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### LATE BREAK-IN

#### *Gamerco, Aug. 5*

McKinley County Sheriff Deputy Nocona Clark was dispatched to a residence on Summit Avenue in reference to a male subject wearing a black shirt and khaki pants attempting to break in.

While Clark was speaking to another homeowner on-site, she was contacted again by the person who first called in the incident, and was told a male and female had entered the house.

Clark reached the address and knocked on the front door. She was joined by MCSO Deputy Garrylle James, who made contact at the back door. The back door looked as if it had been closed from the inside, according to James.

Clark and James opened the back door and James' patrol K9 was deployed to search the building. The two subjects then made themselves known and were identified as Jeremy Sanchez, 18, of Mentmore, and Tandreka Anderson, 29, of Gamerco.

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Anderson said she had been trying to get Sanchez to leave the residence and he was trying to get inside all day. Once he had entered the residence, she followed to get him out, but once the police showed up she got scared and hid.

However, Sanchez said Anderson told him they needed money and to break into the residence to look for stuff they could sell.

The homeowner arrived on-scene and confirmed that the back door was broken. They walked around the residence to see if anything was missing and found a number of bags that did not belong to them.

Sanchez and Anderson were transported to McKinley County Adult Detention Center and booked on charges of burglary, criminal damage to property, and criminal trespassing.

## ABUSIVE HUSBAND

### *Gallup, Aug. 3*

McKinley County Sheriff Deputy Christopher Escamilla responded to a call for service on Coronado Street. The caller said her husband, Cazzie Benally, 49, of Gallup, was intoxicated and being verbally abusive to her and their children.

When Escamilla arrived at the scene, the caller met him and told him Benally had gone to another side of the residence with a cooler of beer.

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Escamilla walked around the residence and spotted the cooler next to a vehicle, which Benally was sitting in. Escamilla made contact with Benally and asked him why his wife would call the police on him, and Benally was uncooperative.

Benally was then placed in the back of Escamilla's unit. The caller said Benally had been drinking for the past two days and became verbally abusive to the family. She said she soon began to fear the threat of physical violence, so she called 911.

Benally was charged with assault against a household member and transported to McKinley County Adult Detention Center for booking.

## YOUNG BURGLARS

### *Gallup, July 29*

McKinley County Sheriff Deputy Ben Benally was dispatched to Bishop Drive by Metro Dispatch, where he was told four subjects with red bandanas were trying to break into a residence.

When Benally arrived on scene, he was flagged down by the caller, who said they had noticed the four subjects carrying a bike tube from the residence and running back to their own bikes.

Benally began searching for the subjects, and was soon advised MCSO Deputy Joey Guillen had found the four subjects on Hassler Valley Road.

Benally met Guillen and MSCO Sgt. Anthony Morales at the site where the four individuals were

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detained. Morales told Benally one subject was arrested, Kendrick Begay, 18, of Gallup. Begay is facing charges of attempted breaking and entering, possessing burglary tools, and resisting or evading arrest.

As for the other subjects, Benally contacted their parents and guardians and informed them of what had happened. The other subjects were then released to their parents.

## SECOND STREET SCUFFLE

### *Gallup, July 29*

Gallup Patrolman Daniel Brown was conducting field training duties for Gallup Police Officer Timo Molina, who was dispatched to 1450 S. Second St. in reference to three persons being unconscious at the Teriyaki House.

When Brown and Molina arrived on-scene, they found two of the individuals, Jonath Emerson Jones, 45, of Blackhat, and Leroy Bitsie, 36, of Gallup, sleeping outside the business.

Brown woke the individuals up. He noted they both had bloodshot eyes, slurred speech, and carried a strong smell of alcohol.

Molina received another call to a nearby incident on Second Street and departed, leaving Brown to wait for the public safety officers to pick up Jones and Bitsie.

As Brown waited, Jones got aggressive and tried to start a fight with Bitsie. Brown intervened in the struggle and eventually got Jones in handcuffs. Both Brown and Jones sustained injuries in

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the struggle, so Brown called for an ambulance.

Bitsie was transported to Gallup Detox by Molina, while Jones was taken to Gallup Indian Medical Center to receive treatment for his facial wounds. Jones remained hostile towards Brown during the visit, shouting profanities and threats at him.

Brown then transported Jones to McKinley County Adult Detention Center, where he was booked on charges of assault upon a peace officer, resisting or obstructing an officer, and concealing his identity. Brown went to Rehoboth McKinley Christian Health Care Services for treatment on his right knee, as well.

## **BAD BOYFRIEND**

### ***Gallup, July 29***

Gallup Patrolman Victor Madrid was near the dance arena at 209 W. Aztec Ave. when he observed an intoxicated male and female passing by.

The female had cuts and dried blood on her elbow and hands. The male, Davidson Damon, 38, of Gallup, had dried blood on his hands.

Madrid detained Damon as he spoke with the female, who told him they had been walking under the Interstate 40 bridge when he had pushed her down after she asked for a shot of whiskey. She said that was when she had cut her hands, elbow, and knee.

Damon told Madrid he did not know what had happened earlier, and that he had sustained his

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injury several days prior in a fight with a different person.

Damon was placed under arrest for domestic violence and transported to Rehoboth McKinley Christian Health Care Services for medical clearance, and then to McKinley County Adult Detention Center where he was booked on charges of battery on a household member.

### INTOXICATED BREAK-IN

#### *Gallup, July 29*

Gallup Patrolman John Gonzales was dispatched to Clayton Homes, 1110 U.S. Hwy. 491, in reference to a male subject who had broken into one of the mobile homes on their lot. The subject was intoxicated, according to one of the employees.

Gonzales arrived and met with the employee who called in the incident, along with the business manager. They told Gonzales the male subject was passed out in the laundry room of one of the units.

Gonzales and Gallup Police Officer Adrian Quetawki entered the unit and found the male, Fernando Evans, 40, of Ganado, passed out on the floor. Quetawki escorted Evans to his unit while Gonzales spoke with the staff.

According to witnesses, Evans had used a rock to break one of the windows on one of the units. He then defecated on the floor of the hallway bathroom and passed out in the laundry room. The estimated damages came to about \$1,250.

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Gonzales transported Evans to Gallup Indian Medical Center for medical clearance, and then to McKinley County Adult Detention Center where he was booked on charges of burglary and criminal damage to property.

### DOMESTIC DISPUTE

#### *Gallup, July 29*

Gallup Patrolman Timo Molina was dispatched to a call from Romero Circle in reference to a male subject who had pulled a knife on people.

While Molina was en-route, he was advised the assailant was identified as Ray Yazzie, 41, of Gallup. He was seen leaving a residence heading north.

Molina spotted Yazzie walking north on Clark Street between Aztec Avenue and Highway 66. Molina and Gallup Police Officer Daniel Brown approached and apprehended Yazzie, who began shouting an unknown female subject had attacked him. Yazzie had dried blood and a lump on his face, but had sustained only minor injuries.

Yazzie was taken back to residence on Romero Circle and told officers it was his ex-girlfriend who had attacked him. Molina made contact with Gallup Police Officer Adrian Quetawki, who told him he had called an ambulance to evaluate the supposed attacker.

Yazzie said he had returned to the residence and started drinking when he said his ex-girlfriend just started hitting him. As a result, Yazzie grabbed a knife and pulled it on two children who also lived at the residence and tried to charge at him. Yazzie then left the residence and headed north.



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But when Molina spoke with the ex-girlfriend and the children, they all told him Yazzie had threatened them first. Yazzie had tried to choke his ex-girlfriend, but she did not have any serious injuries.

Based on witness accounts, Molina determined Yazzie was the aggressor and he was arrested on charges of false imprisonment, aggravated assault, and battery on a household member. Yazzie was transported to the county jail for booking.