

Police arrest shooter at elementary school

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Stagecoach Elementary School (1498 Freedom Dr.) went into a lockdown on the morning of Aug. 23 when Gallup Police responded to a call about shots fired in the area of Sagebrush Place Apartments (650 Dani Drive).

Officers made contact with the caller around 9 am.

The caller explained that he discovered an unknown male inside his vehicle at the apartment complex and when he confronted him, the person inside his vehicle pulled out a firearm. Startled by the response, he left the area, but said he heard two gunshots.

Officers set up a perimeter to search for the suspect and the school was placed on lockdown during the pursuit.

Officers of the Gallup Police Department located the suspect and took him into custody. He was identified as Jerome Tyson Stewart, 32, of Fort Defiance, Ariz. and formally booked into the McKinley County Adult Detention Center for 1) Burglary of a vehicle, 2) Aggravated Assault (use of a deadly weapon), 3) Possession of a controlled substance (possession of methamphetamine), 4) Tampering with evidence (third or fourth degree felony) and 5) Negligent use of a deadly weapon (discharging a firearm near an inhabited building).

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The school lockdown was lifted. No injuries were reported. The incident remains under investigation.