

## Behind bars: Man arrested for allegedly raping teen

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An unsuspecting teen became the victim of an alleged rape when she made the fateful decision to hop into Michael Lasiloo's car July 11.

Lasiloo is currently behind bars at the McKinley County Adult Detention Center. He's being held on a \$15,000 cash only bond.

According to Gallup Police Department Det. Khaera Chee's arrest warrant report, the 17-year-old teen, noted as "C.L." in the report as to protect her identity, was going to pick up some "paper" for her mother. Chee said the term "paper" means a "a small amount of heroin."

Before Chee interviewed C.L., the teen gave GPD Officer Adrian Quetawki an overview of what happened without getting into the gritty details of the alleged rape that involved drugs and alcohol. C.L. told the officer that she knew Lasiloo, 38, through her mother, and there were two other women in his car, so she felt it was "okay" to get into the vehicle.

When C.L. was later interviewed by Chee, she divulged the details of the rape and the events leading up to it, while staying consistent with the story she told Quetawki.

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She said when Lasiloo picked her up from an unidentified location at 1 am on July 11, he was wearing a leather vest with no shirt, and jeans. C.L. said Lasiloo was drinking alcohol from a clear bottle and offered her a drink.

“C.L. stated that she took two 'slams' or gulps of the liquor and smoked 'weed,’” the report states.

Lasiloo dropped the two women off at a motel before heading to a motel near the El Sombrero restaurant. C.L. told Chee that she didn't know either woman, and couldn't recall the name of the motel.

Once at the motel, Lasiloo proceeded to put on a white tank top and talk with another man. C.L. said he next filled up a syringe with crystal methamphetamine and injected it into his arm as they headed eastbound on Highway 66.

C.L. said Lasiloo weaved recklessly as he drove down 66. He eventually turned south on Toltec Drive, then east on Churchrock Drive until they reached a rural area in Rehoboth. It was here that Lasiloo allegedly forced himself on top of her and proceeded to rape her.

When the assault was over, she wiped herself off with Lasiloo's white tank top. But, C.L. attempted to preserve forensic evidence from the rape in a manner too graphic to list in this report.

The traumatized teen said she couldn't remember any details about the vehicle she was in, only that it had a butterfly hanging from the review mirror and the car was a purple or pink late 1990's model sedan.

The warrant report doesn't state whether any evidence collected immediately aided detectives in their decision to arrest Lasiloo.

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Chee showed C.L. a photo of Lasiloo, who she identified as her rapist. He was booked July 18 on one count of criminal sexual penetration in the second degree (force or coercion, child 13-18), contributing to the delinquency of a minor, and false imprisonment.

Lasiloo has a motion hearing July 24 in Magistrate Judge April Silversmith's courtroom at 8:30 am.

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