

Weekly Crime Blotter

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USED NEEDLES

Gallup, 10/19

MCSO Deputy Ivan Tsethlikai was called out to a residence on Caribou Lane in reference to two former detergent containers filled with used hypodermic needles. The caller said she found the icky items in an abandoned recreational vehicle, just west of her residence. The needles were disposed of in sharps containers at the MCSO.

THIEVES TARGET TOOLS

Smith Lake, 10/18

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A man who parked his truck on State Highway 371, at Mile Marker 8, after being involved in an accident, reported that his car was broken into overnight, according to McKinley County Sheriff's Office report. Darryl Maldonado said that his "Cobalt" brand toolbox was stolen along with the truck's battery.

LAPTOP LIFTED

Mentmore, 10/18

Vince Chavez reported that his Hewlett Packard 15" Notebook had been stolen from his bedroom and he blamed his neighbor who denied the theft and even threatened to file harassment charges against him. MCSO Deputy Ben Benally took photos of shoe prints on the hitch to the trailer Chavez resides in and one on the ground.

ROLLOVER ACCIDENT

Yahtahey, 10/17

The occupants of a grey Kia SUV that rolled over on U.S. Route 491 at Mile Marker 9 are a little banged up, but seemingly OK according a backup report filed by MCSO. The driver Andrew Pinto reportedly had a seizure when he veered off the roadway and rolled over. The Navajo Police Department took over the investigation.

VEHICLE RECOVERED

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Danielle Kinsel was taken into custody for reportedly stealing a 1997 Oldsmobile. The owner knew she had it and had reportedly received harassing texts and had one physical altercation with Kinsel before police caught up with her. Kinsel was arrested and booked into McKinley County Adult Detention Center for “unlawful taking of a motor vehicle.”

UNLICENSED PINION BUYER/SELLER

Thoreau & Gallup 10/14

When buying or selling pinions, be sure to obtain a permit from the proper jurisdiction.

PLUCKY PINION PICKERS

Continental Divide, 10/14

While on routine patrol, MCSO Sgt. Robert Turney noticed a white GMC SUV parked near posted private land owned by the Menapace family. According to his report, he noticed two ladies crossing the barbed wire fence onto the private property. He issued each one of them a non-uniform citation for criminal trespass.

He then told them that if they wanted to pick pinions on forest service land nearby to contact the ranger station in Grants for permit information.

CAR FOUND

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Daniel Martinez recovered his vehicle thanks to some watchful relatives. But, the clutch was burnt out, which was the downside of the discovery. The MCSO report stated that there were no further damages to the vehicle.

CAUGHT IN THE ACT

Gallup, 9/19

After piecing the stories of together of the victim and two witnesses, Gallup Police Department Officer Khaera Chee placed Eric Emerson, 26, under arrest for larceny.

It all started when Emerson asked to look at gun at Southwest Indian Jewelers. He was asked to present identification. And when he didn't, Christopher Montoya declined to show him the gun.

He then tried to ask a customer to purchase a gun for him. That individual said no. At some point he broke into the car of Montoya where he reportedly stole a set of keys and other items that were not recovered.