

Alleged murderer found in Gamerco

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A multi-agency effort led to the early morning arrest of alleged wanted murderer Josiah Smith in Gamerco.

The McKinley County Sheriff's Office, Gallup Police Department, and the FBI were able to locate Josiah Smith, 27, from Smith Lake, on Aug. 21 around 7 am.

According to McKinley County Undersheriff James Maiorano, Smith had an outstanding warrant for a murder that was connected to a shooting that happened in Church Rock earlier this year. That case is being handled by the FBI.

Smith was taken into custody without any incident or injury.

On May 17 Smith allegedly shot and killed a man by firing into a window from outside a Church Rock home.

Smith is an enrolled member of the Navajo Nation. He had his initial appearance in court on Aug. 25. He will be in custody until his detention hearing, which is scheduled for Aug. 26. If he is convicted, Smith will face a sentence of up to life in prison.

