



SLEEPY TRESPASSER

Gallup, Aug 9

A Gallup man was arrested Aug. 9 after he was seen moving around in a residence that did not belong to him. Melvin Spencer, 56, is now facing breaking and entering charges.

Gallup patrolman Timothy Hughte said he was dispatched to a residence on the 2400 block of State Highway 602 about 2:14 pm. When he got to the scene, he found Spencer walking from the yard and detained him.

He then met Beverly McDargh who was the owner of the residence. She was sitting in her car outside the home. She told Hughte that she had just arrived at the house when she noticed that the curtain on the front window had been removed and realized that there was someone inside.

Hughte went to inspect the house and found the front door had been kicked in and the inside of the house was in disarray. He and another officer entered and yelled “police,” but an inspection revealed no one else in the building.

Later, during an interview, Spencer admitted he had been in the building and had gone there looking for a place to sleep.

RESISTING ARREST

Gallup, Aug. 9

A Gallup police officer received minor injuries Aug. 9 trying to place an intoxicated man in his unit.

Officials Richard Rangel said he was dispatched to the Sports Page Bar on South Second Street because of a phone call from a security guard there that he had a highly intoxicated man who was trying to enter the bar.

When Rangel got to the scene, he found Nathaniel Poyer, 33, of Tempe, Ariz. being detained by the security guard.

Rangel said he then detained Poyer and was attempting to take him to his unit, but Poyer pushed him and tried to run away. Rangel caught him and tried to put handcuffs on him, but he continued to resist and punch him.

Poyer continued to say he wanted to go inside the bar and when Rangel tried to call for backup, Poyer pushed the radio from his hand. Rangel finally managed to get handcuffs on him and place him in his unit.

Poyer later blew a .23 on a breath alcohol test. He was charged with battery on a police officer and resisting arrest.

WHERE DID THE KEYS COME FROM?

Gallup, Aug. 9

Robert Fultz reported to police Aug. 9 that one of his vehicles had been stolen from his business a few days before.

He said when he noticed that the blue 1999 Chevrolet pickup was missing, he began looking at video surveillance and found a tape of the vehicle being stolen at 4 am on July 27.

The video was also reviewed by police who said it showed a man dressed all in black walk up to the vehicle and get inside and then drive it away. Fultz said the doors were locked and there were no keys inside.

SOUNDS LIKE A SCAM

Gallup, Aug. 6

Gallup police received a report Aug. 6 from a Gallup woman who said her social security card

had been compromised.

The woman said she was at work when she received a call from a man who said he was from the FBI. He said he was investigating a report of an Arizona man using her credit card in Texas.

He advised her to go to the nearest Dollar store and buy five Google paycards for $100 each. He then began asking for her bank information, but she refused to give it to him. At that point, another employee overheard her talking and advised her that the call was probably a scam so she hung up.

She later told police that during the call she had sent the man a picture of her social security card.