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Waylon Radosevich of Gallup was found dead in Room 111 at Americas Best Value Inn Jan. 13.

An employee discovered his body sometime around 11:30 am.

It's unclear of how he died, but police found drugs and paraphernalia in his room. No foul play is suspected and his body was sent to the Office of the Medical Investigator in Albuquerque for an autopsy and toxicology testing.

"He's is a known local person," Gallup Police Department Capt. Rick White said.

But not for the right reasons.

Radosevich's name appears as a defendant in 26 cases, and a respondent in one case, according to the New Mexico Courts website. The first court case dates back to 2007 and each

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case covers a broad spectrum of charges, ranging from drug possession to multiple run-ins with police.

In fact, a pre-trial phase was underway in District Court, in Judge Robert Aragon's chambers. Radosevich, 34, was facing four counts of criminal trespass; three counts of resisting, evading or obstructing an officer; two counts of tampering with evidence; and one count of aggravated assault upon a peace officer with a deadly weapon.

That deadly weapon turned out to be his Dodge Durango in which he charged at a Gallup Police Department officer. And the evidence he tampered with was from his car – a bag of dope and syringe he tossed out in front of officers.

A jail official said that he was released from custody a few days before his death and had been serving time since June.

Additionally, Radosevich had owned a home on 624 McKee that the city had condemned, but last spring he was able to plea with City Councilors during a public meeting to grant him an extension to fix the place, but he eventually sold his share of the home to Lawrence Sinnott who has plans to bring the property up to city building codes.