

WEEKLY DWI REPORT

Written by Staff Reports

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Cooper Pat
July 22, 6:36 pm
Aggravated DWI

A call about a fight at an address on Second Street led Gallup Police Officer Richard Rangel III to the area where he met with the victim. While the two were in discussion, the suspect vehicle, a green Ford Explorer, passed them and Rangel followed it, and conducted a traffic stop.

The driver, Cooper Pat, 39, Rock Springs, N.M., told Rangel he had only witnessed the fight, but was not involved in jumping the victim, nor were any of the passengers in his vehicle. He went on to say he had witnessed the incident but did not get involved.

Pat exited the vehicle on Rangel's command, at which point the officer noted Pat had bloodshot eyes, slurred his speech, and smelled of alcohol.

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Pat said he had only drunk on the day prior and was hung over. He agreed to take the standard field sobriety tests, but failed them. He then agreed to give a breath sample and posted results of .16. Pat was also carrying an open container of 99 Bananas in his pocket.

He was placed under arrest for DUI and transported to Gallup Police Department for the breath test, where he posted samples of .16 and .14. Pat was transported to McKinley County Adult Detention Center and booked for DWI, having an open container in a motor vehicle and no driver's license.

He was released on his own recognizance.

Lance Begay
July 22, 12:50 pm
DWI

When a witness said he saw a car pass him and rear-end a Jeep and then take off, Gallup Police officers went to the scene at North Ninth Street and West Maloney Avenue where Officer Patrick Largo saw someone in a bright green shirt.

Largo approached the man, who turned out to be the witness, who pointed out the person who he said was responsible for the hit and run.

Largo approached a man who was identified as Lance Begay, 30, of Window Rock, Ariz. Begay did not cooperate with Largo, so he was placed in his unit and taken back to the scene of the crash.

Largo learned Begay had driven up in a green Buick and rear ended a Jeep near the intersection and then turned onto Ninth Street near American Muffler.

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Based on the witness report and his personal observation of Begay's behavior, noting he smelled of alcohol and slurred his speech, Largo began a DWI investigation of Begay. After refusing to take the standard field sobriety tests and then the breath test, Begay was placed under arrest for DWI. Largo also found an open container in Begay's vehicle.

Begay was transported to McKinley County Adult Detention Center and booked on charges of DWI, consumption/possession of alcohol in a vehicle and an accident involving damage to a vehicle.

He was released on his own recognizance.

Wayne Ike
July 21, 2:10 pm
Aggravated DWI

A white truck was parked in lot space number 20 at Chamisal Avenue with the driver down and out at the wheel when Gallup Police Officer Matthew Strandy was dispatched to the scene to conduct a welfare check. Strandy was advised the driver might be intoxicated due to a beer bottle seen in the vehicle.

Strandy met Officer Iris Martinez at the scene, who told him a Gallup Public Service Officer had found the vehicle earlier still in drive. She placed the vehicle into park and began her investigation, which was when she noticed an open container of Mike's Hard Lemonade in the vehicle.

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Once awake, the driver, Wayne Ike, 47, of Gallup, told Strandy he was driving from the north side of town to visit his parents in Red Hills. Strandy noted Ike's eyes were bloodshot, and his speech was slurred. He staggered and swayed as he stood, and he had urinated on himself.

After saying he had a drink about two hours prior, Ike agreed to take the standard field sobriety tests. He failed and was placed under arrest, showing minor resistance as he was placed into cuffs. Ike agreed to give a breath sample and was transported to Gallup Police Department for the test, where he posted samples of .25, .22, and .21.

Ike was transported to McKinley County Adult Detention Center and booked on charges of Aggravated DWI and consumption or possession of an alcoholic beverage in an open container in a motor vehicle.

He was released on his own recognizance.

This table represents a seven-day period of Gallup Police Dept. incident calls August 25 - August 31

INCIDENT TYPE

NUMBER OF CALLS

INTOXICATED

267

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WELFARE CHECK

172

TRAFFIC-RELATED

98

POLICE REQUEST

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DOMESTIC

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LAW

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DISORDERLY SUBJECT

35

ROUTINE PATROL

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ACCIDENT

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BATTERY

23

ALARM

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All other calls including.

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

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