

## Dennis “Byrd” Montoya

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### Local man busted for dealing heroin

After a 10-month long investigation by Gallup Police Department criminal investigations division, Dennis “Byrd” Montoya was arrested Oct. 13 for selling drugs to Gallup Police Department’s undercover narcotics agents.

Lt. Matt Wright said the narcotics team conducted “undercover buys.”

These buys occurred between Oct. 3 – 10 and the packets of heroin purchased were taken in as evidence.

Wright said that when they served the search warrant to 2433 Sarracino Court, they at first banged on the door. When Montoya didn’t answer, they broke open the door and were able to confiscate 2.5 grams of heroin.

“This time he didn’t get to [dispose] of it in time,” he said.

This is Montoya’s second trafficking charge, a first-degree felony, and the same day he was arrested and booked, he was bonded out on a \$10,000 cash or surety bond.

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His arraignment is scheduled for Magistrate Court on Oct. 27 at 8 am in Judge Cynthia Sanders courtroom.

Wright said that Montoya may face charges for operating an alleged theft ring. Montoya said he served as “fence,” an individual that knowingly buys stolen goods.

While search his home, investigators found a suitcase with out-of-state names in it, guitars and a stolen bicycle worth \$2,700.