Featured DWI

Derrick Tso Yazzie

May 20, 1:38 pm

DWI (Fourth)

A wrong way driver nearly collided with the trailer for a community cleanup in Mentmore, leading to Derrick Yazzie, 39, of Mentmore, being arrested for his fourth DWI.

McKinley County Undersheriff James Maiorano III issued a call for assistance with the driver on Mentmore Road from Highway 602, which was received by Deputy Eric Jim. Maiorano informed Jim that the driver, Yazzie, came around the corner and nearly collided with their trailer. Yazzie's vehicle continued the wrong way on the road before coming to a stop in the middle of

the road.

Jim met with Yazzie after speaking with Maiorano, who said Yazzie admitted to consuming two bottles of Dos Equis prior to driving. As he spoke to Yazzie, Jim noted several signs of intoxication, including bloodshot eyes and the smell of alcohol coming from his person. Yazzie said he was coming from Utemore, which he said was south of Gallup, and heading towards his home in Mentmore.

Yazzie said he consumed one-and-a-half bottles of Dos Equis before driving and he agreed to take the Standard Field Sobriety Tests. He performed poorly on the tests and was placed under arrest. Yazzie gave a breath sample but the results read as .00 on multiple tests and he was transported to Rehoboth McKinley Christian Hospital for a blood draw.

Following the blood draw and receiving medical clearance, Yazzie was transported to the county jail and booked for DWI, failure to maintain traffic lane, and driving with a suspended license. His preliminary examination was on June 8.

Name: Lemuel James

Age: 24 **Arrested:** May 27

Charge: Aggravated DWI

Status: Pre-trial hearing on June 28