

WEEKLY DWI REPORT

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Rachel Livingston

Sept. 4, 3:24 pm

DWI (Second)

A black pickup truck pulled up near the spot where McKinley County Sheriff's Deputy Terence Willie was stationed and informed him that a Ford bearing a temporary license plate had almost struck him while traveling north on Highway 602.

Willie traveled on the highway and found a tan Ford Contour which fit the description parked alongside the road. He pulled over and met with Rachel Livingston, 52, of Gallup. She showed signs of being intoxicated and told Willie she did not have her vehicle documents with her.

Livingston then sped off from the scene and Willie followed her, turning onto Catapia Canyon Road, where Livingston's vehicle drove off the road at 75 mph and collided with a tree.

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Willie went to evaluate Livingston. She was lying across the front seat and no airbag had deployed. She had a cut on her upper forehead and some blood coming from her head. She was alert, talking and crying.

The vehicle continued running and was stuck in the sand.

When asked to provide personal information, she refused. She said she had not been drinking. She said she was coming from Pinedale and going home on Jones Ranch Road.

She then became disorderly and said she fell off the wagon and did not want to drink and was trying to deal with family deaths due to COVID-19.

Medical staff arrived at the scene and examined Livingston before transporting her to Rehoboth McKinley Christian Health Care Services. Willie searched the crash scene and found Livingston had an active bench warrant in Gallup. He traveled to the hospital and spoke with her, where she agreed to take standard field sobriety tests, but failed.

After consenting to a blood draw, Livingston was transported to McKinley County Adult Detention Center. However, the nursing staff would not admit Livingston due to her previous medical issues at the jail. Willie released Livingston to the RMCHCS emergency room and said a summons would later be filed for DWI, driving on a suspended license, careless driving, failure to use safety belts, open container and a lack of evidence of registration and of financial responsibility.

Severn Blackmountain
Sept. 3, 4:26 pm

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Aggravated DWI

While traveling south on Highway 602, McKinley County Sheriff's Sgt. Tammy Houghtaling saw a car traveling 10 miles over the speed limit in a 55-mph zone. She turned to follow the vehicle, which pulled off onto Refuge Rock Road and eventually stopped.

Houghtaling met the driver, later identified as Severn Blackmountain, 36, of Kayenta, Ariz., who appeared confused as she spoke with him. Blackmountain had bloodshot eyes, slurred speech, and did not submit the identification Houghtaling requested.

Blackmountain agreed to take the standard field sobriety tests, but had difficulty performing them and eventually failed. He was placed under arrest, while the passengers in his vehicle were released from the scene. Houghtaling found numerous open, partially emptied containers of several different alcoholic drinks inside.

He was transported to the sheriff's office, where he refused to give a breath sample. Blackmountain was then transported to McKinley County Adult Detention Center and booked with aggravated DWI, speeding, license on demand, evidence of insurance and open container.

Blackmountain posted a \$1,000 cash or surety bond.

Edward Johnson
Aug. 31, 7:04 pm
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The driver of a pick up truck lost control and went off the road and rolled over near the 6 mile marker of Highway 400. McKinley County Sheriff's Sgt. Shane Bennett responded to the call and arrived at the scene to find a male in dark clothes walking near a white overturned vehicle.

The male, Edward Johnson, 37, of Manuelito, said he had been driving when he tried to veer around nearby road construction and take pictures at McGaffey Lake. That's when he lost control of the truck. Johnson had abrasions on his hands and legs. Bennett checked the cab of the vehicle and found an open can of Mike's Hard Lemonade, which Johnson admitted to drinking. Johnson also showed signs of being intoxicated with bloodshot eyes and slurred speech.

Johnson became angry when he was questioned, but agreed to take the standard field sobriety tests. He performed poorly and was placed under arrest. After being transported to the sheriff's office for the breath test, he posted samples of .14 and .12.

Bennett transported Johnson to Gallup Indian Medical Center for medical clearance, after which he was taken to McKinley County Adult Detention Center for booking on his first DWI.

Johnson was released on his own recognizance.

Leland Ramone
July 24, 9:04 pm
Aggravated DWI

After a white pickup truck collided with another vehicle in the parking lot of the Sports Page Bar, 1400 S. Second St., Gallup Police Officer Elijah Bowman was dispatched to the area of

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Highway 564 after the truck traveled in that direction.

Bowman found the truck near the intersection of Boyd Avenue and Boardman Drive heading north. When the truck failed to stop at a solid white line, Bowman conducted a traffic stop.

The driver, Leland Ramone, 38, of Prewitt, had difficulty following instructions given by Bowman. He tried to get out of the truck without turning it off.

Bowman said Ramone had bloodshot eyes and smelled of alcohol.

Ramone agreed to take the standard field sobriety tests, but failed and was placed under arrest. Ramone did not consent to the breath test. Bowman searched the vehicle and found seven open containers of Bud Light between the front and back seats.

Ramone said he had taken his last drink 30 minutes before.

Dispatch advised that Ramone had an active DWI warrant out of Roosevelt County. He was taken to McKinley County Adult Detention Center and booked for aggravated DWI, possession of open containers in a motor vehicle, failure to produce his license and the Roosevelt County warrant.

Ramone was released on his own recognizance.