

WEEKLY DWI REPORT

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Mckyale Tso

Dec. 16, 2:39 am

DWI

New Mexico State Police Officer Alejandro Solis-Torres was patrolling eastbound on Highway 264 near mile post 16 when he saw a red pickup truck traveling westbound with only one headlight. Solis-Torres turned to follow the truck, activating his unit's emergency equipment to conduct a traffic stop.

The truck turned north onto a dirt road covered in snow and attempted to flee, but the driver lost control and crashed into a berm alongside the road. The driver, later identified as Mckyale Tso, 24, of Mexican Springs, N.M., got out and tried to run, but he was apprehended by Solis-Torres.

The report stated Tso smelled of alcohol. He was arrested for evasion. Tso was taken to the local state police officer for standard field sobriety tests and a breath test. He agreed and posted two samples of .13.

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Tso was booked into McKinley County Adult Detention Center for DWI, resisting arrest, improper equipment, open container, and no license, registration, or insurance.

Kiana Livingston

April 28, 2020, 6:50 am

DWI

When a truck crashed through a fence and a locked gate, the McKinley County Sheriff's Office sent Deputy Jeff Barnhurst out to State Highway 612. As Barnhurst arrived at the scene, he saw a green Ford F150 that matched the description he had been given.

Barnhurst met the driver, Kiana Livingston, 24, of Thoreau, who said she had just gotten a flat tire and her mom was coming to pick her up. As she retrieved the documentation Barnhurst requested, he saw numerous cans of Bud Light strewn throughout the truck along with a fifth of Smirnoff vodka on the passenger floorboard. Livingston also smelled of alcohol, had bloodshot eyes, and slurred speech.

She eventually got out, but declined to take the standard field sobriety tests, saying the deputy could just take her to jail. Barnhurst placed her under arrest and placed her in his unit. She got upset and refused to give a breath sample.

The report states a passenger, Darren Martinez, was uncooperative at the scene and did not provide details about the crash. When he was questioned, he began to cough uncontrollably, so Barnhurst called for an ambulance. But medics found no reason to transport him.

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Livingston was arrested without a warrant and released on her own recognizance.

Albert Johnson

May 25, 2019, 8:17 pm

DWI (Fourth)

Albert Johnson, 62, said he was at the Sports Page bar and got into a fight. Then his wallet was stolen. That's what he told McKinley County Sgt. Tammy Houghtaling when she conducted a traffic stop of the silver Ford F150 traveling northbound on U.S. Highway 491 and swerving in its lane. Houghtaling saw the truck struggling while she was parked near the 1.5-mile marker of the highway. She followed it.

When she saw it cross the road, she pulled it over near M&R Trading, 404 U.S. Hwy. 491. As Johnson relayed his story, Houghtaling smelled alcohol coming from inside the truck and asked him to turn off the engine and get out.

The report states Johnson showed visible signs of intoxication, including bloodshot eyes, slurred speech, and the smell of alcohol. He also admitted to drinking an unspecified amount of alcohol prior to driving, and an open can of Bud Light was found under the passenger seat. He agreed to take the standard field sobriety tests, but failed and was placed under arrest.

Johnson agreed to give a breath sample and he was transported to the sheriff's office where he posted two samples of .18. He was then taken to the county jail and booked.

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Johnson was released on his own recognizance.

Eric Evans

July 28, 2017, 12:14 am

Aggravated DWI

When a silver Chevy Malibu turned west onto Coal Avenue after traveling eastbound on Highway 66 near the old Heilig Myers parking lot, it failed to use its turn signal. That's when McKinley County Sheriff's Deputy Monty Yazzie saw it. He activated his unit's emergency lights and followed the car, bearing Arizona plates and pulled it over between Country Club Drive and Woodward Drive.

Yazzie met the driver, Eric Evans, 32, who did not provide a license. Yazzie noted the smell of alcohol coming from the vehicle. He also spotted a crushed can of Bud Light on the rear floorboard. He said Evans' eyes were bloodshot and watery

Evans agreed to take the standard field sobriety tests, but failed. He was arrested and agreed to give a breath sample. Yazzie transported him to the sheriff's office for the breath test, where Evans posted samples of .20 and .22.

The court report states that after he was taken for medical clearance, he became uncooperative. Evans was transported to the county jail and booked for aggravated DWI, no license, no turn signal, open container, and driving in roadways laned for traffic.

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