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GUARDIAN POLICE ANGELS

2/12, GALLUP

Gallup Police officers and detectives were already on scene, responding to a call at Gallup Housing Authority on South Second Street, when one of the detectives observed three men in a fight. According to GPD Officer Matthew Graham's report, one man was immediately subdued, but another one took off running down the hill toward the Pepsi plant. He was readily apprehended by a detective. The reported victim, Dino Jack, stayed near police.

One of the suspects, identified as Armando Eddie, 33, of Churchrock, said that Jack had taken \$12 and promised to get some beers, but had absconded with the money, which Jack denied. Eddie also had Jack's sweater and cellphone in his hand. The other suspect, Emmanuel Davis, 32, of Pine Haven, didn't want to talk about the incident.

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Police weren't buying Eddie's story. Due to the "forceful nature" of the incident, both men were arrested for robbery.



LOAD OF TROUBLE

2/13, GALLUP

Felicia Gomez's erratic driving prompted MCSO Deputy Johnson Lee to pull her over. As she traveled south on Carver, her vehicle swayed into the wrong lane and stayed in the wrong lane until it got close to the intersection of Carver and West Wilson. Her timing was good. The deputy had pulled her over in front of her home. She blamed a bum tire for her erratic driving.

Gomez, 32, had no driver's license – it was suspended/revoked, and she was about to be arrested on a warrant when she asked Lee if she could reach into her bra and hand her husband some money. When she did, a baggie that contained a "crystal meth like substance" fell on to the ground, according to Lee's report. She admitted to having a "bubble," which is slang for a pipe for all we know.

She was arrested for possession of methamphetamine, drug paraphernalia, and driving on a suspended/revoked license.

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PHONE PERVERT ALERT

2/11, TOHLAKIA

A concerned father phoned police to make a report about a "sexual type" phone call that his 7-year-old daughter reportedly received on her grandmother's cellphone. The father said that his daughter's mother called him that morning saying a man has been calling his daughter, and "talks about sexual topics."

According to the report, the father advised the mother to call the number that showed up on the caller ID. So, she reportedly did, and got this sort of answer: "A male answered and said "F#@k you, stop calling ... mind your own business and hung up on her." Since the call took place on tribal land, MCSO Deputy J.Todachine referred it to Navajo Nation Police Department for follow up.

PAINFUL LESSON

2/11, COUSINS

Joseph Brock may feel embarrassed about shooting himself in the wrist, but he shouldn't, accidents happen. No crime was involved with this incident, but it's a lesson to gun owners – always make sure the chamber is empty before cleaning your gun.

MCSO Deputy Merlin Benally met Brock at GIMC, where he explained to the deputy that he had recently purchased a Springfield 9mm MOD XD 4" barrel, and was about to clean it for the first time.

Even though he removed the loaded magazine, there was still one in the chamber. Brock pulled the trigger and the gun went off. The bullet traveled through his left forearm at an angle and lodged in his recliner's arm rest.

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PIPE HITTER

2/9, GALLUP

Darwin Bates mother called the police on her son who was behaving badly. He was reportedly intoxicated and wielding a steel pipe, which of course, worried mom. She tried to get him to calm down, but he pushed her to the ground.

GPD Officer Joe Roanhorse and other officers arrived on scene to Sunset Hills Apartments where they encountered Bates, who was standing in the hallway with his right hand concealed behind a TV set. Despite multiple requests to drop the pipe and come forward, Bates grew more agitated.

Since he wouldn't respond to police commands, he was tasered, causing him to drop the pipe and fall to the ground. Bates, 51, was booked for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, battery against a household member, and resisting an officer.