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WEAVING THROUGH CONSTRUCTION

Gallup, Oct. 25

McKinley County Deputy Brandon Salazar was trying to get a driver named Katerri Vigil to stop her vehicle after she reportedly committed multiple traffic violations around 11:45 am on Oct. 25.

According to Salazar's report, Vigil, 24, failed to stop at multiple stop signs near Draco Street in Gamerco, and she was also speeding. He tried to get her to pull over near the 700 block of Draco Street, but she continued onto North Chino Loop and then drove onto U.S. Highway 491.

Vigil headed south toward Gallup, reportedly going as fast as 90 miles per hour. Salazar ended his initial chase of the vehicle near the intersection of U.S. Highway 491 and South Chino Loop.

However, Vigil kept driving. She entered a construction zone, in which she allegedly weaved in

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and out of the orange barrels and around construction workers. The construction workers had to jump out of her way to avoid getting hit.

Once Salazar was able to get past the construction zone, he resumed chasing Vigil. He was finally able to catch up with her when she pulled into a Walmart parking lot. But Vigil was still trying to get away, and she jumped out of the vehicle while Salazar told her to stop.

Other deputies arrived and helped get Vigil in handcuffs. Vigil was charged with seven counts of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon for weaving through the construction zone, one count of aggravated fleeing, one count of reckless driving, and leaving the scene of an accident. Her preliminary examination is scheduled for Nov. 9.

TWO CARTS

Gallup, Oct. 25

A woman tried to get away with shoplifting from a Walmart by using two carts.

On Oct. 25, around 11:15 pm, Gallup Police Officer Ryan Boucher was dispatched to the Walmart at 1650 W. Maloney Ave. when a woman named Vanessa Crosby was caught shoplifting.

When Boucher arrived at the store, he met with the store manager, who said he saw Crosby, 32, and a young girl bagging some items while they were shopping. While he watched the security cameras, the manager reportedly saw Crosby place a full cart against a wall close to the exit.

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She then paid for separate items, but began to leave the store with both carts. Crosby was pushing the cart of unpaid items and the young girl was pushing the cart with paid items.

When the manager confronted Crosby, she gave him a receipt for the items in the cart, and while some of the items did match the items in her cart, the manager said he noticed a few items did not match. He also noticed that the receipt Crosby had given him was dated Oct 22.

Crosby eventually admitted she didn't pay for the items. In total, Crosby stole a about \$514.

Crosby was arrested for shoplifting. On Oct. 27 her case was dismissed without prejudice.

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