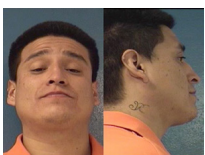


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Latanya Livingston

Dec. 26, 6:35 pm

1st DWI

McKinley County Sheriff's Sgt. Tammy S. Houghtaling was responding to an anonymous tip about an intoxicated driver who had staggered into her vehicle with a young child in tow, according to the police report. Houghtaling located the reported car on Highway 602 and Skeets Road, where she encountered Livingston, 25, with a child in the backseat.

Livingston was unable to give the child's age when Houghtaling asked, first telling the officer seven months, then six, then "maybe about a year," according to the report. The child was only wearing a tank-top shirt and no jacket, despite the winter temperatures outside.

Livingston exited the vehicle, and Houghtaling was able to see signs of intoxication in her. She also showed signs of intoxication on two field sobriety tests, and was then arrested for DWI and abuse of a child due to dangerous situation.

Westley D. Yazzie,

Dec. 20, 1:38 am

1st DWI

MCSO Dep. Nocona Clark was dispatched to State Highway 371 after reports of a crash with

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possible injuries, then found a heavily damaged gray Chevrolet Tahoe that had crashed on the guardrail. Clark asked Yazzie, 29, what had caused the accident, who replied that he had fallen asleep at the wheel. Yazzie also admitted to having been drinking.

Yazzie, who suffered head, neck and back injuries, was transferred to the hospital before he underwent further questioning. Yazzie again admitted to drinking and driving, and agreed to a blood test to gauge his alcohol level. He was booked and his license revoked.

Colencia A. Lynch

Dec. 17, 3:23 pm

1st DWI, Aggravated

Gallup Police Department Officer Nicole Diswood was on patrol when she saw a car parked in the middle of the road on Mine Run and East Aztec Avenue, with hazard lights blaring. A man stood outside of the car, staggering and attempting to enter the passenger side. Diswood approached the car and encountered the driver, Lynch, 23, who smelled strongly of alcohol, according to the police report.

Lynch was breastfeeding a baby, and told the officer that she had parked because her truck battery died, according to Diswood's report. Lynch denied having had anything to drink, but then admitted to having drunk a 12-ounce alcoholic beverage. On a breath test, Lynch blew 0.18.

Lynch agreed to take field sobriety tests, but abandoned her attempts during the first one, telling the officer to "arrest [her]," and using an explicative, according to the report.

Lynch's mother retrieved the baby while Lynch was booked for DWI and abandonment of a child.

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Paramjit Singh

Dec. 17, 12:44 am

1st DWI, Aggravated

MCSO Dep. Frank Villa Jr. was dispatched to Interstate 40 after hearing of a semi-truck that had jackknifed and was sitting on the highway, according to the police report. Upon arrival at the scene, Villa encountered Singh, 30, who was allegedly having difficulty walking and had bloodshot eyes. Singh reportedly told officers "I am not a drunk driver" repeatedly.

Paramedics arrived to treat Singh, and they concluded that he was likely under the influence of methamphetamine, according to the police report. His pupils were heavily dilated.

Singh was transferred to the hospital, where he was found to have a blood alcohol content of .26. Singh refused further breath tests and was booked for DWI after his discharge.

Virgil Pat Williams

Dec. 12, 1:20 am

DWI

It was an anonymous caller who reported the vehicle parked in the middle of the road on Highway 66 and Industry Road early in the morning on Dec. 12. GPD Officer Joe Roanhorse was dispatched to the scene, where he found Williams, 20, passed out behind the wheel.

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Williams was parked “directly in the middle of the road,” according to Roanhorse’s report. Williams was slumped against the driver’s side door, and the vehicle was still running. The smell of marijuana was allegedly very powerful inside the car. Williams denied drinking alcohol, but did admit to smoking marijuana to the officer. Williams was under the impression his cousin was with him in the car, though in fact he was alone in the car. This news surprised him, according to Roanhorse’s report.

Williams agreed to a blood test, which was logged into evidence. He was booked for a DWI drug offense.

Nery Contreras

Nov. 28, 11:54 pm

DWI

GPD Officer Adrian Quetawki was driving south toward State Highway South 602 when he noticed a speeding car traveling down Aztec Avenue fly past a stop sign. Quetawki made an emergency stop on Contreras, 29, who appeared “very nervous” and avoided eye contact, according to the police report.

Contreras denied drinking any alcohol, but a check in with metro dispatch showed that he was driving with a suspended license. Contreras turned his car back on and appeared ready to speed off when officers stopped him again and asked him to exit his car. Noticing his slurred speech and drunken appearance once he had left the car, Quetawki asked Contreras to take a breath test, which he agreed to.

He blew a 0.13 on two samples, and was booked for his second DWI.