

## Public's assistance needed

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### Fire truck equipment missing

In the early morning hours of Dec. 15, McKinley County Sheriff's Deputy Terrance Willie was on routine patrol in the White Cliffs area, when he noticed an open garage door at the volunteer fire department. After checking, he discovered there were no other vehicles around. He dialed Metro Dispatch and asked about any calls out for the Gallup Fire Department. There were none.

Willie searched the interior of the fire department building and found no one inside. He discovered that someone had gained entry into the building through the roof.

That's when he learned that the fire truck had been stolen. A notice was put out to surrounding agencies in an attempt to locate it.

The truck was later found on Motorcross Road by Deputy Jonathan Todachine. When it was discovered, it was running and no one was inside.

The "Jaws of Life" and air hoses and fire hoses had been removed from the interior of the truck.

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It is estimated that the truck was taken between Saturday night and Sunday morning.

The McKinley County Sheriff's Office is asking for the public's help in identifying a suspect and locating the items taken from the fire truck.

Citizens can call Crimestoppers or the MCSO Investigations Division, where they can speak with Investigator Anthony Ashley.