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Marcus A. Miller

March 10, 2:38 am

DWI (2nd)

New Mexico Police Officer Alejandro Solis-Torres was patrolling State Road 602 northbound when he spotted a truck headed south traveling over 70 miles per hour in a 55 mile-per-hour zone.

Solis-Torres caught up with the driver, identified as Marcus A. Miller, 30, of Tohatchi, who reportedly had slurred speech and an open container in the cup holder of the front seat. Miller told the officer it was "Twisted Tea," half of which he drank about an hour prior.

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Miller was arrested after Solis-Torres suspected him of driving under the influence. Upon further inspection of Miller's car, the officer found colored pipes with a "green leafy substance."

At the State Patrol office in Gallup, Miller posted two breath test samples of .11/.10 and G/210L.

He was booked into McKinley County Detention Center without incident. Miller was charged with speeding, open container and possession of drug paraphernalia.

Ramsey Lee

Sept. 29, 2020 1:10 pm

Aggravated DWI (Sixth)

Gallup Patrolman Timo Molina was on duty when he was advised by McKinley County Metro Dispatch that a gold-colored Cadillac was swerving on the road near Third Street and Maxwell Avenue, where McKinley County Deputy Adrian Quetawki had conducted a traffic stop.

Molina arrived on the scene and met with both Quetawki and the driver, Ramsey Lee, 41, of Gallup, who had admitted to drinking and driving. Molina smelled liquor coming from inside the car, while Quetawki saw an open container inside the vehicle.

Lee initially agreed to take the standard field sobriety tests, but eventually refused to follow directions. Molina determined Lee was unable to drive the vehicle because he saw signs of impairment, so he placed Lee under arrest.

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Lee was unable to provide a breath sample at the sheriff's office. At the request of McKinley County Adult Detention Center, Lee was transported to Gallup Indian Medical Center for an extended stay and could not be booked. A summons was filed instead.

Christopher Laughing

Jan. 12, 2020 2:21 am

Aggravated DWI

New Mexico State Police Officer Chaz Troncoso was patrolling U.S. Highway 491 at the intersection near Lincoln Avenue, when he saw a silver vehicle traveling southbound at a high rate of speed in a 40-mph zone. He turned to follow it and caught up near Munoz Overpass. Troncoso observed the vehicle had no rear bumper or registration plate.

The vehicle merged onto I-40 and Troncoso turned on his emergency lights and siren and pursued the vehicle, pulling it over near mile marker 21. He made contact with the driver, Christopher Laughing, 39, of Saint Michaels, Arizona. Troncoso noted the vehicle smelled of alcohol and there were multiple open containers in the front of the vehicle. He also observed Laughing had bloodshot eyes and slurred his speech.

Laughing said he was coming from Gamerco and was dropping off a friend. He was unable to provide proof of insurance or registration, adding he had borrowed the vehicle from a friend. He also admitted drinking a pint of alcohol sometime in the morning.

Laughing agreed to take the standard field sobriety tests, but failed. He was placed under arrest and found to have a needle and syringe in his pocket. He refused to state what the needle was for and said to have the vehicle towed. Laughing also refused to give a breath sample.

He was transported to McKinley County Adult Detention Center and booked.

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