



A woman called the police after she realized a relative and his girlfriend were allegedly abusing a baby.

On May 12, around 11:38 pm, Gallup Police Officer Matthew Strandy arrived at the Gallup Indian Medical Center, 516 E. Nizhoni Blvd., because the hospital staff had called in a child abuse report regarding an 18-month-old baby boy.

When he got to the hospital, Strandy met with a woman who said Eric Begay and his girlfriend Jessica Haley had abused the infant.

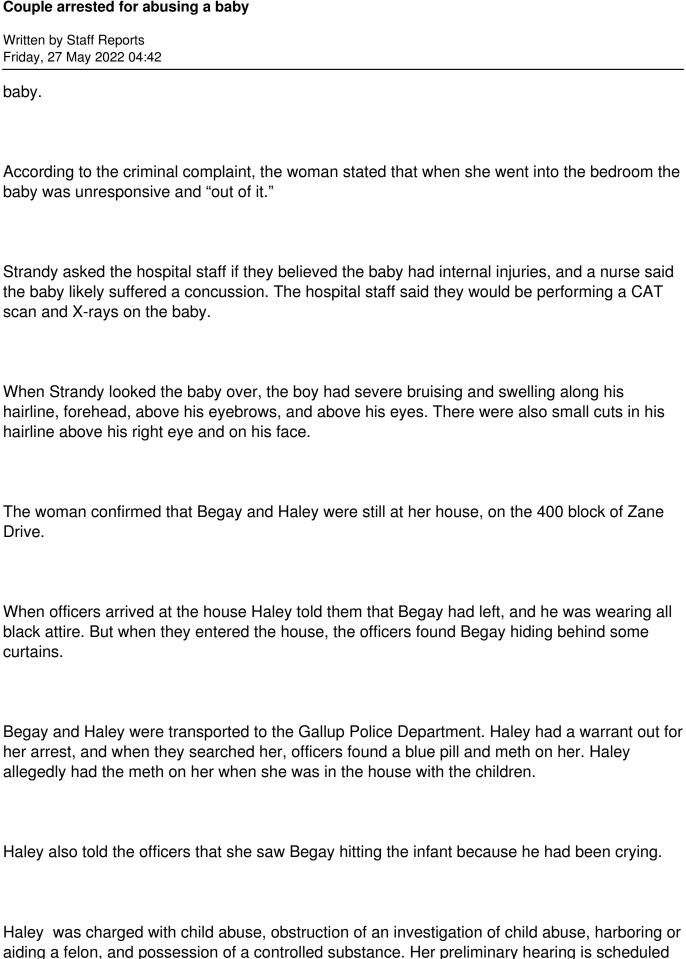
The woman explained that when she got home around 9 pm that night, she heard a loud thud in the children's room, and she heard the baby begin to cry.

When she went into the bedroom she met the two older children, 12 and 13 years old, respectively. According to Strandy's report, the two older children told the woman that Begay, 37, had been slapping and hitting the baby.

The woman said that Haley, 32, was also reportedly in the room when Begay was abusing the

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Begay was charged with child abuse and obstruction of an investigation of child abuse. His preliminary hearing is also scheduled for May 25.

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