Man arrested in courtroom fight

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Some bad words from two men at District Court March 22 for separate cases erupted into a fight, with one litigant said to another, “I’m going to kill you,” according to a police report.

The incident happened just after District Court Judge Louis DiPauli, Jr., recessed a domestic violence hearing involving Michael Williams, 37, and Amy Lucero, 37.

Lucero and Bryan Burrola are litigants in a 2016 case involving stolen credit cards that belonged to a dead woman from California. That case is separate from the domestic one dealing with Williams and Lucero.

Burrola, 40, was working for a tow company at the time and stole the dead female’s credit cards and Lucero used the cards to make purchases at a few area businesses. The dead woman’s family notified Gallup police as to the wrongdoing.

In the courtroom situation between Williams and Bryan Burrola, Deputy Paul Davis of the McKinley County Sheriff’s Office, said Burrola told him that Williams swung at him with a closed fist and struck him behind the left ear, and on the left side of his head as the two assessed each other at some point.

“I asked (Burrola) if he needed an ambulance,” Davis recorded in the report. “(Burrola) stated that someone had already called.”

Davis said he spoke with a few witnesses who saw the hitting incident between Williams and Burrola. He ended up reading Williams his Miranda rights and arrested Williams for battery and

took Williams to the McKinley County Adult Detention Center.

Williams bonded out on March 22 on a $500 bond amount for the battery charge.

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