

## Weekly Police Activity Report

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### ***NEVER MIND MY FACE. JUST GET MY MONEY BACK.***

***Gallup, Aug. 15***

A man who suffered a 3-inch laceration to his left cheek, a large abrasion to his forehead and a mark next to his right eye, didn't want medical attention, but called the police because his bag was stolen.

The man said he was jumped by three people who stomped on his face. When Gallup Police Officer Daniel Brown arrived near the Hacienda Motel, 2510 E. Hwy. 66, the man refused to say who had attacked him and would not give a description. Instead, he said, "it's all good." He did tell Brown that one of the three had brass knuckles.

The victim said a brown backpack that held about \$187 in cash was stolen from him. A MedStar ambulance arrived at the scene, but the caller refused treatment and said he would walk to a family member's house. Brown told the caller to contact police if he wants to provide any further information.

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There were no other details given in the report.

### ***HOSPITAL FREAK-OUT***

***Gallup, Aug. 14***

A male patient brought in to Gallup Indian Medical Center by the Gallup Fire Department and MedStar asked to be seen in the emergency room. He was told he was already in the Emergency Room and was going to get seen. But when health care staff walked him to the east annex in another part of the hospital, he became agitated and began asking why he was not being taken to the emergency room.

Gallup Police Officer Julio Yazzie was called to the scene where he was told that the patient, identified as Byron Custer, 35, of Gallup, grabbed a staff member's right wrist and prepared to bite him. The staff member said Custer managed to scratch him.

A security guard said Custer spit into her eyes. She said she noticed a knife in Custer's sock. She said he did not pull it out or attempt to use it.

A second security guard who pinned Custer to the wall to get him to calm down, said he was injured in his rib cage and chest area during that struggle.

Another staff member said Custer spit at him, but only got his cheek.

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Custer was cleared by GIMC and booked for aggravated battery, assault and battery on health care personnel.

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### ***THERE'S NOTHING IN MY POCKETS*** ***Gallup, Aug. 14***

A male was walking up and down the aisles of the Family Dollar store at 2800 E. Hwy. 66. The store manager realized he was the same person who had walked into the store the day prior and left with about \$30 worth of unpaid-for merchandise.

Metro Dispatch was advised, and Gallup Police Officer Maria Olivares arrived at the store and met with the male. She told him that he was suspected of shoplifting. He turned out his pockets, showing her he did not have any merchandise on him.

The manager still asked to have a trespass warrant issued because of his actions from the day before. The male stated his name was Daniel Etsitty, which Olivares asked Metro Dispatch to search. Dispatch advised that his full name was Taylor Daniel Etsitty, 26, of Sundance, N.M. and he had two Magistrate Court warrants.

Etsitty was placed under arrest for the two warrants and was issued a trespass notice and citation for shoplifting. He was transported to McKinley County Adult Detention Center and booked.

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### ***PARKING LOT VANDALISM***

***Gallup, Aug. 13***

While inside Sammy C's Rock N' Sports Pub & Grille 107 W. Coal Ave., a couple of customers who arrived around 8:30 pm, returned outside to find their vehicle had been vandalized and burgled.

The rear window of their truck had been shattered and several tools were missing. The owner said a medium-sized rock was in the front passenger side and it looked to him as if the suspect (s) had tried to break the left rear passenger window, but failed.

Gallup Officer Norman Bowman verified the damage to the rear window and the glass shards inside the truck cab. No witnesses came forward and no suspects were identified.

An effort to locate the missing tools turned up empty. Bowman advised the owner that a report on the incident would be made.

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### ***TWO HITS IN ONE NIGHT***

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On the same night as the parking lot burglary at Sammy C's Rock N' Sports Pub & Grille, 107 W. Coal Ave., another man discovered the rear window of his 2021 Chevy Malibu had been shattered. The car was also in Sammy C's parking lot.

Gallup Officer Warren Bowannie met with the owner a little after 11:30 pm at the business. The car's owner said he was inside when the car was vandalized. A passenger who came with him was outside the bar and noticed that the rear window on the vehicle had been broken. There were 6-inch long masonry bricks on the ground next to the car.

The right rear and right front windows were also damaged with what appeared to be bricks. The hood and rear had dents as well. The owner estimated the damage to be about \$1,100.

Bowman noted all the damage to the vehicle as described by the victim. No witnesses came forward at the scene, and there are no suspects. Bowman canvassed the area to attempt to locate those responsible, but no one was found.

No other information is available.