

Weekly Police Activity Reports

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On Dec. 26, at about 8:13 pm, McKinley County Sheriff's Dep. Roxanne Slim was sent to Buttercup Lane in response to an attempted suicide. A woman had called in the report over her father, who could be heard in the background of the call "yelling 'Don't look for me... don't come back for me..." according to the police report.

Upon arriving at the scene, officers were directed inside the residence by another woman who appeared "scared and in a panic," according to the report.

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Slim handcuffed Tommy Denetclaw, 49, who denied that he had attempted suicide, and told the officer that he had held the woman who met the officers against her will inside the house because "he didn't want her to go," according to the report.

The woman told officers that she was made to believe that Denetclaw had been cheating on her, and when she went to gather her things from the house to leave he backed her into a corner and kicked her, according to the report.

Tommy was placed under arrest for the crimes of false imprisonment and battery against a household member. Tommy was held on a \$1,000 cash/surety bond and remains in custody.

Slim also responded to a call on Dec. 25, this time near St. Bonaventure Elementary School in response to damage to the lock and door of the school's gym equipment room.

The school is on a short holiday, so staff were not present when the break in occurred. The school carpenter estimated the damage to be around \$1,400. So far, nothing has been reported missing.

MCSO officers were dispatched to the 100 block in Badger Road Dec. 21 at 12:28 am, over a fight where two brothers had reportedly attacked one another with pepper spray, and had inadvertently sprayed their mother when she came to break up the fight. MCSO Dep. Johnson Lee, along with Slim, spoke with the two men. One of the men, Dominic Sanchez, 21, began yelling at his family, according to the police report, and he was detained to prevent any escalation of events. Officers then found marijuana in Sanchez' room.

Sanchez was charged with distribution of marijuana and battery against a household member.

Gallup Police Department officers also kept busy this week, when Officer Kelsey Francisco was dispatched to East Adams Street Dec. 20, at 9:58 pm, due to a stolen vehicle. The vehicle was spotted by Bubany Park.

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Francisco caught up to the stolen car and apprehended the driver, who was then identified as Jayestivene Smith, 28. Smith had a bench warrant over driving with a revoked license.

The victim told police she worked between 9 am and 4 pm, and when she came back the car was gone. Smith is her ex-boyfriend, according to the police report, and she had suspected he was responsible, because "he knows how to start the vehicle without the keys," she told officers.

The car was returned to the woman, and Smith was booked.