

Weekly Crime Blotter

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Robbing His Own Gal

Gallup, 11/5

Tina Begay, a.k.a. "Cindy Escobar," was driving her reported husband Chico Escobar to an appointment at Gallup Indian Medical Center. But, he had been drinking that day and when Chico asked his five-month pregnant wife for money, she refused. So, he proceeded to take it anyway, and according to the police report, a struggle ensued.

He reportedly hit her three times on the chin and mouth and absconded with \$125 hidden in her bra. He also ran off with her purse. Several Gallup Police Department officers were able to catch up with him. He was hiding in a shed on Kiva Drive.

Chico was arrested and booked on an arrest warrant, as well as robbery and aggravated battery on a household member.

Irresponsible Parenting

Gallup, 10/30

When GPD Officer Daniel Brown was dispatched to Sagebrush Apartments on Dani Drive in response to a party and some fighting going on, he arrived to a more subdued environment than originally anticipated.

He knocked on the door of the apartment that was host to the alleged party and found Boone inside and highly intoxicated. Nearby, was her 2-year-old son, who had on a wet T-shirt, but was in good condition otherwise. Brown asked Boone to let her speak to her boyfriend to see if a sober person was around to care for the child, but there was no such luck. He too, was intoxicated.

Boone made a run for it, with her son in tow, and hid out at her sister's-in-law. She was arrested for child abuse and resisting/evading arrest. Her son was placed in custody with the state's Children, Youth and Families Department.

Drinking & Kids Don't Mix

Gallup, 10/30

Get a babysitter before you go on a bender. GPD Officer Charles Steele was dispatched to 402 W. Wilson Ave in response to a 911 call, in which the caller hung up. When Steele showed up, he noticed straightaway that the parents of four young children, ages ranging from 2 – 10, were drunk.

They both were arrested for one count each of abandonment of a child.

The father, Timothy Yazzie, 31, bypassed the field sobriety tests and was placed under arrest. He blew a .26 on the breath test, which means stinking drunk. His wife, Marcella Lee, 30, blew a .18, was also pretty drunk, and couldn't remember how to spell her kids names nor remember one of their birthdays. The children were released to the custody of a sober family member.

Boozing Momma

Gallup, 10/26

A broken bathroom window and barefoot children don't mix well. GPD Officer Chanelle Preston arrived to a residence at 601 Dani Drive to find just that – three kids in danger of stepping on glass and an unexplained broken window.

Melvina Yazzie, 28, appeared and smelled intoxicated. According to the police report, she claimed to have consumed two beers. Preston was able to piece together the story, and Yazzie admitted to breaking the window during an argument with her boyfriend Christopher John.

John was arrested for an outstanding warrant and Yazzie for three counts of child abandonment. The two children were Yazzie's and one was her niece. The children were released to the grandparents. Yazzie blew a .16 on the breath test.

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