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## HOUSEHOLD BATTERY

## Black Hat, May 29

Harold Tom, 52, of Black Hat, was arrested for battery on a household member after his mother accused him of hitting her.

McKinley County deputies were dispatched to Black Hat at 6:22 pm on May 29 in response to a call for help.

Jennie Blackgoat said her daughter Charlotte had gone to the trailer where Tom lived and they had gotten into an argument. The daughter came back home and a short time later Tom was at the door trying to get in.

His mother said he pushed the door open and said he was going to beat up her daughter. She said Tom pushed her, Jennie, to the floor and began hitting her with a closed fist as she tried to protect herself with her arms.

She said she managed to get away and a neighbor responded to her pleas for help. As she was trying to flee, she said Tom picked up a one gallon water jug and threw it at her, hitting her. She said her daughter managed to escape without injury.

Tom was arrested and taken to the county jail where he was released after being found to have a high temperature. Jail officials were worried he could have contracted the COVID-19 virus.

He was taken to a local hospital for testing and was left there to sleep off his intoxication.