

A Gallup man was jailed May 27 and was later released the same day after posting a $5,000 bond, officials said.

José Alejandro Rios-Castillo was taken into custody by narcotics agents with the Gallup Police Department after hotel personnel at the Red Lion, 3009 W. Highway 66, on the city's west side suspected something as the result of frequent foot traffic going in and out of a room rented by Rios-Castillo. Rios-Castillo also had an outstanding warrant pending from McKinley County, according to the police report on the matter.

Agents arrested Rios-Castillo after he and a female companion exited the hotel to apparently take a ride somewhere. Rios-Castillo was charged with trafficking methamphetamine and possession of drug paraphernalia. According to the police report, Rios-Castillo had the warrant out for failure to comply with conditions of release on a previous charge of possession of a controlled substance.

While searching the vehicle that Rios-Castillo was driving, police found an AK-47, scales commonly used to weigh drugs, and quantities of methamphetamine.

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