

Going undercover pays off in two drug busts

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Gallup Police Department's Narcotics Unit recently made two arrests – one for selling methamphetamine to an undercover agent – and another as a result of a drug raid.

Terry Commack was arrested Sept. 16 for selling meth to an undercover narcotics agent during the week of June 18. The agent gave an informant \$40 for the drugs and witnessed the transaction.

Another drug bust occurred some months back, but resulted in the arrest of Ruben Zepeda. He was served a search warrant by agents, at his apartment located on 103 East Hill, Dec. 4. They found what appeared to be meth and it was sent to the forensic drug lab in Santa Fe, where the substance was confirmed as methamphetamine, a 4th degree felony.

As for Commack, an off-the-street drug deal landed him in jail. The agent and informant met him initially by vehicle, which was driven by a woman, but the actual transaction took place at Commack's front door.

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“Terry handed the confidential informant a small white baggie and the confidential informant handed Terry the money,” the affidavit for arrest warrant states.

The agent who conducted the transaction, the name withheld to protect identity, said Commack “is a known drug dealer in the community.”

The warrant also stated that after the transaction Commack was yelling at his children to leave the house and get into a car. He went outside and grabbed a rock and threw it toward another house and the [agent] “heard glass shatter.”

“Terry told the children to get into the back seat and get ‘the f--k out,’” the affidavit states.

Commack is being held in McKinley County Adult Detention Center on a \$5,000 cash only bond.

As for Zepeda, he was already in jail for a domestic violence charge when he was served the arrest warrant. Narcotics Agent Ronnie Gonzales said Zepeda “had a gram of meth in his possession at the time of arrest.”

As of Sept. 24, a jail official confirmed that both men are still in custody.