

Leora Billie

Nov. 22, 2:44 pm

DWI

On Nov. 22, Deputy Terence Willie pulled over a black Dodge Avenger, which the officer observed had a front passenger not wearing a seat belt when the vehicle approached a stop sign at an intersection.

The driver, Leora Billie, 41, Ganado, Ariz., was reported to have “bloodshot watery eyes” and could not locate a driver’s license or proof of insurance when asked.

Willie also found two passengers in the backseat of the vehicle passed out, with one of them holding vodka in his hand. A few minutes later, the deputy found three closed pints of Importer’s vodka on the driver’s side floorboard. Billie later told the deputy how much alcohol she drank.

Billie could not tell the officer correctly where she was going. She initially said she had not consumed alcohol, but asked a second time, she answered, “yes.” Billie did not find her license after being asked by Willie to step out of the car, but did report some information about herself, which the deputy relayed to authorities.

Willie performed field sobriety tests on Billie and she failed.

Billie was arrested and transported to the Sheriff's office, where she completed breath tests, which successfully provided two samples of .12/.13.

She was transported to the hospital for medical clearance before being booked into the McKinley County Detention Center on DWI, safety belt use required, no registration, no insurance and open container.

After that, Willie said he found narcotics on Billie and booked them in as evidence.

Billie was released on her own recognizance by a judge.

Sherwin Woody

Nov. 20, 2:19 pm

DWI

Officer Monty Yazzie made contact with two other deputies on Nov. 20, just after 2:30 pm, on Highway 602, south of Blue Medicine Well Road, where a White Chevy Tahoe had been pulled over. He was informed that they had been in pursuit of the vehicle for traveling 63 mph in a 55 mph zone.

Yazzie took over the investigation and made contact with the offender, Sherwin Woody, 47, Kirtland, N.M., who was "uncooperative and disorderly," the officer wrote in his report.

When Yazzie asked Woody to step out of Etsitty's vehicle, he noticed that Woody smelled of alcohol, had bloodshot eyes and slurred speech. Yazzie removed Woody's handcuffs and the offender responded he could not do a test for sobriety, telling the officer he had "15 sleeves since 8 o'clock" and "eight sleeves since Red Rock by Thoreau."

Yazzie placed Woody under arrest for driving while intoxicated, but not before noticing open containers of alcohol in the Tahoe.

At the Sheriff's Office, Yazzie read Woody the New Mexico Implied Consent Act and Woody agreed to take a breathalyzer test. The results were .20.

Woody was taken to Gallup Indian Medical Center for medical clearance, after which he was booked into the Crownpoint Jail.

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