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Department of Public Safety

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Man Arrested on 11th Offense DWI

Santa Fe – State Police Officers patrolling Monday afternoon drove upon a vehicle crash that subsequently lead to the arrest of a DWI repeat offender.

Just before 2:00 PM Monday afternoon, officers were patrolling the northbound lanes of Interstate 25 near milepost 257 when they drove upon a vehicle versus cable barrier crash in the median. The officers learned that 42 year old Joseph Benado of Cochiti had passed out while driving his brown Chevy cavalier and struck the center barrier cable before driving into the southbound lanes of I-25.

After road side sobriety tests were administered and failed the officer arrested Benado transported him to the Santa Fe State Police office where he provided two breath samples. Those samples resulted in a .29 / .29, Benado was charged with his 11th offense DWI, revoked suspended license, no insurance and careless driving. Benado was booked into the Santa Fe County Detention Center without incident.

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Joseph C. Benado