

Weekly DWI Report

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Austin Evans

June 22, 5:14 pm

DWI (Third)

A Gallup man, Austin Evans, 25, sustained minor injuries in a vehicle crash that resulted in his third DWI charge.

Gallup Officer Elijah Bowman was dispatched to 1414 S. Grandview Dr. after a caller reported to Metro Dispatch they saw a gray truck collide with another vehicle at the scene. Bowman arrived and found a Ford Escape in the roadway facing south with heavy front-end damage.

Bowman met Officer Julio Yazzie, who advised the vehicle's driver, Evans, was reportedly refusing treatment from Medstar staff. Bowman heard Evans speaking at the scene, where he reportedly showed signs of intoxication including slurred speech and bloodshot eyes.

While being questioned by Bowman, Evans denied consuming any alcohol prior to driving and stated he was driving to work. He also reportedly showed several minor "scraps on his person." He initially refused to take the Standard Field Sobriety Tests but then agreed to take them after being told he would be placed under arrest.

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However, Evans performed poorly on the tests. He then allegedly stated he smoked about a gram of marijuana prior to driving.

Bowman placed Evans under arrest, after which he also refused to give a breath sample. Evans was transported to a local hospital for medical clearance before being transported to McKinley County Adult Detention Center and booked for DWI (third) and driving with a revoked license.

He was sentenced on Nov. 28 to complete a substance abuse treatment program, have an interlock device installed in his vehicle, and pay over \$700 in fines.

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