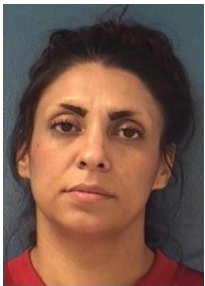


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Dangerous fugitive nabbed at Fire Rock

McKinley County Sheriff's Office deputies were dispatched to Fire Rock Casino Oct. 16 to apprehend Dominic Childers, who was reportedly "armed and dangerous" and wanted on felony warrants.

He was being detained in a room at the casino. Childers was with Stephanie Garcia, and the duo had left her 9-year-old daughter in the car while they visited the casino.

Everything seemed routine until Deputy Jonathan Todachine asked Childers to exit the room. According to the report, he tried to make a run for it. A scuffle ensued. And when the group of deputies and Navajo Police officers gave the green light for Todachine to tase Childers, a deputy was hit in the process.

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But Childers was unfazed.

“I drive stunned Dominic at least three times between the shoulder blades with my tazer,” Todachine stated in his report.

Childers complied after several hits with the taser.

According to the report, Navajo Police Officer Willis Martine confiscated two baggies from Childers – one that resembled “brown sugar” and another a white powdery substance.

Childers was arrested for the felony warrants from Bernalillo and Valencia counties, four counts of assault on a peace officer, and for resisting/evading/obstructing an officer (arrest).

The powdery substances were sent to the state crime lab to determine content.

Meanwhile, Garcia was arrested and charged with abandonment of a child, and her daughter was taken to Gallup Christian Care Service in Gallup.

Childers is being held in McKinley County Adult Detention Center on a \$5,000 cash only bond; in Bernalillo a \$35,000 cash or surety bond; in Valencia, a \$100,000 cash only bond.

In Bernalillo County, he’s wanted for possession of a stolen firearm, felon in possession of a stolen firearm, two counts of possession of a destructive device, and trafficking of a controlled substance.

In Valencia County, he’s wanted for two counts of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, six counts of child abuse, and possession of a firearm (felon).

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A jail official said that Childers would have to pay on all three bonds – a total of \$140,000 – to be eligible for release.

He faces extradition to the other two counties to face charges.

Childers arraignment was in Magistrate Court Oct. 19. He is scheduled for a non-jury trial on Nov. 11 in Magistrate Judge Kenneth Howard, Jr. courtroom.