

WEEKLY DWI REPORT

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Diane Peter

Nov. 16, 1:34 pm

Aggravated DWI

McKinley County Sheriff's Deputy Salina Brown said she was working for the DWI Task Force when she noticed a car make a wide turn at the intersection of Boardman Avenue and Aztec Avenue. She started following the vehicle and saw it drift near the fog line and then back to the center.

Brown hit her sirens and lights and saw the vehicle hit a curb as it was slowing down. She approached the driver, Diane Peter, 52, of Gallup, and told her she noticed that Peter's vehicle

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was not staying in her lane. Brown asked what was going on.

Peter said her car was out of alignment due to a previous accident. When asked where she was headed, she pointed up ahead and said "home." She then admitted to having had two cans of beer before driving. She refused twice to take the standard field sobriety tests and was arrested for DWI.

She also refused to take a breath alcohol test.

Clayton Benally

Nov. 12, 9:44 pm

DWI (Third offense)

McKinley County Sheriff Deputy Clayton Etsitty said he was directed by Metro Dispatch to be on the lookout for a reckless driver who was traveling northbound on U.S. Highway 491. He found the vehicle near milepost 1 and saw that his headlights were not on.

The vehicle came to a stop a couple of miles ahead and Etsitty said he informed the driver, Clayton Benally, 28, of Gallup, that his headlights were off. He said he was coming from the Sports Page Lounge, but had nothing to drink. He said he had been driving all day and that was why his eyes looked watery.

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He then admitted to drinking two beers two hours before driving. As he was talking to Benally, Etsitty said he noticed an empty bottle of vodka on the floorboard of the car. Benally agreed to take the standard field sobriety tests and failed. He was arrested for DWI.

He refused to take a breath alcohol test.

Ted Jose

Nov. 11, 1:05 pm

Aggravated DWI (Third offense)

McKinley County Sheriff Deputy Alan Roane said he was on routine patrol driving westbound on Highway 111 when he saw a car in front of him drift into the oncoming lane.

He did a traffic stop around the 14-mile marker. As he approached the car, he said he could smell the liquor coming from inside. He said he also noticed that the passenger was intoxicated and saw an open beer can in the front center console.

He asked the driver, Ted Jose, 51, of Ramah, if he had had anything to drink that day and Jose replied by saying one can.

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Jose agreed to do the standard field sobriety tests and failed, resulting in his arrest for DWI. Roane said he asked Jose to be honest with him and Jose admitted to having three beers two hours before driving.

He agreed to take a breath alcohol test and posted two samples of .29.