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Jennifer Reeder

Feb. 10, 10:19 pm

DWI, Aggravated

Gallup Police Department Officer Adrian Quetawki was heading south on South 2nd Street when he saw a car driving without its headlights on. Quetawki caught up to the offending vehicle and followed the driver to 2nd

Street and Coal Avenue, where the car came to a stop. Quetawki then encountered Reeder, 45, and informed her that her lights were off.

Reeder was slurring her speech, according to the police report, and appeared intoxicated. She hesitated at first to undergo field sobriety testing, but then agreed. She performed poorly on the tests, and then was placed in the back of Quetawki's patrol car, where she allegedly began to spit at him.

Reeder blew a .18 and a .19 on her breath tests before being booked.

Wallace Saavedra

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Feb. 7, 10:19 pm

DWI, aggravated

GPD Officer Victor Madrid said he noticed Saavedra's vehicle striking a curb as it left a parking lot next to the Sports Page. Madrid conducted a traffic stop and noticed Saavedra, 61, of St. Michaels was showing signs of being intoxicated.

Saavedra told Madrid that he only had a Bloody Mary before he was stopped but Madrid questioned this because he was slurring his words and he could smell the odor of intoxicating liquor coming from his body.

After failing field sobriety tests, he posted samples of .22 and .21 on his breath alcohol test.

Mitchell Chee

Feb. 6, 12:11 am

1st DWI, Agg.

GPD Officer Andrew Thayer got behind Chee's GMC at Aztec Avenue and Boardman Drive. He noticed the driver attempting to make a left turn, then nearly striking the curb as he overcorrected.

Thayer followed the vehicle down Aztec to Patton Drive, where Chee began to accelerate in speed. Thayer initiated a traffic stop, but Chee sped onwards. Other police units joined in the chase, which reached speeds of 80 mph. Chee, 40, came to a stop at Gallup Indian Medical Center. He showed the signs of intoxication with bloodshot watery eyes, and his breath reeked

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of alcohol.

He refused to take field sobriety and breath tests, earning the additional aggravated charge.

Sherry Begay

Jan. 29, 2:48 pm

2nd DWI, Agg.

Begay's decision to drink and drive again landed her into some hot water when she reportedly crashed into a fence near the Hampton Inn on West Maloney Drive.

GPD Officer Adrian Quetawki arrived on scene at the hotel, and had to search the area before catching up with Begay. She admitted to hitting the fence and drinking, according to the report.

Begay, 27, took the field sobriety test, and Quetawki noted in his report that she has an outstanding warrant for her arrest. No breath test results were noted in the report.

Rey J. Cowboy

Jan. 26, 10:47 pm

1st DWI, Aggravated

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McKinley County Sheriff's Sgt. Tammy S. Houghtaling responded to a call for assistance in a case involving a driver who could not stay in his lane. He was also tagged as going 90 miles per hour on State Highway 566 near the Deadhorse Saloon.

Cowboy, 25, of Crownpoint said he did not realize he was going that fast after deputies clocked his speed at 90 miles per hour. When asked if he would take field sobriety tests, he at first refused and admitted he had been drinking so he would fail.

Houghtaling, however, convinced him it was worth trying but when he did he failed and was arrested. He later blew a .23 and a .21 on breath alcohol tests.

Jacob E. Salabiye

Jan 19, 11:37 pm

DWI, Aggravated

GPD Officer Adrian Quetawki said he saw Salabiye's vehicle speed through a yellow light which turned red before he made it across the intersection.

Quetawki told Salabiye, 27, of Gallup that because of his slurred speech and blood shot eyes, it was evident that he had been drinking. He admitted to having a beer about 35 or 40 minutes prior to being stopped.

When he questioned why he should take field sobriety tests, Quetawki pointed out that he had already admitted to drinking.

Salabiye agreed to take the tests and then failed. He registered a .17 and a .15 for his breath

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test.

Vincent Begay

Jan. 19, 10:08 pm

DWI, Aggravated

GPD Officer Francis Collins was about to conduct a traffic stop after seeing a car fail to stop at a stop sign when the driver sped off down Highway 66. Collins caught up to the driver, Begay, 34, outside of the Red Lion Hotel.

Collins noticed a strong odor of alcohol coming from the truck. Begay was avoiding eye contact and “seemed nervous,” according to the police report. Begay consented to field sobriety testing, and admitted to drinking alcohol prior to driving. He performed poorly on field sobriety tests before being arrested.

Begay blew a .23 and a .21 on his breath tests.

Daniel Benally

1st DWI, Aggravated

Oct. 18, 12:16 am

GPD Officer Timothy Hughte was dispatched to the Giant Conoco on East Highway 66 after

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receiving reports of a driver sitting at one of the station's pumps. The man was reportedly entering and exiting the vehicle before speeding off upon Hughte's arrival. The car nearly hit a concrete pillar before exiting the parking lot and violating several traffic laws once on the highway.

When Hughte finally made the stop, he encountered Benally, 28, who nearly fell flat exiting the car. He agreed to field sobriety testing, and Benally showed signs of intoxication on each. Hughte arrested Benally, who then demanded he wanted to talk to his lawyer, using and expletive.

Benally refused breath testing before being booked.