

Arnold Street Allsup's robbery suspect jailed

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A Red Rock, N.M. man remains incarcerated at McKinley County Adult Detention Center as of June 29, on charges of armed robbery, assault with intent to commit a violent felony, and two counts of false imprisonment.

Jason Farnham allegedly walked into Allsup's at 1:24 am on June 24, and pointed a handgun at an employee and demanded money. He demanded that no one leave the store while he collected the cash.

Farnham, 27, who was donning mostly black attire, made off with an undisclosed amount of cash. According to Gallup Police Department Officer Andrew Thayer's police report, one of the workers recalled feeling "nervous" about Farnham's appearance, and began to hide cash from the would-be robber.

The victim said the man "walked through the front entrance, up to the counter, and pulled a black revolver from the front of his shorts," the report states.

Another victim, also an Allsup's employee, said that he recognized the suspect and believed that he lived close to a trailer park on Viro Circle.

It was a solid lead as police located him "running" in the Viro Circle area, near Copper Street. Farnham was taken back to the store where the employees identified him as the armed robber.

Farnham was reportedly intoxicated, and was not formally interviewed by Thayer. But, he spoke out when he arrived at the jail.

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"... He stated he was 'At the wrong place at the wrong time.' I asked what he meant and he stated he was in jail for 'robbery, I guess.'"

Thayer said Farnham didn't have a gun on him and was missing some clothing items that he allegedly wore during the robbery.

Farnham has a preliminary hearing with Magistrate Court Judge April Silversmith July 5. He's being held on \$5,000 cash only bond.

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