

## Weekly Police Activity Reports

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### ***GHOSTED***

#### ***Jamestown, March 31***

A woman was just trying to get gas when a man driving a Diamond Trucking Company truck assaulted her.

The woman from Jamestown called the McKinley County Sheriff's Office on March 31 to report the assault. Deputy Timo Molina arrived at 28 Giant Crossing in Jamestown at 2:44 pm.

The victim explained that she had been pumping gas when a male driver approached her truck. She said that she had a feeling she knew why the man was coming toward her, because she'd had to back in to the pump to get gas, and the man may have thought she cut him off.

The victim locked her door, and the man proceeded to flip her off multiple times before punching the driver's side window of her truck. There was no damage to the truck and the woman said she wasn't injured. The man then left without getting gas. The Jamestown woman said the truck read Diamond Trucking Company on the side and had Arizona plates.

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Molina called the company, and the dispatch center was able to give him the man's name: Derrick Hamilton. The center gave Molina Hamilton's phone number and he tried calling him several times with no answer. He left Hamilton a voicemail telling him to call the McKinley County Metro Dispatch.

Hamilton did not call back.

### ***HIDING IN A CLOSET***

#### ***Gallup, March 27***

When police went to a house in Gallup to serve a man a warrant, they found meth and heroin inside the home.

McKinley County Sheriff's Office Deputies Miguel Bittony, Jeremy Shirley, and Brandon Salazar went to 512 Pershing Ave. in Gallup on March 27 with a warrant to search the house.

Shirley and Salazar found Derek J. Calderon hiding in a closet in a bedroom. They arrested Calderon around 11:20 am on a McKinley County Bench Warrant.

Salazar asked the homeowner if he could search the area where Calderon had been hiding. He found a crystal-like substance in a clear plastic bag inside a small match case and a white powder in a small clear bag inside a small circular tin can. A black substance was found in a clear plastic bag in a black camera case. A black backpack was found in the living room, and Calderon said it was his. Glass pipes that the deputies believed were drug paraphernalia were found in the backpack.

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Bittony helped Calderon into his patrol car, and he drove him to the McKinley County Adult Detention Center. Calderon was booked at about 1:21 pm for the possession of a controlled substance (heroin, methamphetamine, and paraphernalia).

Calderon had over seven grams of meth and less than a gram of heroin on him. He is currently in custody.

### ***MISSING HEADPHONE***

#### ***Fort Wingate, Feb. 17***

A year after it happened, a woman reported that her cousin had stolen her \$390 headphones.

McKinley County Sheriff's Department Deputy Timo Molina was dispatched to #40 Sonya Circle on Feb. 17, where he met the woman from Fort Wingate.

The woman told Molina that on Feb. 24, 2020, around noon, her cousin was babysitting her children. When she returned home around 7:00 pm that night, she could not find her Beats headphones. She said she suspected her cousin had stolen the headphones, because she's stolen from her before.

When Molina asked why she had waited almost a full year to report the incident, the Fort Wingate woman said she wanted to be absolutely positive she hadn't just misplaced her Beats. She said the last time she saw the headphones was Feb. 23, 2020, around 6:00 pm.

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She valued the headphones at \$390.99.

### ***VALENTINE'S DAY RIPOFF***

#### ***Gallup, Feb. 14***

A Valentine's Day burglary attempt didn't turn out to be heartwarming for the burglar in Gallup.

On Feb. 14 McKinley County Sheriff's Office's Officers Francis Collins, Richard Rangel III, and Clarissa Morgan were dispatched to the Springhill Suites Marriott at 1105 West Lincoln Avenue in Gallup because of a burglary.

Collins detained the suspect, identified as Zachary Kee.

He had two axes, which Collins took from him. Collins then spoke with a hotel employee named Anthony Leekitty who confirmed that Kee was the suspect.

Leekitty said that he heard a car alarm go off while he was inside the hotel, and he saw Kee crawl out of the broken back window of a gray Toyota truck. Kee was carrying tools out of the truck and he jumped the brick wall that was behind the hotel. Leekitty said he had found black and red tie downs near the brick wall.

Collins saw that the truck in question was a 2016 Toyota Tacoma with an Arizona veterans license plate. He noted that the back, middle, and right windows were shattered.

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Leekitty told the driver of the Toyota truck what he had seen. The driver told officers that her sister owned the truck.

The officers got the two axes and the tie downs from Kee and gave them back to the driver, who said they were the only items stolen. She estimated that the shattered back windows would cost \$1,500 to repair. The axes were valued at nearly \$28 each and the tie downs were valued at almost \$17.

Dispatch told the three officers that there was a warrant out for Kee's arrest, so Collins arrested him at 10:06 am for burglary.

After Kee was cleared by the Gallup Indian Medical Center, he was taken to the McKinley County Adult Detention Center, where he was booked for burglary, criminal damage to property, and the aforementioned warrant.

He was released on his own recognizance.

This table represents a seven-day period of Gallup Police Dept. incident calls

MARCH 31 – APRIL 6

INCIDENT TYPE

NUMBER OF CALLS

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Intoxicated Person

220

Welfare Check

151

Traffic/Traffic Stop

99

Police Request

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Domestic

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Alarm

44

Law

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Disorderly

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Battery

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Accident

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All other calls including shots fired, disputes, burglary, assault, vandalism, etc.

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