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Featured DWI

Marcia Whitehorse

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Aggravated DWI (Third)

A Smith Lake driver, Marcia Whitehorse, 39, tried to pass through a DWI Task Force checkpoint and ended up being arrested and charged with her third DWI.

New Mexico State Police Officer Joe Roanhorse was working a McKinley County Task Force Checkpoint near mile marker 5.5 of Highway 371 in Thoreau. A white Toyota Yaris pulled into the checkpoint, and when Roanhorse went to speak to the driver he reportedly noticed the odor of an intoxicating liquor in the vehicle.

Roanhorse also noted an open container of Budweiser behind the front passenger seat. The driver, Whitehorse, produced a New Mexico ID, at which point she was told to exit the vehicle.

Whitehorse reportedly admitted to consuming a 24 oz. can of Budweiser, then stated she only had half of the can prior to driving. She showed further signs of intoxication, including smelling of alcohol and slurred speech.

She agreed to take the Standard Field Sobriety Tests. However, she performed poorly on the tests and was deemed too impaired to safely operate a vehicle. Whitehorse was placed under arrest.

While searching the vehicle, Roanhorse located a half-empty 12 oz. can of Budweiser.

Whitehorse was transported to the New Mexico State Police Office for the breath test, where she posted two samples of .18. She was then transported to McKinley County Adult Detention Center and booked for aggravated DWI (third), driving with suspended/revoked license, open container, no insurance and expired registration.

Her motion hearing is set for Nov. 9

Name: Myron Chee

Age: 35

Arrested: Aug. 10

Charge: Aggravated DWI

Status: Pretrial hearing on Oct. 17

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Name: Ethan Litsuie

Age: 31

Arrested: June 21

Charge: Aggravated DWI

Status: Motion hearing on Oct. 17

Name: Jonathan Alec Long

Age: 24

Arrested: June 17

Charge: DWI

Status: Motion hearing on Oct. 17

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Name: Alton Cowboy

Age: 54

Arrested: June 17

Charge: Aggravated DWI

Status: Motion hearing on Oct. 10

Name: Ernie James Begay

Age: 51

Arrested: June 2

Charge: Aggravated DWI

Status: Motion hearing on Oct. 10

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Name: Kyle Chee

Age: 22

Arrested: May 20

Charge: Aggravated DWI (Second)

Status: Final pretrial hearing on Sept. 28

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