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HELD DOWN

Gallup, Feb. 26

Gallup Police Officer Michael Eley was dispatched to an apartment on East Hill Avenue on Feb. 26. When he arrived at the scene, he was greeted by Allen Clifford, 45, of Gallup, who had no clothes on at the time.

His girlfriend, who lives with him, told Eley that Clifford had been drinking and had become verbally abusive, pushing her down on the bed and not letting her up. She said she finally managed to get away and police were called.

When he was interviewed, Clifford said he and his girlfriend were having consensual sex. He denied holding her down. According to Eley, Clifford was verbally abusive and showed signs of being intoxicated.

He was transported to the county jail and booked on charges of false imprisonment and battery on a household member.

Clifford was released on his own recognizance by a judge.

PLAYING IN THE ROCKS

Gallup, Feb. 20

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Trent Williams, 28, of Mentmore, was charged with possession of a controlled substance after police found about four grams of meth on his person.

Gallup Police Officer Brandon Salazar said when he informed Metro Dispatch of the sighting, he was told to go and check on his welfare since police had been receiving calls on him.

Salazar said he found him nearby playing in the rocks near caution tape, and asked if he was ok. Williams responded he was high and when asked what he was high on, he said meth.

Williams was found in possession of four grams of a crystal-like substance, which later tested positive for meth.

He was charged with possession of a controlled substance.

Williams was released on his own recognizance by a judge.

OUT OF CONTROL

Gallup, Feb. 19

Kyle Plummer, 22, of Gallup, is facing charges of battery on a peace officer and resisting arrest after his family called authorities for help.

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When Gallup Patrolman Daniel Brown showed up at the family home on Feb. 19, he found Plummer being held down on the bed by his 13-year-old brother. Family members said he had been disorderly because he had been drinking and may have been on drugs. Brown said when he arrived, both Kyle and his brother were calm, but that Kyle was highly intoxicated.

His mother talked to Brown, but made no statement about being battered by Plummer. She did say he had used meth in the past.

Brown said when he walked Plummer to his police unit, he was staggering. When he was placed in the back of the unit, he began kicking at the door, damaging it. Brown and another officer tried to subdue him but Brown said he put his hand into a fist and punched him on the chin and jumped out of the police unit before he was subdued through the use of a taser.

When placed back in the unit, Plummer reportedly began to threaten Brown saying he would kill him when he got out. He continued to be uncooperative as he was taken to a local hospital for a medical clearance.

At one point he even asked Brown to shut the car door on his head so he could sue the police department. When medical staff at the hospital gave him a medical clearance, he was transported to the county jail and booked.

Plummer was released on his own recognizance by a judge.

CHILD ABUSE

Gallup, Feb. 18

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Patrick Clifton, 37, of Gallup, was charged with abuse of a child. Gallup police were dispatched to the Clifton residence after they received a complaint of a man choking his 12-year-old daughter.

Clifton's daughter met authorities at the residence and told them she was taking clothes out of the house to go stay at her grandmother's, when Clifton knocked her clothes out of her hands and then began choking her. Other witnesses at the house confirmed her story.

She said he then kneed her as she left the house.

When police interviewed Clifton, he said has gotten into an argument with his children. He said they had texted his girlfriend and given her a hard time.

Clifton posted \$5,000 cash or surety bond.

NOT WELL WELFARE CHECK

Gallup, Feb. 17

A simple welfare check ended up with a 28-year-old Gallup woman being charged with assault on a peace officer and resisting arrest.

Gallup Police Officer Ryan Salazar said he was dispatched on Feb. 17 to the Red Lodge on East Historic Highway 66 on a welfare check. When he got there, he was told by one of the guests that a woman had walked into his room after he left it for a few minutes.

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When Salazar checked the room, he discovered that Nizhoni Yellowfeather was inside and the door had been jammed so police had to breach a small window to get in. When she was arrested, Salazar said she became very uncooperative and had to be placed on the ground to be controlled.

While on the ground, she attempted to kick one of the officers and police had to put leg restraints and handcuffs on her.

Yellowfeather was released on her own recognizance by a judge.

SHOPLIFTING AT THE MALL

Gallup, Feb. 8

Security personnel at the Rio West Mall reported a man and woman shoplifting.

Nakota Castillo, 22, of Kirtland, was found and brought to the security office. He was handcuffed when he became disorderly. The female, a 17-year-old from Gallup was also located and became verbally abusive and out of control, She, too, was handcuffed. She had a small black puppy with her.

Marcos Ramone, the Loss Prevention officer from the JC Penney's store, said he wanted to prosecute Castillo. He produced a receipt showing more than \$129 worth of clothing was taken, most of the items, by Castillo.

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Tribe Security officer Monty Jackson said he wanted to do a trespass notice on the pair.

Castillo gave his information freely, but the girl gave a wrong Social Security number which went back to a deceased female. She needed the puppy to be picked up by her mother.

No charges were filed against the female although she continued to be uncooperative and showed signs of being intoxicated. She was turned over to the custody of her mother.

Her mother confirmed her identity and the girl was released to her. The teen admitted she drank with Castillo.

Castillo was arrested and transported to the Dispatch Center for a warrant from Colorado and returns. Since no hard copy of the warrant was sent prior to booking, the staff will contact Colorado for a copy to be served.

Castillo was charged with a fugitive of justices: 31-4-2 fourth degree felony and shoplifting. A misdemeanor charge of selling or giving liquor to a minor is pending.

Castillo was released on his own recognizance by a judge.