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Artencio Lynch

May 11, 11:42 pm

Aggravated DWI (Fourth)

Failure to use turn signals led to Artencio Lynch, 36, of Gallup, being pulled over and arrested for his fourth DWI.

Gallup Officer Julio Yazzie was on saturation patrol near South Second Street and Nizhoni Boulevard when he saw a brown Kia Spectra driving southbound looking ready to pull off into the Family Dollar lot east of the road. However, the vehicle did not use its turn signal as it merged into the left lane, paused for a moment, and then merged back into the right lane without signaling.

Yazzie followed the vehicle as it continued south on Second Street across the Highway 602 intersection and eventually stopped and parked incorrectly in the lot of Continental Divide Electric Cooperative at 2500 Hwy. 602 where Yazzie conducted the traffic stop.

The driver, Lynch, exited the vehicle and told Yazzie he was okay. However, he did not have any of the requested documentation aside from a New Mexico ID. Lynch said he had not consumed any drinks prior to driving, but reportedly was swaying as he stood in place.

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Lynch agreed to take the Standard Field Sobriety Tests. He did not follow directions at first, but then he performed poorly on the tests when he was able to complete them.. Based on his investigation, Yazzie determined Lynch was too impaired to drive a vehicle and placed him under arrest. After doing so, Yazzie was advised by Metro Dispatch that Lynch had an active warrant for his arrest and a blood draw would be necessary.

The warrant was signed by District Court Judge Louis E. Depauli. After the blood draw was completed at Rehoboth McKinley Christian Health Care Services, Lynch was transported to the McKinley County Detention Center and booked for aggravated DWI (fourth), driving with a suspended license, turning without signalling, as well as the active warrant. A pretrial conference is set for Oct. 31.

Name: Jennifer Thornburg

Age: 40

Arrested: July 23

Charge: Aggravated DWI (misdemeanor)

Status: Motion hearing on Oct. 25

Name: Ivan Yazzie

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Age: 39

Arrested: July 9

Charge: Aggravated DWI

Status: Motion hearing on Nov. 3

Name: Colin Gibson

Age: 30

Arrested: July 15

Charge: DWI

Status: Motion hearing on Oct. 11

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Name: Lee Begay

Age: 50

Arrested: May 20

Charge: DWI

Status: Bond forfeiture hearing on Oct. 17

Name: John Adrian Cardona

Age: 32

Arrested: April 21

Charge: Aggravated DWI (Second)

Status: Sentenced on Aug. 19 with fees, fine, interlock; compliance hearing on Oct. 26

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Name: Derrick Paul Jameson

Age: 26

Arrested: April 22

Charge: Aggravated DWI (Second)

Status: Final pre-trial hearing on Oct. 19