

## Man reportedly leaves psychedelic smoothie within child's reach

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A man called the police after a child in his care allegedly drank a smoothie containing pure psychedelic mushrooms.

On May 11, around 6:01 pm, Russel Boardman, 41, called the Gallup Police Department saying that a child needed help after sipping on the reported hallucinating-inducing concoction.

According to the police report, Metro Dispatch had a hard time understanding Boardman, but they did hear a woman screaming in the background.

Gallup Police Officer Jarad Albert arrived at the 1400 block of Romero Circle around 6:06 pm. When he entered the house, he saw Boardman lying on a bed with a small child on his chest. According to Albert's criminal complaint, the six-year-old child was limp and twitched aggressively every few seconds.

Boardman was crying and screaming. When Albert asked him what was going on, Boardman couldn't form any sentences.

When Boardman was finally able to speak, he explained that he had made a smoothie with mushrooms in it around 3 pm. He said that he didn't know when the child consumed the smoothie, but he said he'd drunk about 65% of it himself.

Boardman declined to tell Albert where he got the mushrooms from. The drug was found next to

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the child on the bed and Albert also reportedly found some more mushrooms inside of a toilet. While the mushrooms in the toilet were not collected for evidence, Boardman still had 11.8 grams of mushrooms in his possession.

Officer Gilbert Gonzales cleared the scene and escorted an 8-year-old boy out of the house. The two children were the only people in the house, aside from Boardman.

The young girl was taken to a local hospital for treatment.

Boardman was taken to the McKinley County Adult Detention Center, where he was charged with two counts of child abuse, distribution of a controlled substance, and tampering with evidence. His preliminary hearing is scheduled for May 25.