

Weekly Police Activity Reports

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ARMED SHOPPER

Gallup, March 25

A Window Rock, Ariz. man was charged with aggravated assault after he threatened a security guard with a weapon.

Gallup Police Officer Luke Martin said he was dispatched to the Lowe's Shop and Save, 1120 E. Hwy. 66, in connection with a threat. There he met Anthony Tovar, a security officer, who said he had a confrontation with a man later identified as Lenny Nez, 51.

It turned out that Nez was still in the area and he was picked up. He had no weapon, but police found a tool with a sharpened end stuck to a tree where he was seen standing.

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Tovar told Martin that he had been watching Nez in the store because he was carrying a big case of beef. Nez put the beef down and purchased some noodles. Tovar said he followed Nez outside.

When they got outside, Tovar turned to him and told him if he kept following him, he was going to kill him. Tovar said he saw Nez was carrying a knife-like weapon. It was identified as a scrapper type knife. Tovar said he backed off and called police.

Based on the investigation, Martin arrested Nez for aggravated battery with a deadly weapon. Nez was issued a written trespass notice from the business. Nez was later booked into McKinley County Adult Detention Center on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Nez is in custody. Bond is set at \$1500.00 cash/surety.

WEAPON IN A BACKPACK

Gallup, March 20

Gallup Police Officer Jerald Watchman had transported a male to McKinley County Adult Detention Center earlier in the day for a bench warrant, but he was called back to the detention center after being informed the suspect had a weapon on him.

Dustin Sherman, 32, of Gallup, was transported and booked earlier in the day. Then, Corrections Officer Donovan King found a firearm secured in Sherman's backpack. It was not loaded. However, a shell was found.

Sherman had concealed parts from two different models of Beretta handguns, but only one

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magazine. Watchman also learned Sherman was a prior convicted felon for battery against a peace officer.

Dustin Sherman bonded out of jail on \$1500.00 cash/surety March 28.

TROUBLE WITH THE SON

Gallup, March 19

A domestic dispute between a son and his mother resulted in the son being arrested for battery on a household member.

Gallup Police Officer Jerald Watchman said he was dispatched to the Sun Valley Apartments about 3 pm in connection of what turned out to be a domestic dispute.

When he got there, he saw Marlena Tyson sitting on the stairs to her apartment. She was crying and shaking as if she was scared. Tyson told him that her son, Winn Goodman, 31, of Gallup, was still inside the apartment and he had threatened to trash it if she called police.

Watchman said when he went inside the apartment and saw Goodman, he realized the man was intoxicated. His eyes were watery and bloodshot and his speech was slurred. He had white powder around his mouth. After searching him for weapons, Goodman was put in handcuffs and placed in the police unit.

Tyson said her son had been staying with her for about three weeks. On this occasion, she said he was sitting on the couch getting angry. She said she told him to calm down. He then told her to shut up and she went into her bedroom.

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She said her son came in and began choking her as she lay in her bed. She said she began having a hard time breathing so she faked passing out, so he would stop. She said he also punched her in the middle of her face. Watchman said she displayed obvious injuries to her face and neck and white powder on her left ear. She said he had been eating a donut and Watchman found a piece of it by the front door.

Goodman was transported to McKinley County Adult Detention Center and charged with battery against a household member and interference with communications. Watchman also learned Goodman had an active warrant out for his arrest.

Goodman was released by a judge on his own recognizance March 23.