

WEEKLY DWI REPORT

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Amanda Arviso Aug. 21, 2:06 am Aggravated DWI

A car swerving across the road near Zecca Plaza was called in to Metro Dispatch. Gallup Police Officer Luke Martin was called to investigate. He drove to 3810 E. Hwy. 66.

He found a silver Ford Focus with a suspended registration tag being driven by a woman. He watched it turn onto Miyamura Overpass and followed it to Hasler Valley Road where he conducted a traffic stop.

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Martin met the driver, Amanda Arviso, 31, of Church Rock, N.M. He said she had bloodshot eyes, slurred her speech, and smelled of alcohol. She appeared confused as he spoke to her and only provided her driver's license. There was an open container of Truly brand alcohol in the center console, but Arviso denied drinking anything.

Arviso agreed to take the Standard Field Sobriety Tests, but performed poorly. She was placed under arrest and arranged for a family member to pick up her car before being transported to Gallup Police Department for the breath test. She posted two samples of .19.

She was then taken to McKinley County Adult Detention Center and booked for the aggravated DWI, mandatory financial responsibility, and display of current valid registration plate.

She was released on her own recognizance by Judge Janelle Griego.

Jerry Charley
Aug. 15, 12:25 am
DWI

Gallup Officer Warren Bowannie was in the vicinity of 1500 S. Second St. when he spotted a man urinating next to a Pontiac GrandAm with a six-pack of blue Bud Light bottles next to him. The man then got into the vehicle and headed toward Crazy Joe's Discount Store at 1506 S. Second St. Bowannie followed.

Bowannie conducted a traffic stop and met the driver, Jerry Charley, 46, of Rehoboth, N.M.

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There was a smell of alcohol coming from inside the vehicle, and Charley admitted to having drunk two Bud Lights prior to driving. He exited the vehicle on Bowannie's command. Bowannie said Charley staggered as he walked.

Charley agreed to take the standard field sobriety tests, but then had alternative tests administered after he told Bowannie of an injury that could hinder his attempts. He performed poorly on the tests and was placed under arrest. Family members were contacted to pick up the car and he was taken to the police department for the breath test.

He posted two samples of .05 and was transported to McKinley County Adult Detention Center and booked for DWI, having an open container, duration of evidence, and indecent exposure.

He posted \$500 cash bond.

Henrietta Chee Aug. 16, 1:25 am Aggravated DWI

A woman who said she was running away from people who were trying to kill her and at the same time trying to find her family in Lupton, Ariz., was involved in a car crash near the intersection of Coal Avenue and Highway 66.

Gallup Police Officer Julio Yazzie was dispatched and met another officer at the scene who had already met with driver, Henrietta Chee, 41, of St. Michaels, Ariz. A witness saw Chee pull up to the Ranchito Motel, 1009 W. Coal Ave., get out of her car and go inside.

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Officers determined she was intoxicated and had sustained injuries. So, she was transported to Gallup Indian Medical Center by Med Star, where Yazzie met with her. That's when he heard her say she was fleeing from people who were threatening her life and she was trying to find her family in Lupton, Ariz. She stated she "had enough" and wanted to crash her car.

But then she wanted to see her husband and was refusing treatment until she did.

As she was being treated for her injuries, Yazzie noted Chee smelled of alcohol and she told him she consumed shots from two miniatures of Yukon Jack prior to the crash. She agreed to take the Standard Field Sobriety Tests and was transported to the police department.

Chee performed poorly on the tests and was placed under arrest. She refused to give a breath test, and was carrying a revoked/suspended driver's license. Chee was taken to McKinley County Adult Detention Center and booked for aggravated DWI, careless driving, no license, and an active warrant.

She posted \$300 cash bond and was released on her own recognizance by Judge Janelle Griego.

Dyson Benally
Aug. 15, 2:43 pm
DWI

A man driving a white Dodge passenger car became the focus of Gallup police officers after he

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crashed into a curb near the Walmart at 530 Kachina St.

Officer Vincent Thompson arrived at the scene and met the officers who had arrested Dyson Benally, 33, of Chinle, Ariz. Benally showed signs of being intoxicated including slurred speech, bloodshot eyes, and swaying as he stood. He smelled of alcohol and there was also an open container of Natural Ice in the cupholder of his car.

Benally became unruly, refusing to take the standard field sobriety tests and eventually threatening the officers as he was transported to McKinley County Adult Detention Center. He refused to cooperate with the medical staff at the jail and was taken to Gallup Indian Medical Center for clearance.

Benally remained disorderly with the officers and hospital staff, and was eventually sedated and kept at the hospital for further care. The report stated a court summons was filed.

He was released on his own recognizance by Judge Cynthia Sanders.