

Navajo Police Department apprehends federal warrant homicide suspect

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NAVAJO, N.M. – The Navajo Police Department apprehended a federal warrant homicide suspect late Wednesday night after an extensive foot search in Navajo. The search resulted in the arrest of four, including Jeremiah Cleveland, who is the subject of an outstanding federal warrant issued in December 2018 for homicide.

The Navajo Police Department received a call Wednesday afternoon regarding a stolen vehicle. The vehicle was located, however the suspects eluded the officers' attempts to stop it.

Officers gave chase into Roanhorse Canyon, approximately 5 miles south of Navajo. The suspects abandoned the vehicle and fled on foot in multiple directions.

The Navajo Police began coordinating search efforts with assistance from the Navajo Rangers, Navajo Fish and Wildlife, Navajo Criminal Investigation and the New Mexico San Juan County Sheriff's Office. The Sheriff's Office deployed a search and rescue helicopter to assist in locating the suspects through the canyon terrain prior to nightfall.

Officers continued to track the suspects to the community of Navajo, where a male and two females were arrested. After receiving additional information, Jeremiah Cleveland was arrested late Wednesday night.

Chief of Police Phillip Francisco said, "We want to thank the officers and agencies who assisted and pulled their resources together to help us in the search and apprehension of Jeremiah Cleveland. The successful outcome was a result of the partnership of regional law enforcement

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authorities, emergency medical services, and support from the Navajo Pine Fire Department.”

“I also want to extend my appreciation to the community members who reported their tips and who were patient with the incident. All resources were deployed with the mission of ensuring the safety of our community.” Francisco added.

Jeremiah Cleveland is currently being held at the McKinley County detention facility.

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