

DWI driver hits chopper, jailed

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A Gallup man remained jailed at the McKinley County Adult Detention Center Oct. 27 on aggravated DWI; accident involving a damaged vehicle; and consuming and possessing alcohol in a motor vehicle charges, according to a police report.

Glenn Livingston, 27, sped through an accident scene at about 2 am on Oct. 24, severely damaging a Gallup Med Flight helicopter and rear-ended a fire and rescue mobile unit, Deputy Christopher Tsosie of the McKinley County Sheriff's Office wrote in a police report on the matter.

Tsosie noted that Livingston was driving southbound in an SUV at a high rate of speed along N.M. 566, near mile-marker 5. Livingston went through a barricade and hit the left side of a helicopter, causing the helicopter to turn halfway over, the report states.

"The helicopter was not running and its propellers were not spinning at the time," Tsosie recorded.

According to the report, the 2014 black Jeep that Livingston was driving sustained front-end

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damages and the vehicle's driver's side air bags deployed.

Tsosie noted that Livingston had slurred speech and an intoxicating odor coming from his breath when an interview was attempted. Livingston declined medical treatment at the scene.

There was no mention of damage estimates to either of the vehicles involved in the incident, according to Tsosie's police report.

The helicopter initially landed to transport a patient to Albuquerque who was involved in an earlier vehicular accident along Navajo Route 11 near Pinedale, Tsosie said. The MCSO and the Fort Wingate Volunteer Fire Department had set up road barricades to assist with air transport.

The speed limit along the stretch of N.M. 566 where the crash occurred is 55 mph.

There was no attorney listed in jail records for Livingston.

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