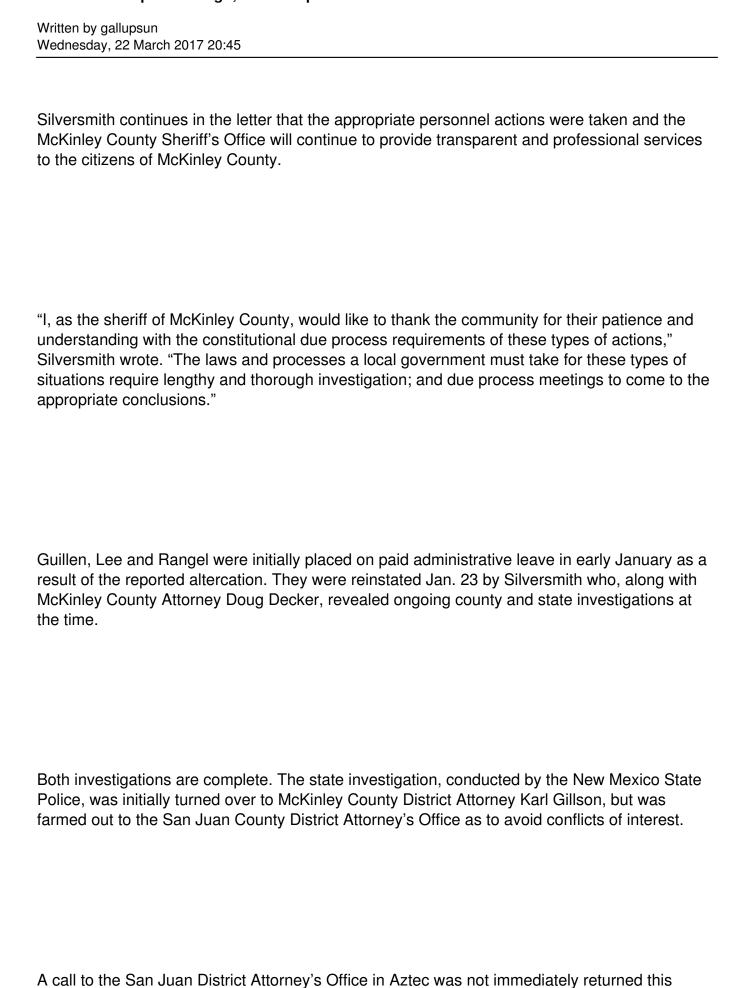
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Silversmith drops the hammer on Rangel, Noriega
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Two of the three deputies involved in a physical altercation in January are no longer employed with the McKinley County Sheriff's Office, officials said. Three others were suspended.
McKinley County Sheriff Ron Silversmith confirmed in a written statement to the <i>Gallup Sun</i> March 22 that termination letters were prepared for Richard Rangel and A.J. Noriega, but, the one-page letter states, " pursuant to policy and past practices we have accepted resignation in lieu of termination from each."
Three other deputies received suspensions without pay from between 30 to 45 days, Silversmith wrote. Those deputies are Joey Guillen, Monty Yazzie and Johnson Lee. The annual salary amounts of each of the five deputies in question was not available at press time

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