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Christopher Acque May 25, 1:40 pm 2nd DWI

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McKinley County Sheriff's Deputy Josie Bowman said she was dispatched to U.S. Highway 491 about 1:19 p.m. in connection with a report of a man driving a vehicle recklessly, almost hitting someone.

He turned left onto State Highway 264, and came upon the pickup truck near the 12 mile marker and made a traffic stop. When he approached Acque, 44, of Zuni, Bowman observed signs of the driver being intoxicated and smelled the odor of intoxicating liquor coming from within the vehicle.

He asked Acque about his bloodshot eyes, and Acque responded that he was tired since he had been driving since 3 am that morning. When asked if he would agree to take the standard field sobriety tests, Acque reportedly responded, "Why? I don't need it."

Bowman said she again asked and Acque again asked why, but he refused to take the tests. He did agree to take a breath alcohol test, during which he posted two samples of .23 each.

Johnathan Wauneka May 24, 4:50 pm 1st Aggravated DWI (refusal)

McKinley County Sheriff Deputy Lorenzo Guerrero was on regular patrol on State Highway 566 about 5 pm when he saw a vehicle speeding. He was able to clock the vehicle going 67 in a 55 mile per hour zone.

He conducted a traffic stop and talked to the driver, Wauneka, 35, of Ganado who showed signs of being intoxicated.

Wauneka agreed to do field sobriety tests, which he failed and was then arrested for DWI. When asked if he would take a breath alcohol test, however, he refused. He was then transported to the county jail where he was booked on aggravated DWI charges, as well as speeding and having no driver's license.

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Bryan Plummer May 12, 5:34 pm 2nd DWI, Aggravated

Gallup Police Officer Joe Roanhorse said he was dispatched about 5:30 pm to the intersection of West Maloney Avenue and U. S. Highway 491 because of a report of a vehicle in the roadway with the driver passed out behind the wheel.

As he was heading to the area, he was told that a man called up and said the same driver has almost hit several cars before passing out behind the wheel. When he got to the area, however, the vehicle was gone, but he was able to find the driver heading north on 491.

When he conducted a traffic stop and talked to Plummer, 40, of Standing Rock, he noticed he had a slight slurred speech. He said he could also smell the odor of liquor emitting from the vehicle.

Plummer told Roanhorse he was coming from Albuquerque where he had a couple of beers before heading home. He agreed to take the standard field sobriety tests which he failed and was charged with DWI.

Roanhorse said when he looked inside the vehicle, he noticed four empty beer cans. Plummer agreed to take a breath alcohol test and posted samples of .22 and .21. He was then transported to the county jail where he was booked for aggravated DWI, being in possession of liquor in his vehicle, and driving on a suspended license.

Peter Hendricks May 4, 9:50 pm DWI

Gallup Police Officer Steven Eldridge said he was at a checkpoint about 9 pm when Hendricks,

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48, of Buckeye, Ariz. when he was approached by Eldridge. He informed Hendricks that this was a DWI checkpoint and asked if he anything to drink that evening.

Hendricks reportedly told him that he had three or four beers earlier in the evening so he was asked to take a field sobriety test which he failed.

He also agreed to take a breath alcohol test during which he supplied two samples of .13 and .12.

Leander Yazzie April 29, 2:23 a, Aggravated DWI

Gallup Police Officer Victor Madrid said he was traveling on U.S. Highway 66 about noon when he saw a vehicle take off at a high rate of speed.

He said he tried to conduct a traffic stop but the driver continued west on the highway, weaving through traffic and pressing on his brakes and then speeding up again.

The driver came to a stop at the All American Trailer Park and, Yazzie, 33, of Gallup pulled in front of a trailer.

When Yazzie got out of the vehicle, he was detained and Madrid said he noticed that he had trouble maintaining his balance. He was told to sit down but instead of following the command, he began arguing and continued to argue until he decided to sit down.

Madrid said he noticed Yazzie showed signs of being intoxicated and when he spoke, he sometimes didn't make any sense. Yazzie also reportedly admitting to drinking before driving that evening.

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He was in no condition to take a field sobriety test so he was charged with DWI and evading arrest. When asked if he would take a breath alcohol test, he kept asking where he was so that was accepted as a refusal.