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UNAUTHORIZED USE OF EGGS, UTENSILS

Gamerco, Feb. 1

McKinley County Sheriff Sergeant Anthony Morales was dispatched to 508 Chino Loop Rameriz Apt. # A10 in reference to a female identified as Marissa Paiz, who wanted to report property damage to her vehicle. Paiz said someone had thrown eggs at her vehicle and slashed two of her tires. She said she didn't know who had done this. She told Morales that the last time she had seen her vehicle before anything happened to it was at 10:45 the previous night. Deputy James Sanchez took pictures. Morales provided Paiz with his card and the incident number, in case she wanted a copy of the report.

HIT IN THE EYE

Gallup, Jan. 31

At about 10:30 pm, McKinley County Sheriff's Deputy Paul Davis Jr. was dispatched to the county jail because of a report of a female inmate assaulting one of the female guards.

When he got there, he was given an incident report of a situation that occurred earlier in the evening when jail authorities called for a lockdown of prisoners when one of the guards smelled smoke.

When Danielle Kinsel, 34, of Gallup, was instructed to go back to her cell, she reportedly became upset, saying she had done nothing wrong. The report said she began cussing at officers and when they tried to escort her back to her cell, she struck one of the officers in the left eye.

The officer was not injured seriously, but Davis said he decided to charge Kinsel with Battery on a Peace Officer.

AN OFFER YOU CAN'T REFUSE

Smith Lake, Jan. 30

A Smith Lake man was arrested after he reportedly threatened patrons of a diner with a knife when they refused to buy jewelry from him.

Demetrio Begay has been charged with aggravated assault (use of a deadly weapon).

McKinley County Sheriff Deputy Johnson Lee said he and another deputy were dispatched to Lil's Diner just off Highway 371 about noon on Jan. 30 because of reports of a fight at the business.

When they got there, they found two men holding Begay on the ground. One of the men said Begay had a knife on him and when he was searched, a knife was found.

Jarvis Russette told deputies Begay had come into the diner approaching customers asking them if they wanted to buy his jewelry. When no one did, he started yelling and cussing which led to the management telling him to leave.

He then pulled out a knife and went outside. Russette said he became concerned that Begay would begin slashing tires, so he went outside to make sure nothing happened to his vehicle.

When he got outside, he said, Begay asked him if he wanted to buy his jewelry. When he got a negative response, Begay reportedly got out his knife again, causing Russette to get in his truck and lock the doors.

Russette said as he watched Begay go around his vehicle, he noticed he no longer had his knife out, so he exited his vehicle and charged him, taking him to the ground and, with the aid of another patron, holding him there until deputies arrived a short time later.

THE PAST CAUSES A FIGHT IN THE PRESENT

Ya-Ta-Hey, Jan. 26

At around 5:56 am McKinley County Sheriff's Deputy Terence Willie was dispatched to Tse Bonito Car Wash to meet with Shannon Slinkey, who was released from Fort Defiance Hospital in Arizona.The hospital had called Metro Dispatch to make a report for battery that occurred at 12 N. Ola Dr., Ya Ta Hey. When Willie arrived at 6:17 am, Slinkey told him that her boyfriend, Corey Begay, had attacked her. She said the two had been drinking and when she was getting ready for bed and laid down, Begay entered the room and began yelling. She told him to stop and go to bed. That made him angry. She said the argument concerned past relationships. Slinkey said her boyfriend closed and locked the door with both of them in the bedroom. She said she laid down and he got on top of her and began to choke her. She said she blacked out and didn't remember being punched, but had swelling on her face. She said she could not defend herself.

She explained she escaped thanks to the help of Begay's mother, Rena Begay and his uncle, Fred Begay who forced the door open. They found her unconscious on the floor. Slinkey said her brother Brandon dragged her out of the bedroom, put her in a van and took her to Ft. Defiance Hospital. She said she didn't remember this as it happened. She was in and out of consciousness.

Slinkey was treated for a broken nose and received stitches to her upper lip. She had bruising on her face, swelling on both cheeks and red marks on her neck.

Willie gave Slinkey a domestic violence packet and suggested she stay with family members.

Then he went back to the address to contact Begay, who was passed out sleeping in a vehicle outside.

Willie said Begay had dried blood on his face. He smelled of alcohol, and when asked what had happened, he said, just a disagreement. He said he didn't do anything to Slinkey. Begay had injuries to his face and his upper lip had dried blood on it. He had a laceration there.

Willie asked Rena Begay, the mother, who is the homeowner, if he could enter the bedroom. She allowed him. He saw blood stains on the carpet and splatter on the bedroom wall. The bed was disturbed and clothing was on the floor. When he went further into the house, he found children inside and various items scattered around the living room where the 4-year-old, 3-year-old and ten-month-old were sleeping.

Statewide Central Intake for New Mexico was contacted. Corey Begay was arrested at 7:28 am and transported to Gallup Indian Medical Center for his injuries and then booked at the McKinley County Adult Detention Center.

OUT OF GAS/CHILDREN COLD

McKinley County, Jan. 26

Two women, one of whom was from Tohatchi, were arrested on January 26 and charged with abuse of a child after their car ran out of gas and they showed signs of being intoxicated.

McKinley County Sheriff 's Deputy Ryan Blackgoat said he was on routine patrol around 8 pm when he discovered a car parked on the shoulder of the road near the three mike marker on U.S. Highway 491.

The car contained two women and two small children. The driver, Cassie Pat, 31, of Albuquerque, said they had run out of gas. She said she called family members in the area to come and assist them.

The female passenger in the vehicle, identified as Tysha Bitsilly, 35, said each of them had a child in the vehicle.

Blackgoat said he could smell alcohol coming from Pat. He said he also saw a bottle of liquor she was trying to hide between her legs. As for Bitsilly, she told Blackgoat she didn't drink, but when she exited the vehicle, she nearly fell to the ground.

Blackgoat said he placed the children in his unit, because they were cold, and arrested the two women for abuse of a child (placed in a dangerous situation). Since he had not seen either woman driving, no DWI charges were filed.

The children were placed with the CYFD.

ABUSE OF CHILD/PEACE OFFICER

Tohatchi, Jan. 17

A Tohatchi woman was placed under arrest on Jan.17 when her five-year-old daughter walked into the Tohlakai Speedway about 7:39 pm and told clerks there that her mother was outside asleep in her vehicle.

The clerks called the McKinley County Sheriff's Office and Deputy Cecil Sanders was dispatched to the scene about 12 miles north of Gallup.

When she arrived, Sanders said she saw Kassandra Johnson, 29, asleep inside her vehicle. Sanders said she had to wake her and when Johnson awoke, she slurred her words. She was asked if anyone else was in the car and she said no.

She was then asked where her daughter was and she said she did not know. When told her daughter was inside the convenience store at the gas station, Johnson said she had called her mother earlier to pick her up.

Sanders said she called Johnson's mother, who said her daughter had called her earlier and she was on the way to pick the five-year-old up. When Johnson's mother arrived, her granddaughter was turned over to her and Johnson was transported to the county jail and charged with abuse of a child.

A charge of battery of a police officer was also filed against Johnson when she reportedly began yelling at guards as she was changing into inmate clothing and kicked one of the corrections officers in the face.

The officer suffered no visible injury. Battery upon a Peace Officer was added to the charges against Johnson.

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