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Darrick Tso

May 19, 5:32 pm

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Aggravated DWI

McKinley County Sheriff Deputy Domenic Molina was traveling north on U. S. Highway 491 when he saw a pickup going faster than the other traffic on the road. Using his radar, he confirmed that the vehicle was going 68 miles per hour in a 55 mile per hour zone.

He made a routine traffic stop and found four people in the vehicle. When the driver rolled down the window, he said he could smell the odor of intoxicating liquor being emitted from inside.

He identified the driver as Darrick Tso, 40, of Albuquerque. Tso agreed to take field sobriety tests which he failed. On one of the tests, he said "I can't do that even when I am sober" and then admitted that he was not sober.

He was arrested and the other three occupants in the vehicle were picked up by family members. Tso agreed to take a breath alcohol test and provided samples of .25 and .23.

Lance Patterson

May 19, 4:34 am

Aggravated DWI

McKinley County Sheriff Deputy Johnson Lee said he was traveling north of Gallup on U.S. Highway 491 near T&R Market when he saw a vehicle approaching Highway 491 from a dirt road going at a high rate of speed.

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The vehicle turned south still going fast so Lee said he turned his unit around and started trying to catch up, going at speeds of up to 112 miles per hour. He activated his radar and clocked the vehicle going 108 miles per hour.

He came upon the vehicle and it stopped but before he got out, he said the driver rolled down his window and showed him his middle finger and then sped away. The driver turned into Heritage Center at the Giant Station and driver around the station, also told hitting another vehicle before getting back on Highway 491 and heading south

When the driver turned onto Maloney Avenue going east, Lee said he notice that one of the vehicle's tires were flat.

After a short pursuit, the driver stopped and exited the vehicle, Lee said, the driver began acting out and pretended he had a gun yelling at Lee to shoot him. Lee said he saw that the man didn't have a gun so he deployed his K9 partner Max, and was able to take the man to the ground.

He identified the driver as Lance Patterson, 24, of Gallup. His driver's license was listed as suspended or revoked and Lee said he saw three open pints of vodka in the vehicle. He was taken to the sheriff's office where he refused to take a breath alcohol test.

Higinio Arriola-Rodríguez

May 19, 12:43 am

2nd DWI, Aggravated

McKinley County Sheriff Deputy Dominic Molina said he was traveling on Second Street when he noticed a vehicle being driven erratically, going into the wrong lane and hitting the curb.

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He started following the vehicle as it headed north onto Maloney Avenue and then turned west. The vehicle went into the parking lot next to Ted's Pawn and Molina said he went in after it and conducted a traffic atop.

He identifies the driver as Higinio Arriola-Rodriguez, 49, of Gamerco. He agreed to take field sobriety tests which he failed. He then agreed to take a breath alcohol test where he posted two samples of .16 each.

Marcelino Yazzie

May 12, 2:02 pm

Aggravated DWI

McKinley County Sheriff Deputy Lt. Eric Jim said he was driving down U. S. Highway 491 about 2 pm looking for a driver who had been refused service at the Sagebrush Bar because he was intoxicated.

He found the vehicle at the Gas Max north of Gallup and made contact with Yazzie, 24, of Fort Defiance.

He admitted stopping at the Sagebrush Bar but said it was his passenger who was denied service because he was intoxicated and not him.

Yazzie said he had no driver's license and agreed to take field sobriety tests which he failed. He then agreed to take a breath alcohol test during which he posted two samples of .20 and .19.

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Walt Silversmith

May 2, 12:40

DWI

Gallup Police Officer Darius Johnson said he was dispatched to an accident on Munoz Overpass and talked to Walt Silversmith, 33, of Window Rock, who was involved in the accident.

Silversmith showed signs of being intoxicated, said Johnson, and was having a hard time walking. He told Johnson he wanted to be honest and admitted drinking, saying he was born with alcohol in his blood because his mother was drinking while carrying him to term.

He refused to take field sobriety tests, saying he had already admitted drinking. He agreed to take a breath alcohol test during which he posted samples of .15 and .14.