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GPD Officer Terrance Peyketewa was dispatched to the Dollar Tree plaza for a hit-and-run involving a gray Ford Escape. Upon arrival, a witness told him she'd seen the Ford back into unoccupied vehicles and then park. Upon investigating the vehicle, the officer found a male slouched in the driver's seat.

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Platero, 24, reportedly held an aerosol dusting spray can. He was slurring as he spoke, seemed dazed and confused, and claimed to black out when he huffs; there were two more spray cans in the car. Platero had no alcohol in his system. He was arrested and booked in the county jail.

Virgil Pinto

May 9, 4:46 pm

2nd DWI, Aggravated

Driving up to the Rio West Mall in response to an auto crash, Peyketewa noticed a Chrysler PT, with front-end damage, stopped in the middle of the road without a driver. According to the police report, the victim of the incident claimed a male crashed into her car, running east as the officer arrived.

Peyketewa noticed a man walking quickly toward Lotaburger. Pinto, 38, was reportedly breathing heavily and held Chrysler keys. The victim identified him as the driver. He failed the field sobriety tests. Pinto was arrested; he refused to submit to a breath test.

Derrick Sarracino

Jan. 14, 3:12 pm

Aggravated DWI

Running a stop sign at Park and Fourth alerted GPD Sgt. Benny Gaona to Sarracino. Once

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pulled over, Gaona noted in his report that he could smell the "strong odor of an intoxicating beverage on his breath" and bloodshot, watery eyes. Upon exiting the vehicle, Sarracino, 35, was given a breath test, and blew a .20, more than double the legal limit of .08, earning him the aggravated DWI status.

Garrilyn S. Begay

Jan. 22, 11:34 pm

Aggravated DWI

According to Officer Jessie Diaz's report, combined police and eyewitness accounts led to the arrest of Begay for DWI, careless driving, among other charges. She had allegedly struck some parked cars at 107 E. Aztec. While Diaz noticed the signs of intoxication, such as bloodshot, watery eyes, slurred speech, and the smell of alcohol coming off her breath as she spoke to the officer – she denied drinking.

Begay, 20, didn't fare well on the field sobriety tests, and blew a .24 and .23 during the breath tests.