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DRUNK PARENT

Gamerco, March 22

A Gamerco woman is facing abuse of a child charges after one of her children called 911 on March 22 about 8 pm and then hung up before talking to the dispatcher.

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The dispatcher then called the number back and said the woman who answered the phone sounded like she was intoxicated.

This led to McKinley County Sheriff's Deputy Jeremy Shirley being dispatched to China Loop in Gamerco to see what was going on. When he got to the apartment, he met Deandrea Garcia, 30, who said she was there along with her two boys, six and nine.

Shirley said he could smell the odor of liquor on her breath, but she denied she had been drinking. When asked about the whereabouts of her oldest son, she said he was hiding in her car on the curb.

A check of the car found no one inside, but he walked into the apartment a few minutes later saying he was hungry because they hadn't eaten. Shirley again asked Garcia if she had been drinking, and she again said no, but her son said she had been. Her son also told Shirley that his mother was better in the morning after she got some sleep.

Shirley got in touch with the boys' grandmother who agreed to pick them up since their mother was going to be arrested.

Garcia refused to take a breath alcohol test so after getting a medical clearance from a local hospital, she was transported to the county jail and booked.

Garcia was later released on her own recognizance by a judge.

AUTO SHOP BREAK-IN

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Gallup, March 17

Wyatt Othermedicine, 20, of Standing Rock, was arrested after being found inside the Rico's Auto Shop after it was closed.

Gallup police had been dispatched to the business about 7:30 am after a report was called in about a broken window. When police got there, they found Wyatt Othermedicine lying on the floor.

Nothing was reported stolen, but it was estimated it would cost about \$1,000 to replace the window.

Othermedicine was released on his own recognizance by a judge.

TWO VEHICLE THIEVES

Gallup, March 21

An area couple is facing multiple charges after being found in possession of a stolen vehicle and trying to evade capture by fleeing from a McKinley County Sheriff's deputy.

It all began when Deputy Johnson Lee was driving on U.S. Highway 491 about 7 am on March 21, when he noticed a vehicle with no license plates. He conducted a traffic stop, but as he was walking to the car, the female driver started up her car and sped away.

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Lee said he began chasing the vehicle which was traveling at a high rate of speed, weaving all over the road and almost colliding with another vehicle.

The driver eventually lost control of the car on Metro Avenue and rolled down a hill into the Rio West Mall parking lot. The female driver and male passenger got out of the vehicle through the windshield.

Lee said he got out of his unit and removed his canine partner, threatening to release him if they didn't stop running. The driver saw the dog and fell to the ground placing her arms over her head. Security personnel at the mall saw what was happening and apprehended the passenger.

The female identified herself as Dahlia Brown, 22, of Standing Rock. The male gave Lee a false identity, but he was later identified as Gilbert David John, 31, of Brimhall. There was a bench warrant out for Brown's arrest. John had several outstanding bench warrants.

As Lee was investigating the case at the mall, a woman named Antonia Teller showed up and said the vehicle Brown was driving was stolen from her early that morning as she was sleeping at a nearby motel.

Teller said a friend saw her car as she was driving by and woke her up with the news. Teller said she did not know Brown and had not given her permission to drive her car.

Brown was arrested for aggravated fleeing from an officer, unlawful taking of a motor vehicle, and resisting, evading or obstructing an officer. John was booked on outstanding warrants and additionally on the same charges as Brown.

Brown was released on her own recognizance by a judge, while John is in custody on a no bond.