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McKinley County Deputy Arrested for DWI

Gallup: (October 19, 2007) – Officer James Jenkins of New Mexico State Police, District Six Gallup, arrested McKinley County Deputy Delfred Murphy early this morning at approximately 1:40 a.m. on Allison Road in McKinley County.

Officer Jenkins was patrolling on Allison Road, east of Gallup when he observed a vehicle that was traveling down the middle of the roadway. The driver failed to signal while turning. When Officer Jenkins stopped the vehicle and approached the driver, he immediately smelled a strong odor of alcoholic beverages. The officer also observed an open case of beer on the back seat. The officer administered standardized field sobriety tests which the driver failed. The driver was then arrested and identified as Delfred Murphy of Iyanbito, NM.

Mr. Murphy was transported to the State Police office in Gallup where he submitted to breath tests which revealed his BAC to be .16 and .16 consecutively. McKinley County District Judge Louie DePauli was contacted and Judge DePauli ordered Deputy Murphy be released on his own recognizance from jail.

Combating DWI is a priority and responsibility the New Mexico State Police take very serious. As always, the State Police advise the public to not drink and drive, and strongly encourage those who choose to go out, to have a designated, sober driver.

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