













Featured DWI

Thomas Brown

Nov. 3, 9:08 pm

DWI (Eighth)

Reckless driving led to a Gallup man, Thomas Brown, 62, being arrested and charged with the latest in a lengthy list of DWIs.

Metro Dispatch advised of a black Chevrolet pickup that was in the median of the intersection near Mollica Drive and Highway 66. Gallup Police Officer Christopher Dawes responded to the call and was advised the suspect vehicle was traveling eastbound on Highway 66. Dawes was near Family Dollar at 2800 E. Hwy. 66 when he saw a pickup matching the description of the suspect vehicle and began following it.

The pickup slowed down before driving onto the sidewalk and pulling into the parking lot of the New Mexico Food Stamp Office at 3006 E. Hwy. 66. Dawes pulled behind the pickup and conducted a traffic stop. He met the driver, Brown, and began speaking with him about the stop.

Dawes noted several open containers of 99 Bananas in the middle console along with a strong

smell of alcohol inside the vehicle. Brown reportedly showed signs of intoxication including bloodshot eyes, slurred speech, and smelling of alcohol.

Brown exited the vehicle on Dawes' command and told him he was heading home. He admitted he drank an unspecified number of alcoholic beverages before agreeing to take the Standard Field Sobriety Tests. Brown performed poorly on the tests and was placed under arrest for DWI.

Dawes checked Brown's vehicle once more and reportedly found three closed containers of 99 Bananas in addition to the open containers. Metro Dispatch then advised Dawes that Brown had 13 prior DWI convictions in total. As a result, Dawes obtained a blood warrant signed by Magistrate Judge Virginia Yazzie before transporting Brown to Rehoboth McKinley Christian Health Care Services for the blood draw.

Once the draw concluded, Brown was transported to McKinley County Adult Detention Center and booked for DWI (eighth or above), improper turning at intersection, and open container. His arraignment hearing is set for Jan. 23.

Name: Brittany Billie

Age: 25

Arrested: Dec. 20

Charge: Aggravated DWI (Second)

Status: Status hearing on Jan. 24

Name: Yvette Joe

Age: 36

Arrested: Dec. 13

Charge: Aggravated DWI

Status: Motion hearing on March 7

Name: Carlyle Cooke

Age: 39

Arrested: Dec. 11

Charge: DWI

Status: Pre-trial hearing on Feb. 2

Name: Misaiah Jones

Age: 28

Arrested: Dec. 8

Charge: Aggravated DWI (second)

Status: Motion hearing on Feb. 28

Name: Kami Gaddy

Age: 35

Arrested: Dec. 1

Charge: Aggravated DWI

Status: Motion hearing on Feb. 28

Name: Tyrick Quetawki

Age: 41

Arrested: Nov. 25

Charge: Aggravated DWI

Status: Motion hearing on March 16

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