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Featured DWI

Shayna Nez

Nov. 11, 2:40 pm

Aggravated DWI (Third)

A Tohatchi woman, Shayna Nez, 31, was sought for a public indecency call and eventually arrested and charged with her third DWI.

McKinley County Sheriff's Deputy Jacob Valle was dispatched to the Gallup Flea Market at 120 Hwy. 608 after Metro Dispatch advised of the suspect driving a gray SUV. Valle arrived at the scene and drove past a gray Buick Encore with a matching license plate in the parking lot.

Valle pulled behind the vehicle after it parked and met the driver, Nez. She stated she was driving from "down the road" back to her home in Tohatchi. While speaking to her, Valle reportedly observed Nez display signs of intoxication including slurred speech, bloodshot eyes, and smelling of alcohol.

Nez denied consuming any alcohol prior to driving and agreed to take the Standard Field Sobriety Tests. She was given alternative tests after stating she was unable to do the walk and turn. Nez performed poorly on the tests and a search of her vehicle showed 11 miniature bottles

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of Yukon Jack, 3 miniatures of 99 Proof Grapes, and multiple open containers of Santa Fe Brewing Co. beer and IPA Voodoo Ranger craft beer.

Based on his investigation, Valle placed Nez under arrested. She reportedly refused to give a breath sample before being transported to McKinley County Adult Detention Center and booked for aggravated DWI (third) and open container. Her pretrial hearing is set for Dec. 12.

Name: Byron Begaye

Age: 32

Arrested: Nov. 12

Charge: Aggravated DWI

Status: Pretrial hearing on Dec. 14

Name: Rydell Jake

Age: 44

Arrested: Nov. 11

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Charge: Aggravated DWI

Status: Pretrial hearing on Dec. 19

Name: Austin Evans

Age: 25

Arrested: June 22

Charge: DWI (Second)

Status: Convicted, sentenced to community service on Nov. 14

Name: Ethan Litsuie

Age: 31

Arrested: June 21

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Charge: Aggravated DWI

Status: Agreed to pay fines, attend DWI school on Nov. 3

Name: Duane Justin Francisco

Age: 38

Arrested: June 29

Charge: Aggravated DWI (Third)

Status: Failed to appear in court on Nov. 2, warrant issued

Name: Jonathan Alec Long

Age: 24

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Arrested: June 17

Charge: DWI

Status: Convicted, sentenced to community service on Nov. 14

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