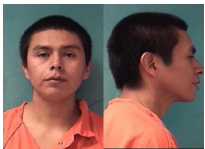


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Anson Shirley

Sept. 22, 7:56 pm

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DWI (fourth offense)

McKinley County Sheriff's Deputy Roane Alan was on routine patrol when he received a call from off-duty Deputy Johnson Lee, who advised he was following a black passenger car that was driving recklessly and not maintaining its lane.

Alan caught up to the vehicle near Clark Street and Viro Park and proceeded to make a traffic stop. The driver, identified as Anson Shirley, 28, of Ganado, exited the vehicle and Alan said he smelled of alcohol. Shirley also had bloodshot watery eyes and slurred speech when he told Alan he had a bottle of imported vodka earlier.

Shirley consented to the standard field sobriety test, but eventually refused, and stood behind his vehicle with his hands behind his back. Alan placed Shirley under arrest, reading him the New Mexico Implied Consent Advisory before transporting him to the McKinley County Sheriff's Office.

There, Shirley was unable to give a consistent breath test, so he was transported to Rehoboth McKinley Christian Health Care Services for a blood draw. When that concluded, Shirley was transported to the McKinley County Adult Detention Center and booked.

Garret Begay

Sept. 22, 6:20 pm

DWI (fourth offense)

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After hearing a crash and receiving a call for service, McKinley County Sheriff Sgt. Tammy Houghtaling headed to the site on Ninth Street, near Jefferson Avenue, where two vehicles were parked.

At the scene, Houghtaling made contact with the caller, Ronald Singer, who said he was fine. Singer told Houghtaling he had been traveling south on Ninth Street, but a driver headed north had turned and stopped his vehicle in front of Singer's, resulting in a collision.

Houghtaling made contact with the driver of the other vehicle, Garret Begay, 46, of Ft. Wingate, who carried a strong odor of liquor on his breath and had bloodshot, watery eyes and difficulty maintaining his balance.

After stating he did not have much to drink, Begay agreed to the standard field sobriety test. But he appeared to have trouble following directions, and eventually was unable to complete the test.

Begay was placed under arrest. After placing him in handcuffs, Houghtaling found an empty miniature of Southern Comfort whiskey in his left pants pocket. She read him the New Mexico Implied Consent Advisory, and Begay agreed to a breath test.

While transporting Begay to McKinley County Sheriff's Office, Houghtaling was advised Begay's license had been revoked for a previous DWI, and he had three DWIs on his license in total.

Begay posted samples of .28, .24, and .24. He was then transported to the McKinley County Adult Detention Center and booked.

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Harry Richard Bahe

Sept. 20, 12:52 am

DWI (first offense)

McKinley County Sheriff's Deputy Paul Davis Jr. was dispatched to near mile marker 13 on State Highway 118 in reference to a reported vehicle crash.

Upon arriving at the site, David made contact with a gray Buick parked on the south side of the highway. A volunteer McKinley County Fire unit was on the scene and tending to two individuals, identified as Felicia Herder and Harry Richard Bahe, 79, of St. Michaels, Ariz.

Herder said Bahe had been driving the vehicle, and she did not know what happened in the crash because she had been asleep.

Davis spoke to Bahe, who had an odor of liquor on his breath, and a wet spot on his pants that looked like urine. After being checked by medical units, Bahe was escorted to Davis' unit for further questioning.

Bahe admitted to having alcoholic beverages earlier about 4 pm the previous day and that he had been the one driving the vehicle. He then refused to take the standard field sobriety test and was taken into custody.

Meanwhile, Herder was transported to the hospital for medical care.

Davis read the New Mexico Implied Consent Advisory to Bahe, who then agreed to a breath test. Bahe was transported to McKinley County Sheriff's Office and posted samples of .12 and

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.12.

Bahe was transported to Gallup Indian Medical Center for clearance, and then to McKinley County Adult Detention Center for booking.

Todd Colin Shebola

Sept. 22, 10:44 am

Aggravated DWI

McKinley County Sheriff's Deputy Gilbert Padilla was dispatched to County Road 1 and Highway 264 in reference to a reckless driver.

While enroute, Padilla was advised by Metro Dispatch the driver was unable to maintain a lane and the person who called in the incident was following the vehicle in question, a blue Hyundai Elantra.

Padilla spotted the vehicle near mile marker 12 on Highway 264 and began to follow it as it traveled eastbound. The suspect vehicle did not slow down, and Padilla was forced to increase speed as he pursued it.

The suspect vehicle continued to swerve left and right on the road as it reached speeds of over 80 miles per hour. Eventually, the vehicle finally pulled off the road past mile marker 14, and Padilla was able to make contact with the driver, Todd Shebola, 24, of Gallup.

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Shebola had bloodshot red eyes, and the vehicle carried a strong odor of liquor. The suspect exited the vehicle and staggered as he walked. Padilla issued the standard field sobriety test, but Shebola was unable to complete the instructions he was given and told Padilla to take him in.

Padilla placed Shebola in the back of his unit and read him the New Mexico Implied Consent Advisory. While en route to McKinley County Sheriff's Office for the breath test, Padilla was advised Shebola had two outstanding bench warrants from Bernalillo County Metropolitan Court for aggravated battery.

Shebola posted two samples of .24 before being transported for booking.

Vonerick J. Garcia

Sept. 22, 3:50 am

DWI (third offense)

McKinley County Sheriff's Deputy Clayton Etsitty was on patrol on I-40 in reference to two reckless vehicle calls. Etsitty was near mile marker 40 when a call about a swerving maroon truck was put out by Metro Dispatch.

Etsitty spotted a red Chevy pickup truck traveling eastbound about mile marker 50, which was unable to maintain its lane. He conducted a traffic stop and made contact with the driver, Vonerick Garcia, 30, of Prewitt.

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Garcia said he was coming from Gallup Indian Medical Center. Etsitty noted he had bloodshot, watery eyes. Garcia admitted to having one beer at about 9 pm the night before.

Garcia consented to the standard field sobriety test, but was unable to successfully complete the tasks Etsitty gave him. Garcia was placed under arrest and agreed to a breath test after being read the New Mexico Implied Consent Advisory.

He posted samples of .13 and .12, and was transported to McKinley County Adult Detention Center for booking.