A man is at a local hospital in stable condition this evening, recovering from a stab wound to the chest.

Shortly before 5 pm today, Gallup Police officers were dispatched to Second Street and Highway 66 in response to the unnamed male victim who was stabbed.

Officers arrived on scene and found a male victim bleeding from the chest, GPD spokesperson Lt. Erin Toadlena-Pablo stated, in a news release.

"Officers applied pressure to the victim's chest while medical emergency services were in route," Toadlena-Pablo said. "The victim was able to communicate a description of the suspect to officers on scene before he was transported to local hospital."

In turn, the description was given out to responding police units, and officers were able to detain a person of interest.

"The scene was secured as detectives processed the [area]," Toadlena-Pablo said.

As a result of the initial investigation, police arrested 43-year-old Howard Gray of Gallup,



on one count of aggravated battery with a deadly weapon and one count of tampering with evidence.