





DETENTION BATTERY

Gallup, March 1

McKinley County Deputy Ivan Tsethlikai Jr. was dispatched to the Gallup Adult Detention Center because an inmate hit another inmate.

When Tsethlikai got to the center about 1 pm, he met with the victim who explained he had been sleeping in his bunk when Andy Garcia came into his cell — the cell door was open.

According to the victim, Garcia started hitting his face and head with both fists. The victim said he does not know Garcia or why he attacked him. He did not fight back, but just held his arms up to protect himself.

The victim said he was okay, and Tsethlikai noted a small scratch on his right cheek. On-duty medical personnel looked him over.

Tsethlikai met with Garcia, but he was uncooperative and said he had nothing to say to the deputy. He was then taken back to his cell by the on-duty correctional officers.

STOLEN CAR, HIDDEN DRUGS

McKinley County, March 1

A man was arrested in McKinley County for allegedly driving a car that was not his and transporting and concealing drugs.

In a criminal complaint, Deputy Frank Villa, Jr. alleges defendant Casey Yonnie was behind the wheel of an unidentified car, a fourth-degree felony. Villa said Yonnie was uncooperative with law enforcement by not providing his name, a petty misdemeanor.

When Yonnie was checked into jail, he was found to have crystal meth, marijuana and a pipe in his possession, a fourth-degree felony, Villa wrote in his report.

FIREARM POSSESSION

Gallup, Jan. 16

Gallup Police Department Officer Richard Rangel responded to a report of a stolen car in the area of Ford Canyon Park.

Evelyn Slinkey, the woman who called, pointed officers to a green Ford Explorer and they found Darrick Woodie inside. Woodie was reportedly nervous when speaking to Rangel and his team, saying he was coming from a family member's house and did not know who the Explorer belonged to.

Rangel found a handgun, ammunition for another weapon and a "white glass shard-like substance with paraphernalia" in the Explorer, according to the criminal complaint document. Rangel arrested Woodie, knowing the man was a convicted felon.

A search warrant was executed on the car Woodie was driving and officers later confirmed he was a convicted felon.

He was booked into the McKinley County Adult Detention Center. He was charged with trafficking meth with intent to distribute and possession of a firearm or destructive device.

LIST OF CHARGES

Albuquerque, June 9

Alonzo Daniel Johnson, 22, of Gallup, faced a laundry list of charges following an incident at an unspecified location in Bernalillo County.

Per the reports, Johnson at some point did touch a victim, Cesily Ciracallor, with the intent to inflict great bodily harm. Around the same time in the same area, Johnson damaged a television set without the consent of the owner.

Albuquerque Police Officer Ricardo Enrique was dispatched and located Johnson, who attempted to flee from the scene, driving recklessly as he did. When Johnson's vehicle was stopped and he was detained, he was believed to be intoxicated and was driving with a suspended license.

In all, Johnson faced charges for aggravated battery, fleeing a law enforcement officer, criminal damage to property, aggravated DWI, reckless driving, a suspended license, and fleeing the scene of an accident.

The next hearing date has not been determined.

KNIFE FIGHT

Gallup, April 21

McKinley County Deputy Brandon Salazar was dispatched to the Howard Johnson Hotel, 2915 W. Hwy. 66, in reference to a fight possibly involving weapons. He arrived on-site and found several people standing with the security guard.

One person, Cashias Toledo, said he was stabbed by Jeremiah Tsosie, 32, of Gallup. Toledo said Tsosie had been arguing with another man and when he tried to break up the fight, Tsosie brandished a knife and began swinging it at him, cutting his arm. Another witness at the scene corroborated Toledo's statement.

Tsosie told Salazar that he had been arguing with another man when Toledo began choking him, and that he pulled a knife out in self-defense. Based on the statements and evidence, Salazar found probable cause that Tsosie had committed aggravated battery with a deadly weapon.

The case was dismissed without prejudice on July 15.

ANKLE BRACELET THEFT

McKinley County, Aug. 19, 2019

Police say a local man is responsible for stealing an electronic-GPS ankle bracelet, which belonged to authorities, two years ago.

Gallup Police Department Deputy Thomas House wrote in a criminal complaint that Mario Romero, 33, of Gallup, committed larceny (over $500) and criminal damage to property (over $1,000) for taking the item, associated with the compliance program. The crimes, said to be committed around Aug. 19, 2019, are both fourth-degree felonies.

The document filed by House provides no other specifics about the case.