

WEEKLY DWI REPORT

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Donna Tolino

Nov. 5, 1:39 pm

Aggravated DWI (Second)

McKinley County Sheriff's Deputy Eric Jim arrived at the site of a one-vehicle crash near 209 Mentmore Rd. Metro Dispatch told him a green Jeep had driven into a ditch by a driver who appeared intoxicated.

At the scene, Jimmet with Deputy Clayton Etsitty, who made contact with the Jeep's driver, Donna Tolino, 39, of Gallup. She had bloodshot eyes and slurred her speech, and she smelled of alcohol. When Jim asked her what happened, she said she was taking the Jeep on a test drive when the warning lights came on and then things went wrong.

Tolino admitted to having one shot of Sailor Jerry before driving. She agreed to take the standard field sobriety tests, but failed. She was taken to the sheriff's office for a breath test, but was unable to post a sample.

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She was then transported to McKinley County Adult Detention Center and booked for a second DWI, roadways laned for traffic, and driver's license on demand.

Dennison Billy

Nov. 14, 6:33 pm

Aggravated DWI (Second)

The McKinley County Sheriff's Office was conducting a sobriety checkpoint on Highway 118 near mile marker 27. One SUV stopped and the driver advised Deputy Terence Willie a white vehicle was swerving on the road and almost T-boned them prior to the checkpoint.

Willie attempted to locate the white vehicle heading west on Highway 118. He spotted a white Chevy Sonic traveling west and turning onto Interstate 40. The Sonic was unable to maintain lanes for traffic, so Willie followed it and pulled it over. He made contact with the driver, Dennison Billy, 30, of Yatahey.

As Willie spoke with Billy about the traffic stop, he noted Billy had bloodshot eyes and slurred speech. There was also a male in the front passenger seat who appeared intoxicated, and another in the backseat. Billy got out of the vehicle, at which point Willie noticed the smell of alcohol coming from inside.

Billy said he was coming from Gallup and asked Willie not to "get him in for this." When asked if he had anything to drink prior to driving, Billy admitted to drinking 12 ounces of Bud Light at 6:45 pm, even though Willie's watch read 6:33 pm.

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Willie then issued the standard field sobriety tests. Billy refused to finish the tests and was placed under arrest. After placing the driver inside his unit, Willie advised Deputy Clayton Etsitty to finish up with the two intoxicated passengers in the Sonic.

Billy was transported to the sheriff's office for the breath test, where he posted samples of .22 and .23. Metro Dispatch said that Billy had a revoked New Mexico driver's license.

After transporting him to Gallup Indian Medical Center for clearance, Willie took Billy to McKinley County Adult Detention Center and booked him for a second DWI, driving with a revoked license, evidence of financial responsibility, and roadways laned for traffic.