

Woman runs over another woman while trying to leave bar

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A woman was arrested after she ran over another woman's legs while she was trying to leave the Sports Page Lounge.

On July 10, around 12:42 am, Gallup Police Officer Elijah Bowman was dispatched to the Sports Page Lounge, 1400 S. Second St., in reference to a pedestrian being struck by a car.

When he arrived at the scene, Bowman met with the female victim first. She was laying down on the ground in front of the business, and she said her legs were hurting. Medical personnel were called in to check her over.

After he checked in with the victim, Bowman approached a white Chevrolet Silverado, which was backed into a gray pickup truck. He asked the driver, who was later identified as Elaine Sherman, to get out of her vehicle.

According to Bowman's report, Sherman, 49, said she'd been drinking, but that she didn't consume "too much."

Sherman said she'd told the victim to get out of the way, but that the victim had continued to hold onto her truck's driver's side mirror, and she refused to move even though Sherman was trying to back up. She said the victim also tried to climb into her truck while she was trying to back out.

Sherman admitted that she had been the one driving, and she eventually told Bowman that

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she'd had four bottles of Bud Light around 6 pm that night. According to his report, Bowman could smell alcohol wafting from Sherman.

When asked if she was willing to do a Standardized Field Sobriety Test, Sherman said she knew she would fail the test. However, she eventually agreed to do the test. She ended up failing all of the tests.

After she failed the Field Sobriety Test, Bowman placed Sherman in the back of his patrol car with handcuffs on her wrists.

Two witnesses told Bowman that the victim had been dancing outside of Sports Page when Sherman was trying to leave. One witness said that the victim was walking alongside Sherman's truck when she turned the wheel to back up, and she backed up into the victim. The victim fell, and Sherman backed up on top of her.

The other witness said the victim had been hanging onto Sherman's truck when she was trying to back out, and the victim ended up tripping, which led to her leg being pinned underneath one of the truck's tires.

Bowman drove Sherman to the Gallup Police Department, where she gave two breath samples of 0.14. After the breath test, he drove her to the McKinley County Adult Detention Center, where she was charged with one count of driving with a suspended license and one count of causing great bodily harm by vehicle.

Sherman's preliminary hearing is scheduled for July 20.

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