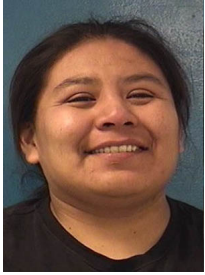


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Gallup Police Department Officer Valerie Wilson is on paid administrative leave for allegedly beating her girlfriend Jan. 10.

“She’s placed on paid administrative leave pending an internal investigation,” GPD Capt. Rick White said.

According to GPD Officer Dominic Molina’s report, the couple got into an altercation at Fire Rock Casino. Wilson reportedly knocked a drink out of her girlfriend’s hand and drove off and left her at the casino.

The woman got a ride back to the home that the two women shared, and that’s where the fight resumed. At first some hair was pulled, but then it turned brutal when Wilson allegedly punched her girlfriend in the nose and hit her in the ribs and abdomen with her knee.

Wilson told a different story, claiming that her girlfriend was the aggressor and lunged at her first. Molina noted in the report that she had redness to the left side of her face, saying that’s where her girlfriend punched her.

After speaking to both women, Molina stated that, “I came to the conclusion of Valerie Wilson as the primary aggressor in the matter.”

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Wilson was arrested for battery against a household member. White said as with any domestic violence case, it's referred to the District Attorney's office for prosecution.

Meanwhile, Wilson has an arraignment hearing in Magistrate Court at 8 am on Jan. 22.