

# WEEKLY DWI REPORT

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**Genice Tsosie**

**Feb. 9, 2:44 am**

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### **Aggravated DWI**

Gallup Patrolman Richard Rangel said he was on regular patrol when he noticed a vehicle with no license plate.

He did a traffic stop and talked to Tsosie, 41, of Pinedale. He said he noticed indications of intoxication as well as the smell of intoxicating alcohol coming from the vehicle.

Tsosie also said she was coming from the Sports Page, so he asked if she would take the standard field sobriety tests and she agreed.

She failed the tests and was arrested. Later, she refused to take a breath alcohol test.

### **Derrick Benally**

**Feb. 8, 11:59 pm**

### **Aggravated DWI**

Gallup Police received a call from a fast food restaurant of a possible drunk driver.

When police arrived on the scene, they found Benally, 33, of Vanderwagen, inside his vehicle.

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Police reported finding three open cans of beer in the car. Benally was also showing several signs of being intoxicated.

He told police he had drunk a six pack of beer about eight hours prior to driving. He agreed to take the standard field sobriety tests and failed. He agreed to take a breath alcohol test and posted two samples of .25.

### **Mario Ponce**

**Feb. 8, 4:24 am**

### **Aggravated DWI**

Gallup Patrolman Brandon Salazar said he was parked in the parking lot when he saw a car speed by at a high rate and then go into a nearby motel parking lot.

He drove up behind the vehicle and recognized the driver as Mario Ponce, 31, of Gallup. He saw Ponce get out of his vehicle and walk quickly toward his room. Salazar said he managed to stop him before he got to his room.

Salazar said he could smell the odor of intoxicating liquor coming from his person so he asked Ponce if he had anything to drink that evening. Ponce said he only had one shot and agreed to take the standard field sobriety tests.

Ponce failed the tests and then refused to take a breath alcohol test.

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### Sheila Benally

Feb. 8, 12:46 am

### Aggravated DWI

Gallup Patrolman Brandon Salazar was dispatched to a one-vehicle accident on Coal Avenue where he found Benally, 33, of St. Michaels, by her car.

She told Salazar that she crashed her car when her front tire blew out. Salazar said he could see possible signs of intoxication, so he asked her if she had been drinking. She said she had two beers at dinner at 7 pm.

Salazar said he asked her what time she thought it was. She said 9 pm, when it was actually almost 1 am.

She agreed to take the standard field sobriety tests but before that, Salazar had MedStar technicians do a check up because she had been in an accident. They gave her a medical clearance so the tests were done. She failed and was charged with DWI.

She later agreed to a breath alcohol test and posted two samples of .21.

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### Storm Smith

Dec. 22, 9:20 pm

### Aggravated DWI

Gallup Patrolman Michael Eley said he was dispatched to a two-vehicle accident at the intersection of Ford Canyon and Aztec Avenue. When he got there, he found Smith, 25, of Gallup, outside his vehicle.

Smith complained of having a sore wrist, but declined medical attention. Smith said he was going south on Ford when he entered the intersection and was struck by another vehicle. Eley said Smith showed signs of being intoxicated and admitted having a couple of drinks at dinner time.

Smith agreed to take the standard field sobriety tests and failed. He was then arrested for DWI. Eley said Smith refused to submit to a breath alcohol test.