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Featured DWI

Brett Louis

Aug. 28, 4:38 am

Aggravated DWI (Third)

Gallup Police stopped a vehicle that was speeding and swerving across the road, which led to Brett Louis, 26, of Gallup, being charged with his third DWI.

Officer Aaron Marquez was patrolling eastbound on Maloney Avenue when he saw a white Lexus GS3 driving east and swerving in and out of the median. The vehicle reportedly spun out trying to do a U-turn at the intersection of Maloney Avenue and McKinley Drive.

However, the suspect vehicle then fled westbound on Maloney Avenue. Marquez pursued the vehicle, which the report states was traveling about 65 mph in a 35-mph zone and caused other vehicles to swerve out of the road. The GS3 eventually pulled off onto First Street, where it reportedly nearly struck the curb and a stop sign before coming to a stop.

Marquez pulled up behind the vehicle and ordered the driver to exit. The driver did so and was identified as Louis. As he instructed him to walk towards him, Marquez noted Louis seemed

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confused by the directions and swayed while he walked toward him.

Officers arrived at the scene and detained Louis while Marquez searched his vehicle, where he found open and empty containers of Voodoo Ranger IPA, Corona, and Modelo.

Marquez questioned Louis about his driving, during which he saw Louis exhibit signs of intoxication including slurred speech, bloodshot eyes, and smelling of alcohol. Louis did not respond to Marquez's questions, reportedly continuing to complain the handcuffs were too tight and wanting to make a phone call. His actions were taken as a refusal to give a breath sample and perform the Standard Field Sobriety Tests and he was placed under arrest.

Metro Dispatch advised Marquez that Louis' license had been revoked and the insurance for the vehicle was suspended. Louis was transported to McKinley County Adult Detention Center and booked for aggravated DWI (third); resisting, evading, or obstructing an officer; driving with a suspended license; speeding; roadways laned for traffic; and failure to stop or yield. His arraignment hearing is set for Oct. 17.

Name: Tina Calavaza

Age: 44

Arrested: Aug. 5

Charge: Aggravated DWI

Status: Pre-trial hearing on Oct. 20

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Name: Harris Harvey

Age: 45

Arrested: June 14

Charge: Aggravated DWI

Status: Final pre-trial hearing on Oct. 27

Name: Kendrick Wheeler

Age: 21

Arrested: June 15

Charge: DWI

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Status: Plea & disposition hearing on Oct. 12

Name: Isaiah Nelson

Age: 33

Arrested: June 18

Charge: DWI

Status: Final pre-trial hearing on Oct. 27

Name: Walt Silversmith

Age: 37

Arrested: June 19

Charge: DWI

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Status: Final pre-trial hearing on Nov. 15

Name: Roger Kee

Age: 32

Arrested: June 23

Charge: Aggravated DWI

Status: Bench warrant issued Sept. 15