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Sherry Cayaditto

Jan. 6, 3:01 pm

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Aggravated DWI (first offense)

It began as a call to Metro Dispatch from Sherry Cayaditto's sister who said she was intoxicated and driving with two males. The description of the car was given to those on patrol and the vehicle was found on State Highway 564.

Cayaditto, 38, of Gallup, was driving. Gallup Police Officer Francie Martinez said the smell of intoxicating liquor was being emitted from inside the vehicle. Cayaditto told Martinez that the two men had poured beer on her and that she had not been drinking.

She said she was willing to prove that by taking a portable breath alcohol test. She was also observed eating a packet of Kool-Aid. She agreed to take a field sobriety test but failed and was arrested for DWI.

By this time, another officer showed up with a portable breath alcohol machine and she agreed to give a sample, blowing a .28.

At that point, she was transported back to police headquarters and agreed to take a breath alcohol test there but the results proved to be unreliable because she only blew half breaths, so it was posted as a refusal.

Police also found open bottles of liquor in the vehicle, so she was charged with that as well.

Layne Curley

Jan. 5, 11:25 pm

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McKinley County Sheriff's Office Sgt. Tammy Houghtaling said she heard a report of a possible drunk driver on the road weaving within their lane and was able to make a traffic stop about five miles north of Gallup on U.S. Highway 491.

When she talked to Curley, she said she could smell the odor of liquor coming from his breath. He admitted he had two drinks about two hours before but did not say what he drank.

Curley, 23, of Window Rock, said he was coming from his sister's house and when asked where he was, said he was at the post office. He agreed to take field sobriety tests but failed and was arrested for DWI.

He then demanded several times that he be given a blood alcohol test but Houghtaling said before that happened, he would have to take a breath alcohol test, he agreed and blew two samples of .23.

He continued to demand a blood alcohol test so he was given a phone to make arrangements to take it. He made six calls, one to his sister who he said was a nurse. He was told that the test had to be independent.

He told his sister to come and pick him up, but he was told that he could not leave at that time. He was then transported to the county jail and booked.

Leonora Fields

Jan. 4, 8:05 pm

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Aggravated DWI (third offense)

GPD Patrolman Adrian Quetawki said he heard a report of a driver who was swerving all over the road with no headlights on. He said he managed to catch up with the vehicle near the intersection of State Highway 602 and Mendoza Avenue.

When he went up to the vehicle, he found no one in the driver's seat. Fields, 50, of Gallup was in the back seat and she said that they were waiting for George, who was the driver. The other passenger in the vehicle, however, said that Fields was the driver.

Fields said she drank about a bottle and a half of liquor earlier in the evening. She was asked to get out if the vehicle. She refused, asking to speak to an attorney. Eventually, Quetawki and another officer had to forcibly remove her from the vehicle.

She refused to take field sobriety tests for medical reasons and later refused to take a breath alcohol test.

Harren Walker

Dec. 29, 2 am

Aggravated DWI. (Third offense)

MCSO Sgt. Shane Bennett said he was dispatched to the China Loop area because of a possible accident. When he got there, he found a vehicle that had hit a concrete wall and trees.

He also found a 13-year-old boy who was uninjured. The boy told Bennett that it was his father, Harrell Walker, who driving the vehicle. He asked Walker, 36, of Albuquerque, to exit the vehicle

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and Walker staggered toward him.

Walker told him in slurred speech that he slid off the road and denied doing any drinking before driving. He complained of head, neck and back injuries, so he was transported to a local hospital.

Bennett said as he was talking to him, he could smell the odor of liquor coming from Walker's person. While at the Gallup Indian Medical Center, Walker continued to be uncooperative with the hospital staff and security personnel.

He remained uncooperative once he was transported to the county jail. Bennett said he later learned that Walker had struck another police officer in the face and had spit on him, so he was also charged with battery on a police officer.

Joe Louie

Dec. 23, 1:11 am

Aggravated DWI (second offense)

MCSO Deputy Garylle James was dispatched to a possible accident near Red Rock Park east of Gallup.

When he got there, he saw a male crawling through the bushes trying to get away. James said he caught up with Louie, 46, who told him he was trying to get home to Pinedale. He said he couldn't remember the accident. He said he also couldn't remember how much he had to drink before driving.

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He agreed to take field sobriety tests and when he failed, he was placed under arrest. He then refused to take a breath alcohol test.