

WEEKLY DWI REPORT

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Roy Jesus

May 24, 9:26 pm

DWI

McKinley County Sheriff's Deputy Terence Willie was traveling westbound on Highway 264 near Tse Bonito when he tracked a silver Chevy Silverado traveling 65 mph in a 45-mph zone. He turned to follow the vehicle and conducted a traffic stop.

There were two passengers in the car when Willie approached the vehicle. He met the driver, Roy Jesus, 32, of Fort Defiance, Ariz., and requested his documentation. Willie noted a strong smell of alcohol coming from inside the vehicle and Jesus admitted he had smoked some marijuana about two hours prior to driving and also consumed three 12-oz. bottles of Samuel Adams beforehand.

Jesus agreed to take the standard field sobriety tests, but did not follow directions and failed. He was placed under arrest, and after agreeing to give a breath sample was transported to the sheriff's office.

After posting samples of .15 and .14, Jesus was transported to McKinley County Adult Detention Center and booked. The report states the passenger was picked up by her brother.

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Jesus was released on his own recognizance.

Harvey Billy

Feb. 19, 5:17 pm

Aggravated DWI

New Mexico State Police Captain Merlin Benally was working McKinley County DWI Task Force-directed patrol overtime at the intersection of State Road 566 and Highway 118 when he spotted a light grey passenger car with four passengers and one not wearing a seat belt.

Benally turned to follow the vehicle and conducted a traffic stop west of the intersection where he was parked. He approached from the passenger side window and spoke with the person sitting in the front seat. He saw an open container of Coors Light in the front, and then saw a bottle of vodka inside the glove compartment when the passenger handed him the requested paperwork.

The driver, Harvey Billy, 48, of Church Rock, was told to exit the vehicle and he staggered as he did so. Billy did not have a driver's license on him and he told Benally the group was in town to get food. Benally noted a strong smell of alcohol coming from Billy.

Billy agreed to take the standard field sobriety tests, but failed. He agreed to give a breath sample and was transported to the local state police office for the test, where he posted samples of .19 and .20.

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McKinley County Adult Detention Center did not want to accept Billy into the center, citing his low oxygen level. Workers at the Center said he would be better off at Gallup Indian Medical Center. After receiving approval from the on-duty district attorney, Benally transported Billy to the ER at GIMC and told him a summons would be filed later.

Tyran Yazzie

Jan. 21, 1:13 pm

Aggravated DWI

An attempt-to-locate was issued for a white Ford F-150 traveling south on U.S. Highway 491 after a caller stated the vehicle had been swerving across the road. Gallup Police located the vehicle and followed it to the parking lot of Walmart at 1650 W. Maloney Ave.

Patrolman Dominic Molina arrived and approached the truck, finding four people inside. Another officer spoke to the driver, Tyran Yazzie, 32, while Molina confirmed two juveniles and their mother were inside the vehicle. The mother was intoxicated.

When Molina began speaking with Yazzie, he noted he had bloodshot eyes and smelled of alcohol. Yazzie admitted to drinking 40 ounces of malt liquor prior to driving and slurred his words as he spoke.

A portable breath test resulted in a .21 sample for Yazzie, who agreed to take the standard field sobriety tests which he failed. Police stood by for the other passengers to be picked up while Molina transported Yazzie to Gallup Police Department for a breath test.

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Yazzie posted samples of .21 and .19 and was transported to McKinley County Adult Detention Center and booked without incident.

Angela Green

Oct. 23, 2020 8:04 pm

Aggravated DWI

Gallup Patrolman Dominic Molina was dispatched to 1201 E. Hwy. 66 in reference to a vehicle crash in a parking lot. He arrived at the scene and found a silver Ford Expedition in the lot, and a witness said the vehicle had collided with a silver Pontiac. The witness said the Expedition had backed up against the Pontiac and then traveled across the lot over a concrete parking marker before the two passengers switched seats.

Molina met the driver during the collision. She was identified as Angela Green, 21. As they spoke, Molina noted she had bloodshot eyes, and slurred speech. Molina said she staggered as she walked, and smelled of alcohol. Green said she was out celebrating her 21st birthday and had one margarita at Coal Street Pub and Panz Alegra Restaurant.

Green agreed to take the standard field sobriety tests, but failed and was placed under arrest. She was transported to the Gallup Police Department for the breath test, but she was unable to provide a sample and her actions were taken as a refusal to take the test.

She was then transported to McKinley County Adult Detention Center and booked.