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### Featured DWI

#### Dwayne Cooke

Jan. 27, 2:16 pm

#### Aggravated DWI (Third)

Gallup Police were notified of a vehicle with a driver passed out near a local business. The driver, Dwayne Cooke, 40, of Navajo, was eventually arrested and charged with his third DWI.

Officer Daniel Brown was on patrol when Metro Dispatch advised him of a tan Ford pickup truck parked at the intersection of North Seventh Street and Maloney Avenue with a driver who was reportedly “down and out.” Brown arrived at the scene and found the suspect vehicle on and running, blocking the northbound lane.

Brown approached the driver side door and saw a male, Cooke, slouched over and seemingly asleep at the wheel. He knocked on the window and Cooke woke up. Upon asking Cooke to open the window for a welfare check, Brown quickly noted a strong smell of alcohol coming from inside the vehicle and a quarter-empty bottle of Southern Comfort 100 proof was reportedly on the seat next to Cooke. The report also listed bloodshot eyes and a “blank look” on Cooke’s face as signs of intoxication.

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After stepping out of the truck, Cooke allegedly told Brown he had consumed a 6-pack of Budweiser about 16 hours prior to driving. He stated he was driving back to Navajo and that he knew he was driving drunk. Cooke then reportedly refused to take the Standard Field Sobriety Tests because he knew he was “messed up.”

Based on the investigation and Cooke’s answers, Brown placed him under arrest for DWI. The truck was towed, during which Brown reportedly learned Cooke’s insurance was suspended, and Cooke was taken to Gallup Police Department for the breath test, where he posted samples of .29 and .27.

He was booked for aggravated DWI (third), stopping in prohibited places, open container, and no insurance. His pre-trial hearing is set for Feb. 21.

**Name:** Jonah Dayea

**Age:** 45

**Arrested:** Jan. 3

**Charge:** Aggravated DWI (Second)

**Status:** Motion hearing on May 2

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**Name:** Brittany Billie

**Age:** 25

**Arrested:** Dec. 20

**Charge:** Aggravated DWI (Second)

**Status:** Motion hearing on March 14

**Name:** Victoria Wilson

**Age:** 29

**Arrested:** Dec. 17

**Charge:** Aggravated DWI

**Status:** Motion hearing on March 14

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**Name:** Yvette Joe

**Age:** 36

**Arrested:** Dec. 13

**Charge:** Aggravated DWI

**Status:** Motion hearing on March 7

**Name:** Terry Nelson

**Age:** 52

**Arrested:** Dec. 4

**Charge:** Aggravated DWI (Second)

**Status:** Motion hearing on Feb. 28

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**Name:** Mark Skeet

**Age:** 29

**Arrested:** Dec. 3

**Charge:** Aggravated DWI (Second)

**Status:** Motion hearing on March 23

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