

Navajo County Superior Court Navajo County Sheriff's report

The following criminal cases were heard in Navajo County Superior Court recently.

Matthew Burress pleaded guilty to forgery, taking the identity of another person or entity and possession of dangerous drugs. He was sentenced to 3.5 years in the Arizona Department of Corrections (DOC) for each count, all with credit for 87 days served, with the sentences to run concurrently and to be followed by a term of community supervision equal to one day for every seven days served. He was fined \$1,790. He was sentenced by Judge Jon H. Saline.

Cort Ramon John pleaded guilty to negligent homicide and aggravated assault. He was sentenced to one year in the DOC for negligent homicide, with credit for 154 days served. He received a suspended sentence for aggravated assault and was placed on probation for three years. He was sentenced by Judge Joseph S. Clark.

Steven Shorty pleaded guilty to aggravated assault. He was sentenced to 1.5 years in the DOC, with credit for 67 days served, to be followed by a term of community supervision equal to one day for every seven days served. He was sentenced by Judge Clark.

Candida Romero pleaded guilty to promoting prison contraband. She was sentenced to four years in the DOC, with credit for 49 days served, to be followed by a term of community supervision equal to one day for every

seven days served. She was sentenced by Judge Clark.

Joseph Solomon admitted to violating the terms of his probation on an original charge of reckless burning. He was sentenced to six months in the Navajo County Jail, with credit for 175 days served. He was sentenced by Judge Clark.

Michael Phillip Steffler admitted to violating the terms of his probation on an original charge of theft. He was sentenced to four months in the county jail, with credit for 90 days served. He was sentenced by Judge Clark.

Isaiah Lynch pleaded guilty to misconduct involving weapons. He received a suspended sentence and was placed on probation for three years. As a condition of his probation, he must first serve three days in the county jail, with credit for three days served. He was sentenced by Judge Clark.

Arlando Tsosie pleaded guilty to possession of drug paraphernalia. He received a suspended sentence and was placed on probation for two years. As a condition of his probation, he must first serve three days in the county jail, with credit for three days served. He was sentenced by Judge Clark.

Reshana Layne Matter pleaded guilty to attempted hindering prosecution. She received a suspended sentence and was placed on probation for one year. As a condition of her probation, she must first serve six days in the county jail, with credit for six days served. She was sentenced by Judge Pro Tem Michael S. Penrod.

Danae Fish pleaded guilty to possession of methamphetamine and failure to appear. She received a suspended sentence and was placed on probation for three years. As a condition of her probation, she must first serve 18 days in the county jail, with credit for 18 days served. She was sentenced by Judge Clark.

Robert Dean Lewis pleaded guilty to aggravated assault. He received a suspended sentence and was placed on probation for 1.5 years. As a condition of his probation, he must first serve 17 days in the county jail, with credit for 17 days served. He was sentenced by Judge Penrod.

Timmy Denbeste admitted to violating the terms of his probation on an original charge of misconduct involving weapons. His intensive probation was reinstated for four years. As a condition of his probation, he must first serve 180 days in the county jail, with credit for 108 days served. He was sentenced by Judge Clark.

WPD damage report

Two cases of damage were reported to the Winslow Police Department during the period of Aug. 11-17 according to dispatcher reports.

At 1:52 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 14, an employee of Sunshine Laundromat, located at 800 N. Berry Ave., reported a window sustained damages estimated at \$800.

At 1:24 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 17, a person reported a window of a vehicle parked at Travel Lodge, located at 1706 N. Park Drive sustained damages.

Holbrook City Police report

The Holbrook Police Department received 106 reports during the period of Aug. 13-19.

During that time officers responded to eight intoxicated persons, 13 - 911 hang ups, 11 each of citizen assists and disorderly conduct incidents, nine each of suspicious activities and welfare checks, seven intoxicated persons, five each of animal problems and civil matters, four each of information requests and juvenile problems, three each of alarms, trespassing incident and thefts, two assaults, and one each of agency assist, citizen dispute, domestic violence, fingerprinting, fraud, lost or found property, littering, message delivered, incident not classified, robbery, traffic collision, threatening and intimidating, traffic offense, shoplifting, traffic stop, vagrancy and a warrant.

Wednesday, Aug. 13: none listed.

Thursday, Aug. 14: Dennis Johnson, 53, criminal littering.

Friday, Aug. 15: Leslie Clark, 62, two warrants.

Saturday, Aug. 16: Nahshon Jacobs, 46, three warrants; and Sandy Points, 39, four counts of child abuse.

Sunday, Aug. 17: Raquel Lee, 23, resisting arrest, possession of a defaced weapon, failure to provide truthful identification, shoplifting, aggravated assault and a warrant.

Monday, Aug. 18: Karrington Dine Cone, 21, disorderly conduct/domestic violence and assault/domestic violence.

Tuesday, Aug. 19: Kenneth Yellowhair, 37, disorderly conduct/domestic violence and assault/domestic violence.

The following people were booked into the Navajo County Jail recently. These persons are accused of committing criminal activity, but such accusations should raise no inference of guilt.

Wednesday, Aug. 13: Sara Courtney, 37, disorderly conduct; Kendra Calavaza, 26, possession of drug paraphernalia, tampering with physical evidence and failure to appear; Jeffrey Courtney, 41, failure to appear; Loren Schumtz, 46, possession of a narcotic drug, misconduct involving weapons, possession of drug paraphernalia, DUI and DUI/drugs; Samuel Molina, 43, possession of dangerous drugs, possession of drug paraphernalia, resisting arrest, disorderly conduct/domestic violence and assault/domestic violence; Vincent Hosteen, 34, an open container violation; James Smith, 55, failure to appear; Jorge Islas-Parra, 20, criminal damage, disorderly conduct/domestic violence and aggravated assault/domestic violence; Trevor Crook, 34, failure to comply with a court order; Emily Eckenrode, 27, violation of probation; Kyle Honvantewa, 26, failure to appear; Merwin Nahsonhoya, 23, failure to appear; Jerimiah Sangster, 45, failure to comply with a court order; Daniel Kizzar, 26, possession of a narcotic drug and three counts of failure to appear; Robert Thorp, 36, sexual conduct with a minor; Brandon Mireault, 45, failure to appear; Jordan Kelley, 32, possession of drug paraphernalia; Eddie Tsosie, 50, taking the identity of another person or entity, possession of dangerous drugs for sale, failure to comply with a court order and an open container violation; and Nicole Bozek, 40, aggravated domestic violence.

Thursday, Aug. 14: Golden Davis, 46, failure to appear; Lisa Tuetken, 43, violation of probation; Hanna Valentina, 42, failure to appear; Nathan Yazzie, 29, violation of a court order; Amanda Apodaca, 42, shoplifting; Cory Smith, 42, aggravated harassment; Josiah Malone, 34, failure to appear; and Justin Breshears, 33, possession of dangerous drugs and failure to appear.

Friday, Sept. 15: Austin Marks, 30, DUI, DUI/drugs and possession of drug paraphernalia; Tyler Corley, 39, failure to comply with a court order; Leslie Clark, 62, two counts of failure to comply with a court order; Luther Joe, 60, two counts of aggravated DUI; Jefferson Williams, 50, an open container violation; Ann Gonsalves, 42, contributing to the delinquency of a minor; Anthony Trammel, 18, possession of dangerous drugs for sale, and four counts each of possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of dangerous drugs; Ramon Velazquez-Llanes, 25, violation of probation; Sarah Means, 41, possession of dangerous drugs and possession of drug paraphernalia; Dakota Lupe, 32, shoplifting and failure to appear; Cody Evans, 26, stalking and domestic violence; and Randall Dixon, 39, failure to provide identification.

Saturday, Aug. 16: Sherwin Peralto, 36, violation of a court order; Lexis Chatlin, 24, disorderly conduct and assault; Adrian Bitahay, 47, failure to comply with a court order and failure to appear; Dominique John, 34, failure to appear; Johnathan Shriver, 23, failure to comply with a court order; Bernadette Nixon, 48, shoplifting and false reporting to a

law enforcement officer; Jessica Shepstead, 42, shoplifting and failure to pay fine; Gary Bahe, 58, driving on a suspended license and two counts of failure to appear; Miles Shaw, 28, possession of drug paraphernalia and failure to appear; Hannah Valentina, 42, shoplifting, trespassing and an open container violation; Sergio Vidal Soto, 24, criminal impersonation and two counts each of failure to comply with a court order and failure to appear; Jasiya Begay, 23, violation of a court order; Nahshon Jacobs, 46, criminal damage, violation of parole, failure to appear, two counts of assault, five counts of disorderly conduct/domestic violence and nine counts of failure to comply with a court order; Tyler Lee, 24, extreme DUI with a blood alcohol content of .20% or more and an open container violation; Arianna Selina, 27, failure to appear; and Sandy Points, 39, child abuse.

Sunday, Aug. 17: Gerard Krebs, 63, aggravated DUI; Ean Lupe, 20, driving on a suspended license and failure to appear; Zayne Saxon, 19, threatening and intimidating, and disorderly conduct; Zeykel Saxon, 20, threatening and intimidating, and disorderly conduct; Stephen Rogers, 37, two counts of failure to appear; San Slick, 25, failure to comply with a court order; Michael Smith, 53, assault, criminal damage and disorderly conduct; Raquel Lee, 22, resisting arrest, possession of a defaced weapon, shoplifting, refusal to provide truthful name, aggravated assault on a law enforcement officer and violation of probation; Jeffrey Girard, 68, six counts of shoplifting; Matthew Keyser, 45, DUI, DUI/drugs and possession of drug paraphernalia; Joseph Tenney, 18, assault and aggravated assault involving a deadly weapon; Dakota Zulick, 19, criminal damage;

Christopher Yocum, 41, failure to appear; Wasi Ahmad, 34, criminal speeding; and Anthony King, 32, driving on a suspended license.

Monday, Aug. 18: Tyrone Truax, 36, failure to comply with a court order; Rachelle Bonito, 38, failure to appear; Brittany Baldwin, 32, disorderly conduct and assault/domestic violence; Alyssa Martinez, 20, assault and underage drinking; Jacob Padilla, 20, disorderly conduct, underage drinking and violation of a court order; Jasmin Rodriguez, 18, underage drinking; Martin Marquez, 22, disorderly conduct, and threatening and intimidating; Cordney Brown, 31, aggravated DUI; Karrington Cone, 21, disorderly conduct/domestic violence and assault/domestic violence; John Reilly, 52, criminal damage; Jimmy Soto, 31, criminal speeding; Marisa Ruiz, 42, DUI/drugs, DUI, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of dangerous drugs; Michael Ballejos, 50, trespassing and violation of a court order; Kayla Ishie, 24, failure to comply with a court order; and Andrea De La Cruz, 48, possession of dangerous drugs.

Tuesday, Aug. 19: Krista Allen, 41, possession of drug paraphernalia; Andrew Withrow, 45, driving on a suspended license; Cory Reis, 40, aggravated harassment; Elmaria Altaha, 28, violation of probation; Kenneth Yellowhair, 37, disorderly conduct/domestic violence and assault/domestic violence; Victor Islas Parra, 24, three counts of driving on a suspended license; Stephen Kislingbury, 45, failure to comply with a court order, possession of dangerous drugs and possession of drug paraphernalia; Marchella Tsosie, 35, possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of dangerous drugs; and Skylyn Keams, 21, failure to comply with a court order.

Man dies while in police custody

By Shawn White

At approximately 6:18 p.m., on Monday, Aug. 18, officers with the Winslow Police Department responded to a shoplifting call at Walmart, located at 700 Mike's Pike St. At approximately 6:31 p.m., officers had located the suspect Dean Fowler, 59, on a bicycle near Maverik, located at 2110 North Park Drive. A press release issued by WPD initially stated Fowler as being 49 years old, but the family confirmed his age at 59.

According to WPD, Fowler was brought to the department to be processed for booking and was placed in a holding cell before being transported to the Navajo County Jail in Holbrook where he would await trial. Fowler was to be booked for felony shoplifting for the most recent incident and other incidents on July 31 and Aug. 2, in which Fowler allegedly shoplifted and was found carrying illegal drugs.

While the processing paperwork was being completed an officer went to retrieve Fowler, where he found unresponsive in the holding cell. Officers tried to revive Fowler with no success.

The matter is being investigated by a regional homicide task force comprised of different law enforcement agencies in the area but WPD will not be part of the investigation. Interim Chief of Police Ernie Cano stated that detectives from Show Low Police Department went to Winslow last night to investigate and will be leading the investigation going forward. Cano also stated that after the investigation is complete, he will begin a second internal investigation to ensure there was no wrongdoing by officers and how the department can adapt to prevent this in the future.

"This is the first time in my 18 years with the department I have seen someone pass away in custody," Cano said. This is an active case and WPD is urging people with additional information to contact acting Lieutenant Adam Reeves at 928-289-1433.

Two boys injured after scooter collides with car

At 4:49 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 16, Holbrook police officers responded to a report of two children that had struck a moving vehicle while riding an electric scooter at the intersection of West Buffalo Street and 9th Avenue. According to a witness, Shanya Cruz, 18, was driving a 2020 Honda Civic in what appeared to be below the speed limit east on West Buffalo Street, when two boys, ages 14 and 12, riding an electric scooter north on 9th Avenue crossed into the intersection and struck Cruz's vehicle, sending the scooter under the automobile and the boys over the top onto the pavement. Both boys were transported to Little Colorado Medical Center for treatment of non-life-threatening injuries. Cruz, who was very distraught was treated at the scene and the vehicle had to be towed.