

Man flees scene of gas station hit-and-run

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A man was recently arrested for hitting a woman's car at a local gas station.

On May 6 around 11 pm, Gallup Police Officer Vincent Thompson responded to a call concerning a hit-and-run at Maverik at 3540 E. Hwy. 66.

When he arrived at the gas station, he met with the owner of a black Buick Regal. The woman said a man named Francis Shorty Jr. hit her car.

According to the victim, Shorty drove by the gas station in a black Nissan Titan on Highway 66 "saying all kinds of stuff." He then reportedly turned on to Toltec Drive and started traveling southbound before turning around and pulling into the gas station parking lot.

Shorty allegedly pulled up next to the victim's car before backing into the driver's side. According to Thompson's report, Shorty knew the victim was inside the car.

After he backed into the woman's car, Shorty started driving toward the parking lot exit.

The victim's husband tried to stop Shorty by putting his hands out and telling him to stop, but Shorty drove forward. The husband was not in front of the vehicle at the time.

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The victim did complain of some back pain, but she ultimately refused any medical attention.

Shorty was seen traveling westbound on Highway 66. The victim said Shorty was drunk and possibly the only one in the vehicle.

The vehicle was last seen traveling eastbound from Zecca Plaza by Sgt. Matthew Graham, although he wasn't able to stop it.

A judge signed a warrant for Shorty's arrest on May 9, and he was eventually located on May 14. He was charged with aggravated battery, resisting arrest, and failure to give immediate notice of an accident. His preliminary hearing is scheduled for May 24.

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