

Arizona man evades authorities for months

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An Arizona man was arrested May 29 by federal marshals after a months-long search revealed he frequently traveled to Gallup for pleasure.

The man, identified as Isaiah Peshlakai, no age given, was wanted for a parole violation.

Peshlakai had been convicted in Phoenix, Ariz. on a charge of aggravated assault and served time. When he was released on probation in 2017, he was told not to commit any further crimes during the probationary period.

Peshlakai was serving his probation in Winslow, Ariz., but the FBI's investigation of a more recent incident that occurred in Flagstaff, Ariz., led agents to believe he was involved.

A warrant was issued in Coconino County, Ariz., on Jan. 31 with a bond of \$50,000 for probation violation. One of the conditions of probation that Peshlakai violated was his alleged involvement in an armed robbery/aggravated assault with a deadly weapon on or about Jan. 30.

It is believed Peshlakai fled Flagstaff after the incident.

The investigation was turned over to the U.S. Marshal's Office. Investigators narrowed the search area to around Ganado, Ariz. and Gallup between March 13 and April 2 based on a cell phone Peshlakai was using.

Peshlakai replaced the phone.

Peshlakai's girlfriend in Winslow was interviewed on April 14. She told agents that Peshlakai had gone to live at his grandmother's residence in Klageh, Ariz.

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She also said that Peshlakai was using his grandmother's cell phone and gave them the number. Agents then contacted Cellular One and learned that Peshlakai was making trips between Klagetoh and Gallup.

An electronic arrest warrant was issued April 14 for the District of Arizona.

Peshlakai was arrested May 29 and was committed to the District of Arizona, Flagstaff on June 5.

More charges may be pending in Arizona in connection with the armed robbery that took place in Flagstaff in January.

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