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Sunday afternoon turned violent when a man was stabbed in the chest at the downtown walkway, in the area where the Gallup Farmers Market is held on Saturday mornings.

According to Gallup Police Department spokesperson Cpt. Marinda Spencer, the call to police came in at 1:28 pm, and police were already on the scene when the *Gallup Sun* arrived just after 1:30 pm.



Police were taping off the downtown walkway, and part of Coal Avenue, up almost to Third Street. Blood splatter could be seen on the walkway, close to Aztec Avenue. The victim, who sustained a stab wound to his left chest area, was treated by paramedics near the walkway on Coal Avenue before being taken to a local hospital and later flown to an Albuquerque area hospital.

"There is currently no update on the victim's condition," Spencer said.

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The motive for the stabbing is unclear, but witnesses said they saw about six males arguing, with several women standing nearby. But, the witnesses stopped short of saying whether they witnessed the stabbing, or know the name of the suspect or suspects involved in the incident.

Spencer said "the witness fled," and multiple police were observed patrolling the downtown and surrounding areas shortly after the stabbing.

According to Spencer, the investigation is currently ongoing, and there are no further updates at this time.