

WEEKLY DWI REPORT

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Lucas Bowman
Oct. 18, 10:39 pm
Aggravated DWI (Second)

A driver called the McKinley County Sheriff's Department after seeing a white Chrysler traveling over 100 mph and swerving on the road near Yatahey.

Deputy Johnson Lee responded to the call, but was unable to locate the car. Then as he began traveling south on U.S. Highway 491, he saw a vehicle matching the description driving south at a high rate of speed. Lee followed it as it turned west onto Highway 264 and continued speeding.

The Chrysler failed to maintain its lane and eventually turned onto the shoulder of Sagebrush Liquors without using a signal. Lee pulled over near the vehicle and saw the driver, identified as Lucas Bowman, 23, of Twin Lakes, exit.

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Bowman did not appear to know how fast he was traveling, and admitted to having been drinking while driving as he gave a can of Mike's Hard Lemonade to Lee. After noting signs of intoxication including slurred speech and bloodshot eyes, Lee asked if Bowman would take the Standard Field Sobriety Tests. However, Bowman said he would fail them and declined.

He was placed under arrest for DWI. Bowman agreed to take the breath test and was transported to the sheriff's office, where he posted samples of .19 and .21. Lee then transported him to McKinley County Adult Detention Center where he was booked for his second DWI.

Bowman was released on \$587 cash or surety bond.

Reese Hayes
Oct. 7, 1:43 pm
DWI

A driver pulled up to McKinley County Sheriff's Deputy Terence Willie as he was parked near mile marker 7 on Highway 371 and told him there was a blue Dodge Caravan swerving across the road.

Willie traveled north on Highway 371 and located the suspect vehicle, which was unable to maintain its lane. He pulled the vehicle over for a traffic stop near Mile Marker 12 and met the driver, Reese Hayes, 27, of Yatahey.

Hayes was with several other passengers who were coming from Thoreau. As he spoke, Willie

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noticed a smell of alcohol coming from inside the vehicle and Hayes had bloodshot eyes. After being asked twice, Hayes admitted to consuming 12 ounces of Modelo prior to driving.

He then agreed to take the Standard Field Sobriety Tests. He performed poorly on the tests and was placed under arrest. Willie transported him to the Gallup Police Department after he agreed to the breath test. Hayes posted two samples of .27.

Willie transported Hayes to the Navajo Nation Corrections Department, where he was booked for DWI.

Sonya Lewis
Oct. 16, 4:07 pm
Aggravated DWI

A vehicle collision near Cousins Road in Vanderwagen led to McKinley County Sheriff's Deputy Nocona Clark being dispatched to the area.

The gold Chevrolet Traverse was stuck in a nearby drainage ditch and the driver, Sonya Lewis, 44, of Vanderwagen, was being detained by officers when Clark arrived. Lewis admitted to drinking "too much" Budweiser prior to driving, resulting in the crash. He refused to take the Standard Field Sobriety Tests, and became disorderly as he was placed under arrest.

Clark spoke to a witness at the scene, who said they saw Lewis doing doughnuts in his vehicle near the Vanderwagen Fire Station before leaving at a high speed. However, he soon drove his vehicle into the ditch and the witness heard the crash.

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After being transported to Gallup Police Department, Lewis then refused to give a breath sample. He was taken to McKinley County Adult Detention Center and booked for aggravated DWI with refusal, and having an open container in a vehicle.

Lewis was released on his own recognizance by Judge Virginia Yazzie.

Linda Jim
Oct. 17, 2:46 am
Aggravated DWI

An attempt-to-locate was issued by Metro Dispatch for a blue-green SUV traveling southbound in the northbound lane of U.S. Highway 491.

McKinley County Sheriff's Deputy Jeremy Shirley traveled to the site to search for the vehicle, but did not find it on the highway. He passed a local business and saw a vehicle matching the description parked near a stop sign. Shirley pulled up near the SUV and found the engine was still on and the driver was hunched over the steering wheel.

Shirley opened the driver side door and turned off the vehicle before waking the driver, Linda Jim, 56, of Church Rock, and asking if she was okay. He noted several open containers of Bud Light inside the vehicle and asked Jim if she had been drinking.

Jim said she had consumed alcohol prior to driving and exited the vehicle at his instruction. She declined to take the Standard Field Sobriety Tests and was placed under arrest. After being

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transported to the sheriff's office, Jim took the breath test and posted two samples of .17.

She was then taken to McKinley County Adult Detention Center and booked for aggravated DWI and having an open container.

Jim was released on her own recognizance by Judge Robert Ionta.