Man charged with third DWI, open container

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Valentine’s Day turned into a DWI charge for Randall Chee, 25, of Gallup.

McKinley County Sheriff’s Deputy Terence Willie was driving eastbound on N.M. State Hwy. 118 approaching south Fifth Street when he saw a green Ford F-150 swerving in and out of the left lane.

He pulled the truck over a little after 6:45 p.m. and noticed the driver had bloodshot eyes, slurred speech and an open container in the center console.

When asked if he had consumed any alcohol that night, Chee said no, but that he had had a drink the night before.

In his report, Willie also noted that an intoxicated woman was in the passenger seat of the truck.

After being asked a third time if he had been drinking that night, Chee admitted that he had. He said that the two of them were coming back from her job at the Red Roof Inn, and that they were just trying to get home.

When Willie asked for Chee’s driver’s license, insurance, and registration, he produced his ID and an expired insurance card.

Chee agreed to do the field sobriety tests, and he failed them all. During the tests, Chee asked Willie why he pulled him over, and if he could follow him home.

Willie took Chee back to the McKinley County Sheriff's Office, where he agreed to a breath test and gave two samples of .11/.10.

Chee was taken to the McKinley County Adult Detention Center and booked on his third DWI, driving with a suspended license, no registration, no insurance, and open container.

He was released on his own recognizance.