

Weekly Police Activity Report

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GPD Warrants

Donavan Barney (District Court), Roshern Cadman (Out of County), Brandon R. Chee (Magistrate Court-Battery on a Household Member, and District Court-Failure to Pay Child Support), Christina James (District Court), Nathan King (Municipal Court-2 Warrants), Sky R. Lee (Out of County), Jonthan Mann (Failure to Appear), Bobby A. Manuelito (Magistrate Court-2), Melanie M. Nashboo (Magistrate Court), Christopher Sam (Parole/Probation), Ryan W. Thompson (Out of County), and Felix H. Torrez, Jr. (Magistrate Court).

MCSO Warrants

Sheldon Morris, Jamie Platero, William Watchman, and Danathan Willie.

Police Activity

An alert McKinley County Sheriff's Office Deputy Paul Davis Jr. interrupted a couple of probable felons before they could get away with the proceeds of some burglaries.

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Patrolling State Highway 602 south to conduct a security check of El Sabino store, Davis noticed a vehicle parked on the south side of the business at 4:34 am on Sept. 23. The male and female couple said they were waiting for family to pick them up, and identified themselves as Sherry Begay and possibly Collin Carviso. When Davis had Metro Dispatch check the license plate, the vehicle came back as stolen in Gallup.

At this point the male in the driver's seat started the car and drove off northbound down 602 at a high rate of speed with no vehicle lights. Giving chase, Davis paced the other vehicle at about 95 mph. The suspects slowed down and finally stopped the car near a locked gate, running in two separate directions. Unable to chase both at the same time, Davis did the sensible thing, taking possession of the ignition keys and requesting Metro to send a tow truck.

Davis retrieved a blue/red Craftsman bag containing several items, and a cell phone believed to belong to one of the suspects. Inventory of the bag included a vehicle DVD player with two screens, a Garmin GPS device, a Peak GPS device, a white phone charger cord, a Whistler radar detector, a red Mag Light with an engraved name, and other tools and accessories.

The case has been turned over to detectives to verify the names and birthdates given by the suspects. Anyone with information on this case should notify the McKinley County Sheriff's Office.

Gallup Police Department Officer Ransom James was on patrol on Sept. 10, when he was dispatched to the Downtown Walkway in reference to a fight. At the scene, James found a male identified as Nathaniel Avery lying on the sidewalk with a gray sweater covering his right eye. Avery was in such pain that he could not describe what had happened, but several witnesses gave the officer plenty of information on the assailant and pointed him out.

Identified as Michael Gruber, 28, the suspect was searched for weapons and the officer found several baseball size rocks in his pockets. Gruber would not answer questions or cooperate with police. Officer James transported Gruber to Gallup Indian Medical Center for medical clearance.

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Avery was to be transported to UNM Hospital in Albuquerque for further treatment, and Gruber was transported to MCDC and booked for assault with a deadly weapon.

A shooting at Chaparral Trailer Park on west Aztec is still under investigation after shots were fired at the front door and into the side of the trailer by an unknown assailant. Detectives are following several leads and expect an arrest soon. The best advice is for the shooter to turn themselves in to the Gallup Police Department before the situation gets out of hand.

Identification has been made on a couple of unattended deaths recently. The victim of an accident on I-40, when he ran into a semi-tractor and trailer, was identified as Theo Whitehair, 44. And the man discovered dead in Mossman Park was ID'd as Donovan Begay, 46.

Other problems handled by police departments include five accidents without injuries, an unresolved battery on a household member (suspect left area prior to Deputies arrival), a beer theft in Vanderwagen, and about two dozen miscellaneous and other reports.

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