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Renelda Begay

May 26, 2:17 am

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Aggravated DWI

Gallup Patrolman Andrew Thayer was on routine patrol about 2:17 am when he noticed a car parked behind 107 West Coal Ave. with its engine running and what looked like the driver passed out behind the wheel.

As he drove toward the vehicle to do a welfare check, he watched as the vehicle accelerate forward, striking a metal pole in the parking lot. The driver then reversed and appeared to be ready to drive away when Thayer turned on his lights and did a traffic stop.

He then watched the driver, identified as Renelda Begay, 29 of Sanders, Ariz., slowly place the vehicle into park. Thayer said he asked her to roll down her window and she didn't seem to understand what he was saying so he opened the door on the driver's side and asked if she was okay.

She responded that she was, but Thayer said he was able to smell the odor of intoxicating liquor coming from inside the vehicle. He said Begay also showed signs of being intoxicated.

Thayer said he asked her to step outside of the vehicle and when she did she almost fell over. He said he asked her for her name but she said at first she didn't know but when asked again, said her name was Clarissa but was unable to remember her last name.

The passengers in the car then handed him her wallet, which had her identification card inside. Thayer said he again asked her for her name and threatened to file concealing identity charges against her. She then gave her correct name.

Thayer asked if she was willing to do field sobriety tests and she said no. He then asked if she felt she was capable to driving and she again said no. She also refused to take a breath alcohol test.

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She was then booked on the aggravated DWI charge as well as failing to report an accident.

Quinn Livingston

May 24, 2:10 pm

2nd DWI, Aggravated

Gallup Patrolman Douglas Hoffman said he was dispatched about 2:30 pm to an accident on the 100 block of East Aztec Avenue.

When he got there, he found a car rolled onto its top with the driver outside. He was not injured. Hoffman talked to the driver, identified as Quinn Livingston, 25, of Vanderwagen, N.M. who said he was driving and texting when he suddenly found himself upside down.

Hoffman said as Livingston talked he slurred his words so he asked him if he had been drinking and Livingston admitted he had been earlier in the day. He said he drank about a pint of vodka with friends, and when asked, said he felt he was all right to drive.

He agreed to take field sobriety tests which he failed. After that Hoffman learned that Livingston was driving on a suspended license. He agreed to take a breath alcohol test and posted two samples of .17 each.

David James Jr.

May 18, 2:05 am

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DWI

Gallup Patrolman Andrew Thayer said he was dispatched to a site on the 2300 block of E. Highway 66 at about 2 am in reference to a possible drunk driver going through the drive-up window of a local fast food restaurant.

When he got to the restaurant, he found a car matching the description he was given and did a traffic stop and talked to James whose vehicle had a strong odor of liquor coming from inside.

James said he didn't have anything to drink that day. As he got out of the vehicle, he moved very slowly, and when asked again if he had had anything to drink, he admitted he had a couple of drinks earlier.

Thayer said when James got out of his vehicle, he saw a glass smoking tube containing residue. James admitted to not having a medical marijuana card. As this was going on, Thayer was contacted by Metro Dispatch telling him that James had an outstanding bench warrant from the State Police for a previous DWI.

James agreed to take field sobriety tests which he failed. Afterwards he admitted that he had more to drink than he said before, and prior to that night he had not had a drink in nine months.

When asked how stoned he was from the marijuana, James admitted he was "really stoned." He then agreed to take breath alcohol tests and posted two samples of .11 each. He was booked on the DWI and marijuana charges as well as for driving on a suspended driver's license and having no insurance or registration.

Claude Rodgers Jr.

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May 16, 11:44 pm

Aggravated DWI

While on regular patrol, Gallup Patrolman Norman Bowman said he came upon an accident on East Highway 66 about 11:44 p.m.

When he got to the scene, he saw a car in the middle of the roadway and found Rodgers, 65, of Gallup, outside the vehicle. He asked him if he was all right and Rodgers said he was.

Noticing he showed signs of being intoxicated, Bowman asked if he had been drinking and Rodgers admitted having a couple of mixed drinks earlier in the evening. He agreed to take field sobriety tests but he was so unsteady on his feet that Bowman asked him the date and he replied March 16, 2014.

Bowman said he then learned that Rodgers had collided with a road sign. He was then asked if he would take a breath alcohol test, which he refused.

Michael Analla

May 14, 10:57 pm

Aggravated DWI

Gallup Patrolman Harland Soseeah was dispatched to the area of the Chamisal Trailer Park in connection with a report of a vehicle almost side swiping another car. As he headed to the scene, he was told the car was on the move and then that it had parked on Zane Lane with the driver down and out inside the vehicle.

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A witness at the scene said he saw the vehicle run into a ditch and then saw the driver rocking it to get out. He finally got out almost hitting another vehicle before going east before almost hitting another police unit which was also on the scene.

Analla told Soseeah that he was not driving despite that a witness saw him driving the vehicle. The other officer at the scene said he saw Analla, 37, of Gallup passed out behind the wheel.

Analla agreed to take field sobriety tests which he failed. He then refused to take a breath alcohol test and was arrested.