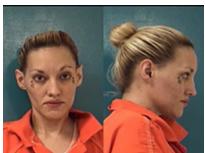
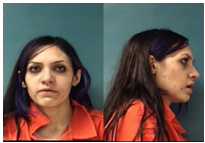
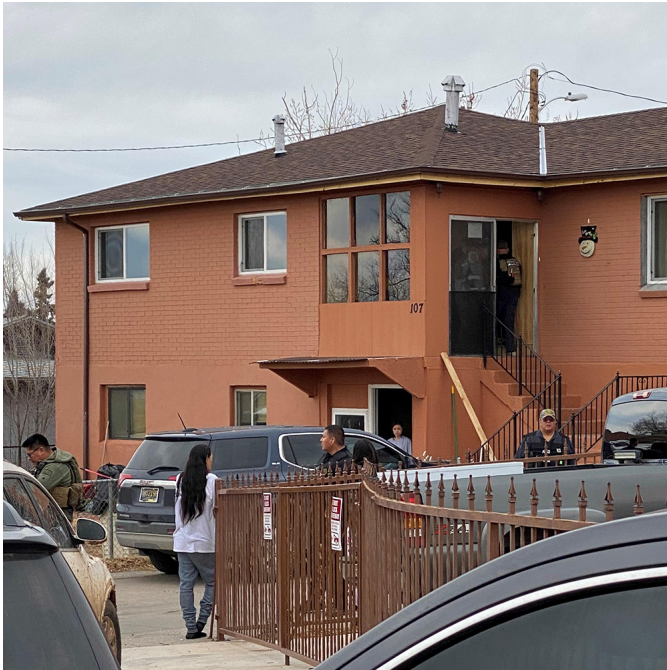


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One address, three arrests

Agents and detectives of the Gallup Police Department executed multiple searches that resulted in the arrest of three Gallup residents for drug-related charges.

Just before midnight on Dec. 11, agents stopped a vehicle on Gallup's north side after seeing that it did not display a license plate or temporary tag.

The vehicle was occupied by Sharon Diaz, 40, of Gallup, and an adult male. A police K-9 was deployed, and detected the presence of narcotics. Agents obtained consent to search the vehicle and found a substance, presumed to be heroin, inside the vehicle.

Diaz was arrested. It was discovered during the booking process that Diaz was concealing more presumed narcotics on her person, inside her bra. She was charged with trafficking a controlled substance, a second degree felony, and bringing contraband into a jail, a fourth degree felony.

Based on this information and further investigation, the agents and detectives served a search warrant this afternoon at Diaz' residence at 107 Morgan Cir. in Gallup.

During the search attempt, agents and officers located Chantala Diaz, 27, of Gallup. It was discovered that Chantala had multiple warrants for her arrest on charges of drug possession and child abandonment. She was arrested.

Agents later found a substance consistent with cocaine in her bedroom. Agents also located Janice Garcia, 46, of Gallup, inside the home. The agents discovered a substance consistent with heroin inside her bedroom. Agents also searched Sharon Diaz's room and discovered a substance consistent with methamphetamine on a dresser.

Chantala Diaz was booked on charges of possession of a controlled substance, a fourth degree felony, possession of drug paraphernalia, a misdemeanor, and resisting an officer, a

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misdemeanor, along with her several warrants. Garcia was booked on possession of a controlled substance.

The residence and those arrested are no strangers to the Gallup Police Department. Narcotics agents previously served a search warrant at the same residence and arrested both Chantala and Sharon Diaz for drug-related charges on May 21.