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Shane Jay Chon

Feb. 20, 1:49 am

DWI

Gallup Police Officer Jared Albert said he was dispatched to Allsup's West in connection with a complaint from a caller that he was almost struck by a white car that later pulled into the store's parking lot.

Albert said he found the vehicle next to a pump. It contained two individuals. Jared said when he talked to the driver, Shane Jay Chon, 20, of Mentmore, he noticed several signs the driver was intoxicated.

Chon admitted to having had two beers a couple of hours before driving and agreed to take the standard field sobriety tests. Albert said Chon had a hard time following instructions and failed the tests, resulting in his arrest for DWI.

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He agreed to take a breath alcohol test and posted samples of .21, .16 and .14.

Chon was later released on his own recognizance by a judge.

Marrissa Kaye

Feb. 19, 11:26 pm

Aggravated DWI

Gallup Police Officer Aaron Baldonado said he was asked to check out a possible drunk driver who had gone to a gas station in an attempt to buy beer and was refused service because the clerk felt she was intoxicated.

Baldonado went to the gas station and started looking for the driver and finally found her car at another gas station. Another police officer was there questioning the woman about whether she had had anything to drink that night.

Marrissa Kaye, 39, of Gallup, said she had taken two shots of 99 Bananas earlier in the evening. Baldonado said he took over the investigation at that time and asked her if she was willing to take the standard field sobriety tests.

She agreed, but after the tests began, she said she was unable to continue because she was too drunk. She was arrested for DWI. She then agreed to take a breath alcohol test and posted two samples of .16.

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Kaye was then transported and booked.

Laveene Ann Smith

Feb. 19, 3:53 am

DWI

Gallup Police Officer Aaron Baldonado said he was dispatched to find a suspected drunk driver and found the vehicle he sought in the parking lot of the West 66 Laundromat.

Another police officer was already talking to Laveene Ann Smith, 45, of Gallup. She admitted to having had three beers earlier in the evening. She said she was having problems seeing at night so she went into the parking lot.

Baldonado said she had a six-year-old child in the car with her.

She agreed to take the standard field sobriety tests and after having problems with the first two tests, stopped the third test saying she couldn't do it.

She was arrested for DWI and then agreed to take a breath alcohol test and posted samples of .20 and .19. She was also charged with abuse of a child.

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Smith was later released on her own recognizance by a judge.

Manuel Lee

Feb. 17, 5:51 pm

DWI (Tenth)

Gallup Police Officer Richard Rangel said he was on regular patrol driving on Highway 66 near Allison Crossing when he spotted a speeding car.

He conducted a traffic stop and as he talked to Manuel Lee, 59, of Mentmore, he noticed signs that he was intoxicated. When Lee stepped out of the vehicle, Rangel said he could smell alcohol coming from him.

When asked if he had had anything to drink, he admitted to having had three beers a couple of hours before he started driving.

He agreed to take the standard field sobriety tests and failed. He was arrested for DWI. He was then asked to take a breath alcohol test. He refused. Rangel then learned that Lee had nine previous convictions.

Court records showed the convictions went back to 1996. Lee was given an 18 month sentence in 2002 for his fourth conviction. In other cases, he was given suspended sentences.

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Rangel said he secured a search warrant and took Lee to a local hospital where blood was drawn for a blood alcohol test. He was then transported and booked.

Frederick Bob Hudson

Feb. 14, 10:16 pm

Aggravated DWI (Fifth)

Gallup Police Officer Richard Rangel said he was on regular patrol driving along Highway 66 when he noticed a pickup with an expired registration.

He pulled the vehicle over and when he began talking to Frederick Bob Hudson, 39, of Gallup, he noticed signs of intoxication. When Hudson got out of the vehicle, Rangel said he could smell alcohol coming from his vehicle.

When asked if he had been drinking, Hudson admitted to having two beers an hour before driving. He refused to take the standard field sobriety tests and was arrested for DWI. He also refused to take a breath test.

Rangel later learned Hudson had four prior DWI convictions. He then obtained a search warrant and took Hudson to a local hospital to have a blood sample drawn. After two blood draws, Hudson was taken to the McKinley County Adult Detention Center.