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WEAPON THREAT

Gallup, March 3

A Williams Acres man was arrested after he reportedly made threats to cut off his girlfriend's head with a machete.

Johnson Jim Jr., 62, was charged with aggravated assault against a household member with a deadly weapon.

McKinley County Sheriff Sgt. Anthony Morales said he was dispatched to Williams Acres about 4 pm on March 3 because of a domestic dispute.

Morales said he met Jim's girlfriend at Jim's house. The girlfriend said they were arguing when Jim made the threat about the machete and told her to leave the house. Morales then went inside the house and found Jim and placed him in handcuffs because of safety concerns.

He said he saw a machete laying on a chair near Jim. Morales said Jim appeared to be so intoxicated that he was transported to a local hospital for a medical clearance before being taken to the county jail and booked.

According to the police report, Jim made no statements to deputies.

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TRUCKER FIGHT

Jamestown, March 2

A violent argument between two truckers brought a visit by McKinley County Sheriff's Office deputies, but in the end they were told they could file civil charges, but no arrests were made.

The incident occurred about 5:30 pm at the truck stop in Jamestown.

Deputy Jonathan Todachine Jr. said when he arrived at the truck stop, he met Anthony Baron, a trucker from Richmond, Ill. and Hugh Swan, a trucker from Henderson. Nev. The two apparently began arguing with each other as they were in line to get fuel.

Baron told deputies that he was cut off by Swan at the fuel island. The two began yelling at each other and Baron accused Swan of throwing salt and punching him in the face. Swan claimed that Baron put his hands on him and he only defended himself.

No one was seriously injured but the window on Swan's truck was busted.

Todachine said the two were still yelling at each other as he tried to interview them. He finally had to order each to go back to their trucks in order to get the situation calmed down.

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PEDESTRIAN COLLISION

Rock Springs, March 2

A vehicle pedestrian accident about 11:30 pm on March 2 sent Bobby Hardy, no age or address given, to the hospital.

Robert Clah, of Ganado, told deputies that he was traveling on State Highway 264 when someone ran across the front of his vehicle. A couple of seconds later, he saw another subject, identified as Hardy, run across the street.

While he tried to take evasive action, his car stuck Hardy, Clah said.

When deputies arrived at the scene, Hardy was lying on the shoulder of the road not moving. A blanket was put over him to shield him from the rain. When MedStar personnel arrived on the scene, they got a response from Hardy and transported him to the hospital, where he was later reported to be in stable shape.

Deputies found the other subject who ran across the street. She was not injured but was taken to the Gallup Detox Center. Clah was not cited.

ABUSE ARREST

Gallup, Feb. 28

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A Gallup woman was charged with five counts of abuse of a child after she was found intoxicated and unable to care for her children.

Sheriff Deputy Ivan Tsethlikai said he was dispatched to a house on Bishop Drive in Gallup about 9 pm on Feb. 28. As he went to the door, he said he could hear children crying inside the house.

He said he made contact with the grandmother of the children who said she had just come home from work when she heard her daughter, Traci Garnenez, 31, yelling at her children. Her daughter appeared to be intoxicated or high on something, she said.

Tsethlikai said he then met Garnenez who was crying. She said she had gotten into an argument with her ex-husband over the phone. She admitted to drinking three shots of vodka earlier in the evening.

He then met with one of the older children who said her mother was yelling at her and shoving her. Garnenez was arrested and the children were placed in the custody of their grandmother.