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Sheldon Wally Nov. 12, 10:52 pm DWI

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A vehicle crash near the 7-mile marker of Highway 122 in Thoreau was called into Metro Dispatch. McKinley County Sheriff's Deputies Dewayne Holder and Harland Soseeah were dispatched to the scene.

A bronze Ford Focus with heavy damage was stuck in a barrier fence between the frontage road and Interstate 40. The calling party informed deputies the two vehicle occupants were sitting on the shoulder of the road and said the driver, identified as Sheldon Wally, 28, of Crownpoint, had exited the vehicle first.

Holder spoke with Wally, who admitted he had been drinking prior to driving. When asked to stand up, Wally had difficulty doing so. As Holder escorted him to his unit, he saw Wally showed signs of being intoxicated, including bloodshot eyes, smelling of alcohol, and slurred speech.

Wally refused to take the Standard Field Sobriety Tests and was placed under arrest for DWI. Holder checked inside the vehicle and found an open container of peach Crown Royal liquor on the floorboard. Both occupants were transported to Gallup Indian Medical Center for clearance.

Holder transported Wally to the sheriff's office after he agreed to give a breath sample. He posted results of .21 and .22. Holder also learned that Wally had an active warrant from Gallup Municipal Court.

Wally was taken to McKinley County Adult Detention Center and booked for DWI, no license, an open container, roadways laned for traffic, and duty strike fixture, as well as the warrant.

Wally is in custody on a \$500 cash or surety bond.

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

A silver Ford Focus bearing a suspended registration tag was called in to Metro Dispatch. The caller believed the woman could be intoxicated. Gallup Police Officer Luke Martin was dispatched to the scene near 3810 E. Hwy. 66.

Martin was advised by a public service officer the car was swerving across the road near Zecca Plaza, and Martin saw it turn onto Miyamura Overpass. He followed the vehicle onto Hasler Valley Road, where he conducted a traffic stop.

He met the driver, Amanda Arviso, 31, of Church Rock, whom he observed had bloodshot eyes, slurred 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 Standard Field Sobriety Tests, but performed poorly. She was placed under arrest and was transported to Gallup Police Department for a breath test. She posted two samples of .19.

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

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

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Tyrell Alcott Aug. 21, 1:53 am Aggravated DWI

An altercation near Flame of Fire Ministries was overheard by Gallup Police Officer Julio Yazzie, who traveled to the scene and found a white Toyota driving slowly near a female who was refusing to get inside.

Yazzie activated his unit's emergency lights and followed the car onto Tenth Street, where it stopped and he met the driver, Tyrell Alcott, 21, of Gallup, whom Yazzie noted had bloodshot eyes and was moving slowly. Alcott said his girlfriend wanted her wallet back, which was why she was next to the Toyota.

Alcott admitted having two drinks about two hours prior to driving, while Yazzie noted a strong smell of alcohol coming from inside the car. He asked Alcott if he would perform the Standard Field Sobriety Tests and he agreed.

Alcott performed poorly on the tests and was placed under arrest. He refused to give a breath sample. He was then transported to McKinley County Adult Detention Center and booked for aggravated DWI and having no license.

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

Charla Tyler Aug. 8, 5:59 pm Aggravated DWI

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A white passenger car was parked in the median of U.S. Highway 491, where callers to Metro Dispatch said it had struck a light pole on the turn signal near Metro Avenue. Those callers also reported a female passed out in the driver seat.

Gallup Police Officer Matthew Strandy arrived at the scene and found the car, a Chevrolet Cruz, with heavy damage to its front bumper. A McKinley County Sheriff's Officer met Strandy and said he had spoken with the driver, identified as Charla Lynn Tyler, 43, of Fort Wingate, Ariz., whom he had found asleep at the wheel. Once he had awakened her and she exited the vehicle, Tyler appeared to stagger. Her eyes were bloodshot and her speech was slurred.

Medical staff evaluated Tyler at the scene when Strandy spoke with her. At first she seemed uncooperative, but she began telling him how she ended up there. As she spoke, Strandy verified the signs of intoxication, also noting that she smelled of alcohol.

Tyler admitted to drinking a 24-oz. can of Bud Light earlier in the day before she agreed to take the Standard Field Sobriety Tests. She began the tests, but soon stopped and refused to continue. She was placed under arrest and agreed to give a breath test. She posted results of .27 and .28.

After receiving medical treatment from Gallup Indian Medical Center, Tyler was transported to McKinley County Adult Detention Center and booked for aggravated DWI.

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

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Randall Tom Aug. 8, 12:42 am Aggravated DWI

Gallup Police Officer Warren Bowannie was leaving the detention center when he saw a dark passenger car enter the intersection of Mine Run Road and Highway 66, where the driver turned on the hazard lights and exited the vehicle.

Bowannie approached the blue Chevy Cruz and saw the driver begin to walk toward him with a flashlight. The driver staggered as he walked and began asking what was happening. He was identified as Randall Tom, 43, of Pinehill, N.M., and Bowannie noted he smelled of alcohol, had bloodshot eyes, and slurred his speech.

Tom said he was coming from his aunt's house, and Bowannie told him he would have to perform the Standard Field Sobriety Tests to see if he was able to drive. Tom refused to take the tests, but did consent to the breath test after being placed under arrest. Afterward, Bowannie found numerous open containers of different alcoholic beverages in Tom's vehicle.

Once he was taken to Gallup Police Department, Tom refused to give a breath sample.

He was taken to Gallup Indian Medical Center for clearance, after which he was taken to McKinley County Adult Detention Center and booked for aggravated DWI, open container, and a suspended license.

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