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Ridley Bitsilly

July 14, 1:07 pm

DWI

Gallup Police Officer Jeremy Shirley was on routine patrol about 2 pm, traveling eastbound on Montoya Boulevard going about 40 miles per hour, when a car passed him going at a high rate of speed.

He did a routine traffic stop of the vehicle after it stopped near the Montoya Park, and two women got out and headed into the park. Shirley said he spoke to the driver, Ridley Bitsilly, 60, Gallup and explained why he had been stopped.

"I know," he said, "they had to use the bathroom." He pointed toward his wife and granddaughter who were on the way to use the restroom at the park.

Shirley could smell the odor of liquor coming from the vehicle so he asked Bitsilly if he had anything to drink that day and Bitsilly admitted having four beers at about 9 am. He agreed to do field sobriety tests, which he failed and was then arrested.

He also agreed to take breath alcohol tests and provided samples of .13 and .14.

Lane Charley

July 10, 11:24 pm

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3rd DWI

County Deputy Jasmine Jaramillo received a call about 11 pm of a rollover near Continental Divide.

When she got to the scene, she found the car on its roof and Charley, 28, of Thoreau standing nearby. "Where the hell were you guys," he said, pointing out that the accident occurred two hours before.

Jaramillo explained that she had just been told of the accident, adding that she smelled the odor of liquor coming from his person. Charley was also staggering and said he had three cans of beer at his home before deciding to drive to Gallup.

He said he remembered driving on Interstate 40, and thought he had lost control of his vehicle. He agreed to take field sobriety tests which he failed and was arrested. He then agreed to take a breath alcohol test two with samples of .17 and .16.

Adrian Francisco

July 9, 5:07 pm

Aggravated DWI

Gallup Patrolman Caleb Kleeberger said he was on routine patrol about 5 pm when he came upon a vehicle crash on Nizhoni Boulevard.

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He said he found Francisco, 26, of Vanderwagen in the driver's seat of a pickup. Francisco showed signs of being intoxicated and said he had just come from the American Bar where he had nine beers.

Francisco agreed to take field sobriety tests which he failed so he was charged with DWI. He also agreed to take breath alcohol tests during which he posted samples of .16 and .15.

While searching his car, police found a multi-colored glass smoking pipe which led to a possession of drug paraphernalia charge. He also did not have a driver's license, registration and proof of insurance.

Terrance Negale

July 7, 7:27 pm

Aggravated DWI

Gallup Patrolman Douglas Hoffman said he responded to reports of a driver going through a stop sign and then driving over a curb into the parking lot of McDonald's north. He then left the scene but was caught about a half mile away.

Hoffman said when he confronted Negale, 36, of Tuba City, that he was drunk and had had a lot to drink that day. Hoffman said he also noticed that Negale was weaving as he leaned on the police unit.

Negale agreed to take a field sobriety test which he failed. He was then arrested for DWI and was taken to police headquarters where he agreed to take a breath alcohol test, during which he posted samples of .25 and .24.

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He was also charged for failure to yield, failure to give an immediate notice of an accident and lack of insurance and registration.

Ronald Portley

July 6, 11:02 pm

DWI

City police became suspicious of Portley, 55, of Gallup when they began getting reports of a car stopped at Allison Road crossing, and not moving.

By the time Gallup Patrolman Dan Brown arrived on the scene, the car had left that area and had parked at a nearby trailer park.

Brown said Portley was outside next to his pickup. When asked where he was coming from he said he had coke from a friend's house and was going home. He also admitted that he had been drinking earlier in the day.

Since he showed signs of being intoxicated, he was asked to take field sobriety tests, which he agreed to do and then failed, resulting in his arrest for DWI. Later, he agreed to take a breath alcohol test and posted two samples of .14 each.

Nathan Begay

July 6, 12:34 am

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Aggravated DWI

Gallup Police Officer Iris Pinero said she was on routine patrol when she received a report of a car that ran off the road into a hill.

When she got to the scene east of mile marker 18 of Interstate 40, she found Begay, 27, of Gallup sitting in his car, which looked as if the front end had crashed into the side of the hill. Begay was bleeding from his forehead.

By that time MedStar personnel had arrived and were tending to his injury. He was standing by his vehicle using it to support him, said Pinero. Before he was transported to GIMC, he reportedly told Pinero he had three or four beers earlier in the day.

Pinero said she went to visit him in the hospital and recognized signs that he was intoxicated. He refused to have blood drawn for an alcohol test so he was arrested, when cleared by medical personnel, taken to the county jail and booked.