

Man leaves the scene of an accident after hitting vehicle

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A man was charged with aggravated assault and a few other charges after he drove into another vehicle at a local gas station.

On March 30, around 8:15 pm, Gallup Police Officer Charlie Watkins was dispatched to a car crash at the Speedway gas station located at 2654 E. Hwy. 66.

When he arrived at the scene, he met with the woman who called Metro Dispatch. She explained that Jason Wilson, 29, had taken her pick-up truck without permission. She said she found him at the Duke City gas station, and that's where he hit her car. The woman also said that Wilson is a drug user.

According to his report, Watkins approached the Ford F-150 that Wilson had reportedly stolen. He met with Wilson and asked him what was going on. Wilson said he was scared, and then he pointed at the red car the woman was driving and said "they" were following him. He said he didn't know why they were following him.

While Watkins was talking to Wilson, he noticed that the man was very jumpy and jittery. He also saw that there was a pack of Budweiser and two cans in the backseat of the car.

Watkins asked Metro Dispatch for backup, and Officer Vincent Thompson arrived shortly after and conducted a DWI Investigation on Wilson. The results of the Standardized Field Test showed that Wilson was not drunk.

While Thompson spoke to Wilson, Watkins spoke to the victim. She explained what had

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happened at the Duke City gas station, saying she saw Wilson at the gas station and she drove up in front of him. She was exiting her vehicle when Wilson drove into the side of it, hitting the driver's side rear door and the fender.

After hitting the car, he allegedly drove off, heading east on Highway 66 and then pulling into the Speedway gas station, where he reportedly ran out of gas.

According to Watkins's report, he did notice red paint on the bumper of the car Wilson was driving.

While the officers were trying to place Wilson in handcuffs, he began to pull away and would not give Watkins his hands. He grabbed his own wrists and wouldn't let go. He even tried grabbing Watkins's wrists.

Watkins was finally able to get Wilson in handcuffs and placed him in the back of his patrol vehicle. That's when Thompson informed Watkins that Wilson's license was suspended.

Wilson was charged with aggravated assault, resisting arrest, leaving the scene of an accident, and driving while license is suspended. His preliminary hearing is scheduled for April 19.

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