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Suspect jailed on \$56k bond

A Gallup man remained jailed June 29 after an early morning raid by sheriff's deputies of the McKinley County Sheriff's Office.

Lt. Pat Salazar of the MCSO said Brandon Yazzie of 307 E. Persching Ave. was taken into custody June 24 on five counts of child abuse, one count of contributing to the delinquency of a minor, and a count of the possession, delivery or manufacturing of drug paraphernalia.

Steve Silversmith, warden at the McKinley County Adult Detention Center, said Yazzie, 36, is behind bars on a \$56,000 bail bond. There are no attorneys listed in jail records for Yazzie.

"This was the result of months of investigative work," Salazar said. "In arresting this individual we have a person associated with drugs off the street, and a neighborhood made that much more safe."

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Salazar said the MCSO had been conducting undercover narcotics buys at the address for a couple of months. He said meth and marijuana were the drugs associated with the arrest. Salazar noted that the living conditions at the address were “sub-standard” and “dirty.”

“There were kids in the home and they were living amid drugs and drug paraphernalia,” Salazar said. “The house was not vey well-kept.”

Salazar said there were 11 people at the two-bedroom residence at the time of the arrest and the minors ranged in age from 3 to 16 years old.

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