

Matters of Record

Seminole Police Dept.

Dec. 17 -- Seminole Police Officers responded to a call at the Seminole High School campus in reference to possible drug paraphernalia.

An investigation is underway.
Dec. 18 -- Seminole Police Officers responded to a call in the 2100 block of N.W. Ave. D, in reference to an assault complaint.

An investigation is underway.
Dec. 19 -- Seminole Police Officers received a report of an assault.

An investigation is underway.
Dec. 20 -- Seminole Police Officers were dispatched to the Seminole High School campus in reference to students with tobacco.

Citations were issued and a report was taken.
Dec. 21 -- Seminole Police Officers were dispatched to a residence in the 600 block of N.W. 5th St, in reference to a possible overdose.

Upon further investigation, the subject -- identified as Mecky Marie Wesley, 45, of Seminole -- was found to be deceased.

A report was taken and an investigation is underway.

Dec. 21 -- Seminole Police Officers were dispatched to a business in the 2100 block of Hobbs Hwy, in reference to a possible intoxicated subject.

Upon further investigation, SPD officers learned the subject was intoxicated by an alcoholic beverage.

The subject, identified as Johan Enns-Kroeker, 57, of Seminole, was placed under arrest for a charge of public intoxication and transported to the Gaines County Law Enforcement Center.

Dec. 22 -- Seminole Police Officers conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle in the 700 block of N.W. 2nd St., in reference to a traffic violation.

An officers search of the vehicle revealed a passenger was in the possession of drug paraphernalia.

The passenger, identified as Troy James Allen, 17, of Seminole, was placed under arrest and transported to the Gaines County Law Enforcement Center for his charge.

Dec. 22 -- Seminole Police Officers were dispatched to the 700 block of N.W. Ave. F, in reference to stolen property.

A report was taken in the incident.

Dec. 23 -- Seminole Police Officers were dispatched to Memorial Hospital, in reference to an animal bite.

A report was taken.

Dec. 26 -- Seminole Police Officers were dispatched to a residence in the 900 block of S.W. 9th St., in reference to a criminal mischief complaint.

A report was taken and an investigation is underway.
Dec. 28 -- Seminole Police Officers conducted a traffic stop in the 300 block of N.W. 2nd St., in reference to a traffic violation.

Upon further investigation, officers discovered the driver was driving while his license was invalid.
The subject, identified as Rocky Hernandez, 31, of Lubbock, was placed under arrest and transported to the Gaines County Law Enforcement Center for a charge of driving while license invalid with a previous conviction.

Dec. 29 -- Seminole Police Officers were dispatched to the 500 block of N.E. 3rd St., in reference to someone taking property from a vehicle without the owner's consent.

The complainant did wish to press charges.

Dec. 30 -- Seminole Police Officers responded to a criminal mischief complaint in the 2300 block of N.W. Ave. C.

The complainant does wish to file charges and an investigation is pending.

Dec. 30 -- Seminole Police Officers were dispatched to a call of a reckless driver coming into Seminole from E. Hwy 181.

SPD officers made contact with the driver, and during the investigation, it was discovered the driver of the vehicle was in possession of a controlled substance.

The subject, identified as Jaren Scott Easley, 21, of Hawley, was placed under arrest and transported to the Gaines County Law Enforcement Center where he was booked on his charge.

Dec. 31 -- Seminole Police Officers were dispatched to the 200 block of E. Ave. A, in reference to the burglary of a building.

An investigation is underway.
Dec. 31 -- Seminole Police Officers were dispatched to the 100 block of W. Ave. A, in reference to a criminal mischief complaint.

A report was taken and an investigation is underway.
Dec. 31 -- Seminole Police Officers were dispatched to an alley in the 400 block of S.W. Ave. H, in reference to a gas meter which was struck by a vehicle.

A report was taken in the incident.
Jan. 1 -- Seminole Police Officers were dispatched to the 300 block of W. Ave. A, in reference to a stolen vehicle.

A report was taken and an investigation is underway.
Jan. 1 -- Seminole Police Officers were dispatched to the 800 block of N.W. Ave. H., in reference to a criminal mischief complaint.

SPD officers took a report and an investigation is underway.
Jan. 1 -- Seminole Police Officers were dispatched to the 400 block of E. Ave. A, in reference to a vehicle burglary.

A report was taken and an investigation is underway.

Snow: Flurries Clear Away Friday

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mountain region. The snows, which were heaviest along the I-10 and I-20 corridors, forced the closure of the two interstate roadways west of Fort Stockton and west of Monahans, respectively.

The Texas Department of Transportation says I-10 in the Anthony and El Paso area reopened early Friday.

Sections of I-10 in the Van Horn area, about 110 miles southeast of El Paso, remained closed due to ice and blowing snow that affected visibility.

The El Paso regional office of the National Weather Service, which had reported up to 3 inches of snow by nightfall Thursday, also stated U.S. 62/180 from El Paso's eastern outskirts to the New Mexico border -- which included Guadalupe Pass -- was closed through Friday morning due to weather conditions.

No roadway closures were experienced within the Gaines County region, as traffic continued at a normal pace Friday morning.

West Texas west of San Angelo and south of the Midland-Odessa area was under a winter storm warning throughout Thursday.

Up to eight inches of snow, with isolated amounts approaching 10 inches, was reported in an area which included Marfa, Alpine and Fort Davis as the storm moved across the region.

About 4 to 6 inches was reported between El Paso and the Pecos River, as well as portions of the southern Permian Basin.

The National Weather Service's Midland regional office estimated snowfall totals from 2 to 4 inches of in the Midland/Odessa, Andrews, Big Spring and Crane areas, as 1 to 3 inches was reported in the Ed-

ward's Plateau to the rolling plains region.

As of early Friday morning, only roadway accident was reported by officials with the Gaines County Sheriff's Dept. during late Thursday/early Friday's snow event, however it was unknown as of presstime Friday if that accident -- which occurred west of Seminole on U.S. 62/180 according to GCSO radio communications -- was weather related.

No local governmental entity clo-

sures or delays were reported from Friday's snow fall within Gaines County, as the late night/early morning snowfall accumulations slowly melted away into the weekend, where high temperatures were anticipated to be in the mid-50s.

Early weather forecast models on Friday indicated the region had a slight chance for rainfall precipitation on Monday, but didn't offer any precipitation percentages as of presstime.

Juveniles:

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initially attempted to stop this vehicle for suspicion of driving while intoxicated," said Ronny Pipkin, Gaines County Sheriff, in the release.

GCSO deputies took over the pursuit of the vehicle on CR 237, near CR 214 in northwestern Gaines County.

Pipkin, in the release, stated the pursuit -- once overtaken by Gaines County Sheriff's deputies -- continued for roughly 15 miles along various county roads in the northwestern portion of Gaines County before terminating the pursuit along CR 228.

The four male juveniles, who were not identified by their names or ages, were detained by law enforcement officials without incident.

Pipkin stated the male driver of the vehicle was arrested by GCSO deputies for a Texas charge of evading detention with a motor vehicle and was later transported to a Garza County youth detention center for holding.

The other three male juveniles, according to GCSO reports were not charged with any criminal offenses and were ultimately released back into New Mexico law enforcement custody, where they were later released to their parents.

Pipkin added he was unaware if N.M. law enforcement officials had any charges against the four juveniles as of Wednesday afternoon.

Cocaine:

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trained (presently and in the future) in the interdiction of illegal narcotics to make the best effort possible from allowing illegal narcotics from entering Gaines County and its communities."

"Most violent crimes (murders, aggravated assaults), burglaries and thefts are a direct result from illegal narcotic activity," said Pipkin. "These crimes, more times than not, are more devastating to the victim and the secondary victims (family and friends of the victims). Our office's number one priority will be to have a zero tolerance on drug offenders."

Juan Hernandez was charged with one count of possession of cocaine (over 4 grams, but under 200 grams), while Mary Ann Hernandez was charged with one count of possession of cocaine (over 4 grams, but under 200 grams) and one count of tampering with physical evidence.

Juan Hernandez, according to GCSO officials, was released following the required payment associated with a \$100,000 bond assessed on his charge, while Mary Ann Hernandez was also released following payments associated with her bonds, which totaled \$150,000 between her two charges.

Swear:

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Charlie Shaw and Gaines County Sheriff's Deputy Tim Smith.

"(The Gaines Co. Sheriff's Dept. is) going through the typical transition and changing process, but we've hit the ground running," said Pipkin on Wednesday.

"We've already began working on some (criminal) cases and working on getting everybody within the department on the same page. As I said during the election, we're going to work toward having a department that the people can count and depend on."

Charlie Shaw, in the Gaines County Sheriff's election, received just 13.19 percent (252 votes) of the votes, while Smith received 29.93 percent (572 votes) of the 1,911 votes cast.

Pipkin, in a break down of election numbers, received 620 votes in the early voting process, which drew 1,035 early votes for the race, while Shaw and Smith received 119 and 296 votes respectively.

On election day, Pipkin received 459 of 862 votes cast, while Smith and Shaw received 272 and 131 votes respectively, according to May election figures produced by the Gaines County Clerk's Office.

Pipkin was unopposed in the November general election's process, as were the other six elected officials sworn into office Wednesday.

Neal Shaw, who begins his first term as Constable, defeated Key in a July runoff election for the seat, formerly held by the late Orlando "Corky" Rodriguez. Both Neal Shaw and Key ad-

vanced to the July runoff election following the May 29 Republican Party Primary election, where they faced off against fellow challenger Dickie Morton.

Tharp, in the May election's process defeated fellow challenger Darrell Whitfield by a 62-percent to 37 percent voting margin, while Houston defeated fellow Pct. 4 challengers Ron Adam and Gene Berry.

Houston, who was appointed to the seat in the 2011 calendar year, received 61.31 percent (263 of 429 votes cast) of last Tuesday's vote, while Adam and Berry received 10.96 percent and 27.74 percent of votes cast respectively.

Susan Shaw, Yocom and Nagy were all unopposed within their respective races.

More photos from Wednesday's swear-in ceremony online at www.seminolesentinel.com

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