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The legal limit is .08

Larrack Begay

Feb. 20, 1:30 am

5th DWI, Aggravated

Begay was pulled over near the Motel 6 on West Hwy 66 for driving without headlights on. MCSO Deputy Arnold Noriega could smell booze coming from the interior of the vehicle.

According to the report, Noriega asked Begay how much he had to drink, in which he replied, "too much."

When asked whether he wanted to take the field sobriety tests, Begay responded: "just take me to jail."

Noriega noted in the report that he had to place a spit mask on Begay as he became combative and began to spit, kick and yell. He even reportedly kicked another deputy in the arm.

He blew a .21 and .20 during the breath tests and faces additional charged of battery on a peace officer.

Luanna Bahe

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Feb. 7, 2:58 am

5th DWI, Aggravated

A Gallup female with four prior DWI's was arrested and jailed again Feb. 7 after being stopped on the east side of town for the same offense – plus another violation.

Gallup police officer Andrew Thayer recorded in a police report that Louanna Bahe, 34, “knowingly drove (on Boyd Drive) while intoxicated and with a revoked driver’s license due to a previous DWI conviction from the city of Gallup.” The traffic stop was made at 2:58 am.

Thayer wrote that Bahe was behind the wheel of a Mercury Mountaineer near the intersection of Boyd Avenue and Bortot Drive and was swerving. Bahe made at least one turn onto Patton Drive from Boyd and did not stop, the police report states.

Thayer noted in the report that Bahe had red watery eyes, reeked of alcohol and had slurred speech at the point of the traffic stop. Bahe told Thayer that she consumed “shots” about a half-hour before driving.

Bahe’s license was revoked due to the prior DWIs, according to the police report. Bahe refused standardized field sobriety tests, Thayer recorded. She later blew a 0.24 into an Intoxilyzer.

Bahe, an employee at Loves truck stop on Gallup’s west end, was released from the McKinley County Adult Detention Center Feb. 15 on a \$5,000 bond amount. She was charged with driving under the influence and driving on a suspended or revoked driver’s license.

As part of a pre-trial release program, Bahe must wear an ankle monitor which measures alcohol consumption. **B.Dotson**

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Christopher James Holgate

Feb. 6, 11:18 pm

Aggravated DWI

Gallup Police Department Officer Daniel Brown pulled Holgate over on I-40 for driving with no headlights on. According to the report, Colgate had refused to initially stop for the officer, but did so eventually.

Brown could smell alcohol coming from the vehicle, and noted that Holgate had bloodshot, watery eyes. Officer Harland Soseeah arrived on scene and conducted field sobriety tests with Holgate, who admitted to having a couple of drinks earlier.

But, Holgate, 33, refused to take the field sobriety tests, as well as the breath tests. He demanded that his attorney be present, and that he wanted a blood draw. His refusal resulted in the aggravated DWI. He was also cited for no insurance and no headlamps.

Charles Saucedo, Jr.

Jan. 29, 10:38 pm

Aggravated DWI

The search for an alleged trespass offender led to the arrest of Saucedo. Saucedo was seen leaving the Chaparral Mobile Home Trailer Park in an older model white Buick sedan. GPD Officer Francis Collins caught up with Saucedo in the parking lot of Desert Skies Motel.

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Saucedo explained that he picked up his girlfriend from the area. But the report quickly shifts to Collins observation of Saucedo, who appeared intoxicated. The officer administered field sobriety tests, which Saucedo, 45, failed. He refused to take the breath tests, resulting in an aggravated DWI

Norman Chee

Jan. 28, 7:36 pm

Aggravated DWI

Chee was driving without any headlights on when GPD Officer Chaz Troncoso spotted him traveling northbound on Second Street. He signaled Chee to stop, who seemingly ignored the flashing berries, but eventually pulled over in front of Curves in downtown Gallup.

As Troncoso approached him, he noticed that Chee had bloodshot, watery eyes and reeked of booze. Chee, 63, giving away a slight slur, agreed to take field sobriety tests.

He didn't fare well during the tests, and blew a .16 and .15 during the breath tests.

Darren Ray Thomas

Nov. 16, 11:53 am

Aggravated DWI

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Thomas became the focus of an “attempt to locate” call sent out by Metro Dispatch for police to be on the look out for a reckless driver that drove from Fire Rock Casino to Sundance Coalmine Road.

McKinley County Sheriff’s Office Deputy Merlin Benally caught up with Thomas in his white Volkswagen, heading west on N.M. 118. Thomas pulled over west of South Fork Road. Benally noticed the odor of “intoxication beverage” emitting from the vehicle, and that Thomas had a “blank stare” on his face.

He refused to take the field sobriety tests, and blew .29, twice, during the breath tests.