

Carjacking suspect arrested after collision with police units

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Gallup Police received a call involving a carjacking at Hampton Inn West at 111 Twin Buttes Rd. about 1:30 pm on Feb. 15.

The victim told police a Native American man pointed a pistol at her and then drove away in her blue Ford Escape SUV. Shortly after the call came out, deputies from the McKinley County Sheriff's Office located the stolen vehicle being driven on the east side of Gallup. The deputies followed the vehicle through the Indian Hills and Red Hills neighborhoods and initiated a pursuit.

However, they lost sight of the vehicle. About a minute later, Gallup Police Sergeant John Gonzales located the suspect vehicle in the area of Desert Rose Trailer Park on the east side of Gallup. Gonzales initiated a pursuit with the vehicle.

Meanwhile, detectives at the nearby Gallup Police Department left the station and headed to the area to render assistance. Detective Victor Rodriguez was attempting to clear heavy traffic from the intersection of Williams Street and East Aztec Avenue. The suspect vehicle, traveling northbound on Williams, struck Rodriguez's police vehicle in the intersection. Rodriguez sustained minor injuries after his vehicle's airbags deployed.

The suspect vehicle then traveled east on East Aztec Avenue and collided into Detective Victor Madrid's police vehicle, but Madrid was not injured. The suspect was arrested immediately after the second collision.

The suspect was identified as Jeremy Cowboy, 40, of Mentmore. Police intend to charge Cowboy with Armed Robbery, a second degree felony, Aggravated Battery on a Police Officer,

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a third degree felony, and Aggravated Fleeing a Law Enforcement Officer, a fourth degree felony.

The investigation is ongoing, and additional charges are pending.