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ARMED DRINKER

Gallup, May 18

Paul Jude Herrera, 51, of Gallup, was placed under arrest on May 18 for possession of a firearm by a felon after the Sheriff's Office received a complaint of a possible drunk driver.

Sgt. Tammy Houghtaling responded to the call about a man seen drinking at Walmart. Herrera had already left the area, but was followed by the person who called in the complaint, so Houghtaling was able to find and stop him.

Herrera denied he had been drinking although Houghtaling said she could smell liquor on his breath. Herrera continued to argue that he had been sober for 12 years and that the odor was coming from his vehicle.

Houghtaling said she looked in the car and saw a bottle containing alcohol on the front passenger seat.

Herrera agreed to take the standard field sobriety tests, but complained from the beginning that the wind was causing him problems even though it was at his back. He failed and was arrested for DWI.

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Before he took the tests, Houghtaling noticed he was carrying a gun in a holster and removed it. She also found a magazine filled with bullets in his pocket.

After being arrested for DWI, Herrera was asked to take a breath alcohol test. Instead of agreeing, he asked to speak to his attorney and said he was not going to take the test.

Herrera was later released on his own recognizance by a judge.

MAN WITH A LADDER

Gallup, May 14

A man was arrested on a bench warrant on May 14 after the McKinley County Sheriff's Office began investigating the theft of items from a Gallup motel.

Deputy Rocky Klein said he observed a pickup stopped on Nizhoni Boulevard near the Sheriff's Office. He watched as a man got out of the vehicle and walked to the trees. He came back with a dolly covered by two trash bags. He put the dolly in back of the pickup.

Then another man got out of the passenger side and the two walked back onto the field. Klein said he parked behind the pickup as the second man walked back to the vehicle and got back into the passenger seat.

He then saw the first man put something in the trees and walk back to the pickup. Klein identified the first man as Eugene Eddy, 39, of Gallup.

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Klein said he told the two men to stay put, but as he returned to his unit to see if they had outstanding warrants, Eddy began walking back to the field and Klein had to go after him.

Klein went into the trees and found a ladder. There were marks of something being dragged and Klein followed those marks to the Cedar Hills Apartments. A maintenance man there identified the dolly and ladder as belonging to the complex.

It turned out that there was a warrant out for Eddy, so he was charged with that. Irvin Walley, 42, of Gallup, the second man in the pickup, was never seen to be in possession of any property, so he was released.

The police incident report said the theft of the dolly and ladder is still being investigated.