turned onto Margeurite and finally coming to a halt on Aztec Avenue between Shop N Save and Gallup Central High School.

At the Sheriff's Office, Montano blew into the Intoxilyzer 8000 and registered 0.13 and 0.13.

She was then booked into the MCDC for DWI, Speeding, Expired Registration, No Insurance and Open Container.

Jerry Shorty, Jr.

9:45 pm, 8.14.17

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DWI, 1st Offense

Observing a traffic violation, GPD Officer Ransom James was quick to pull Shorty over and began to wonder about his sobriety. Spotting another violation, no seat belt, James observed blood shot, watery eyes, slurred speech, and an odor of alcohol.

Failing the field sobriety test, Shorty was transported to the GPD where he gave alcohol breath samples of 0.14 and 0.13. Shorty was then transported to the MCDC and booked into custody.

Shanna K. Yuselew

8:53 pm, 8.13.17

DWI, 1st Offense

GPD Officer Timothy Hughte responded to the 19 mile marker on I-40 about a vehicle going the wrong way that was parked on the shoulder. By the time he arrived, the vehicle was facing in the correct direction.

Yuselew, the admitted driver, said she had consumed two 16 ounce cans of alcohol and agreed to the field sobriety test, which she failed. She was placed under arrest for DWI at 9:40 pm.

An attempt was made to perform a breathalyzer test on Yuselew at GPD but she would stop on her own, and was not blowing hard enough. The instrument gave a reading of insufficient sample.

She was then transported to the MCDC and booked on charges of DWI 1st, Abandonment of a Child, No notice of Accident, Careless Driving, No Driver's License, No Evidence of

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Registration, No Mandatory Financial Responsibility, and Open Container.

Evelyn Benson

3:56 pm, 08.12.17

Agg DWI, 1st Offense

GPD Officer Julio Yazzie was making a Welfare Check when he came upon a vehicle driven by Benson that refused to stop. When the Jeep Cherokee finally came to a stop, Yazzie noticed Benson staggered, had blood shot eyes, and smelled of an alcoholic beverage.

The field sobriety test confirmed that Benson was impaired and she was transported to the GPD for a breath test, which she refused.

Benson was then transported to MCDC and booked.

Drew C. Lonetree

00:27 am, 8.11.17

Agg DWI, 2nd Offense

GPD Officer Andrew Thayer was dispatched to 1400 South Second in a very early hour in reference to a vehicle that had struck another vehicle in the parking lot of Sports Page and then left the scene, all in clear view of GPD Officer D. Molina. Officer Molina caught up to the Impala

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at Apache and Second Street, and activated emergency lights to stop the vehicle at the old Pepsi plant.

When Officer Thayer arrived on scene, he noticed a knife on the passenger floorboard and informed Officer Molina. Officer Molina asked the driver to step out of the vehicle, but despite orders to the contrary, Lonetree picked up the knife to demonstrate how he used the knife to start the car.

Failing the field sobriety test, Lonetree stated, "I'm not safe to drive."

Transported to District 6 for a breath test, Lonetree blew a 0.23 and a 0.25. He was then taken to MCDC and booked.

Adrian Jim

4:10 am, 8.06.17

Agg DWI, 1st Offense

GPD Officer Angelo Cellicion was sent to the intersection of US Highway 491 and Jefferson in reference to a vehicle parked in the roadway. There was a male sitting in the driver's seat but Officer Cellicion was forced to knock several times before the driver woke up and turned off the vehicle.

A field sobriety test resulted in a fail, so Jim was arrested for DWI. The charge was later changed to Aggravated DWI when the breathalyzer showed results of 0.18 and 0.17. Jim was also charged with Driving with a suspended/revoked license.

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Christopher Gallegos

2:36, 7.26.17

Agg DWI, 1st Offense

GPD Officer Angelo Cellicion was dispatched to mile marker 19 on I-40 in reference to a vehicle crash. The driver was still sitting in the driver's seat and stated he was on his way from work and tried to cross over onto the frontage road.

Having failed the field sobriety test, Gallegos consented to a breath test and gave his first samples of 0.20 and 0.22. He was then charged with Aggravated DWI, First Offense and booked into MCDC.