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***ABUSIVE PARTNER***

***Prewitt, Nov. 7***

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McKinley County Sheriff's Deputy Terence Willie was dispatched to a residence on the 1600 block of Highway 122 in reference to a domestic disturbance.

Metro Dispatch informed Willie the two people fighting were Sharon Leyba and Austin Leyba, 43, of Prewitt. Willie arrived at the residence with Deputy Johnson Lee and they found both people inside. Witnesses reported that Austin had been chasing Sharon toward the Prewitt post office, so Willie detained him inside his unit.

Willie made contact with Sharon, who said Austin had begun hitting her after she arrived home. Sharon was with her three-year-old niece when she got to the house, and she took her into the bedroom after Austin began to attack.

She said Austin tried to choke her and hold her down, but she was able to escape after hitting him with a nearby can. She ran out of the house and Austin followed, and after he had tired from the pursuit, both of them went back inside the residence before Willie and Lee arrived. Willie noted Sharon had several scratches, but she refused medical treatment.

When Willie spoke with Austin, he said nothing happened. Austin was arrested for battery against a household member, false imprisonment, and abuse of a child.

### ***SEARCH FOR VEHICLE THIEF***

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### ***Thoreau, Nov. 1***

McKinley County Sheriff's Deputy Clayton Etsitty was dispatched to a gas station in Thoreau in reference to a stolen vehicle.

Etsitty made contact with Elsie Billie at the Speedway station in Thoreau, 92 Hwy. 371, who said her son had been involved in a fight earlier in the evening at that station and the vehicle, a gray GMC pickup truck, was taken.

Billie said her son was dropped off at home in Crownpoint, looking disheveled and missing several articles of clothing. He said he was beaten up outside the Speedway station and then the person who beat him stole the truck. When he arrived home, Billie said her son appeared intoxicated and acted in a disorderly manner.

The day after Etsitty met with Billie, the missing truck was located near 23 Rose St. in Thoreau by Deputy Terence Willie. The truck's keys were on the driver's seat and one of the front tires was flat. After Dispatch advised the truck was stolen, Billie was informed. She said she would have the vehicle moved.

There are no leads on the suspect.

### ***ILLEGAL SUBSTANCE BUST***

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### ***Gallup, Oct. 17***

A Gallup man was arrested on drug possession charges Oct. 17.

Marcus Spencer, 29, was picked up on an outstanding bench warrant. When he was searched, police found a baggie containing a white crystal substance in his jacket.

Preliminary tests showed that the substance was neither meth nor heroin, so it was sent to the state lab for testing.

### ***HOMELESS SHOPLIFTER***

### ***Gallup, Oct. 17***

A former resident of El Paso, Tex. says he is homeless was arrested for shoplifting and trespass Oct. 17.

Gallup Patrolman Joe Roanhorse said he was on routine patrol when he was flagged down by

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security personnel at the Rio West Mall who had detained a man named Jerry Mathews, 33.

Mathews was reportedly seen leaving the nearby Hobby Lobby with a paint brush set marked at \$34.99 without paying. Management wanted to press charges.

Security officials said they came in contact with Mathews the day before, when he was accused of shoplifting from JCPenney. On that occasion, he was issued a trespass notice after a decision was made not to press charges.