

Child sexual predator in custody

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ALLEGEDLY ASSAULTED girl on Easter morning

Jeremy Eddie, 27, was arrested on a warrant in Gamerco May 5 for allegedly molesting an 11-year-old girl at her grandmother's residence on Boardman Drive in Gallup March 27.

He's being held at the McKinley County Adult Detention Center on a \$10,000 cash only bond.

The victim's father, Kyle Begay, reported the incident to the Children, Youth, and Families Department, according to the affidavit for a search warrant. The case was then was assigned to Gallup Police Department Det. Neil Yazzie.

Based on the investigation, the young victim was spending the evening of March 26 at her grandmother's residence. Also staying at the residence was the vicim child's aunt, Natasha Jones, and her boyfriend Eddie.

The victim reported that sometime during the late night hours of March 27, Easter morning, that "...Eddie came into the living room where she was sleeping and started touching her legs," the affidavit states.

From there, Eddie sexually assaulted her with his hand. The affidavit also states that Eddie had actually moved the girl from where she was sleeping and laid her on the couch. And he held her arm tight as he assaulted her.

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The victim's grandmother entered the room and asked Eddie what he was doing. He claimed that he was checking on the children. She then asked him to return to his bedroom and began to question her granddaughter.

GPD Lt. Morrisette said based on the investigation, "Det. Neil Yazzie felt he had enough to secure a search warrant and pick up him up."

The case has been assigned to Magistrate Judge Cynthia Sanders. His arraignment is at 11 am May 6.

Eddie is facing the charge of criminal sexual penetration in the 1st degree (child under 13 years of age) or the alternative, criminal sexual contact of a minor in the 2nd degree.

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