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Joseph Romero Jr. July 19, 10:15 pm DWI

Gallup Police Officer Nicole Diswood was sitting in her patrol car at the Gallup Municipal Airport when someone approached her and told her about a vehicle in a ditch across from the Sonic on the west side of town.

According to her report, Diswood found the blue Nissan in the ditch off Margarite and West Historic Highway 66. When she approached the car, the driver was still trying to get out of the ditch.

Diswood noticed the driver, later identified as Joseph Romero Jr., 22, from Gamerco, had bloodshot, watery eyes, and she could smell alcohol on him. She told him to put the car in park, and he proceeded to put it in neutral and then back into drive. He told her it was in park. She

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told him it wasn't, and after the correction, he was finally able to put it in park.

Diswood told Romero to take the keys out of the ignition and give them to her. He then got out of the car, and Diswood asked him if he was willing to do the standard field sobriety tests, which he agreed to perform.

Romero did not pass any of the tests.

At the Gallup Police Department, Romero blew a .19/.19. He was transported to the McKinley County Adult Detention Center, where he was booked for an aggravated DWI.

He was released on his own recognizance July 21.

Tyrone Descheny July 16, 4:31 pm DWI

Tyrone Descheny was driving down the off-ramp of Exit 20 of Interstate 40 when he passed out in his car, which ended up blocking traffic.

When Gallup Police Officer Cindy Romancito arrived, she could see Descheny was passed out in his blue Dodge van in the road's center lane. She could smell alcohol coming from the van.

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She reached inside the window to turn the engine off. When she opened the door to take the van out of gear, Descheny woke up. Romancito told him to take the key out of the ignition, which he did.

Descheny told Romancito that he had just gotten off work. When she asked him if he'd had any alcohol recently, he admitted to having one beer. Romancito arrested him, and when she went back to the Dodge to get his wallet, she found an open bottle of beer and a six-pack of Budweiser with four bottles missing.

Romancito took Descheny to the Gallup Police Station for a breath test.

Descheny provided breath samples of .16 and .15. He was charged with not having insurance, having an open container, his first DWI.

Descheny was released on his own recognizance July 19.

Zachary Largo July 13, 9:31 pm DWI

Zachary Largo, 24, hit multiple cars as he was driving drunk around Father Dunstan Park.

Gallup Police Officer Gilbert Gonzales arrived at the park at 9:31 pm to find a row of cars lined up along with a gray Chevy Cruze, which Largo was still sitting in.

When Gonzales attempted to ask Largo his name, the man's speech was slurred, and Gonzales could smell alcohol in the car.

Firefighters were there to check on Largo and see if he needed any medical attention. As they were asking him questions, Largo had a hard time keeping his eyes open.

A firefighter on the scene unbuckled Largo's seatbelt, and two other firefighters helped him get out of the car and back to their fire truck where they could check on him. As this was done, Gonzales noticed that the car's center console and Largo's clothes were covered in vomit.

According to the police report, Gonzales decided Largo couldn't do the field sobriety tests because he was too intoxicated. Largo refused to give a breath sample.

An open bottle of New Amsterdam peach-flavored vodka was found in Largo's car. He was transported to the Gallup Indian Medical Center for medical clearance. While Gonzales was driving to the hospital, Largo threw up in the patrol unit.

After he was medically cleared, Largo was booked at the McKinley County Adult Detention Center. He was booked for his first DWI, an open container charge, and for not having his license or any insurance.

Largo was released on his own recognizance July 15.

This table represents a seven-day period of Gallup Police Dept. incident calls August 18 - August 24

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INCIDENT TYPE

NUMBER OF CALLS

INTOXICATED

250

WELFARE CHECK

168

TRAFFIC-RELATED

104

DISORDERLY SUBJECT

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POLICE REQUEST

43

ALARM

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DOMESTIC

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LAW

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ROUTINE PATROL

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ACCIDENT

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All other calls including.

attempt to locate, burglary, battery, assault, party call disturbance, etc.

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