Knife-wielding suspect stabs father, jailed

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A Gallup man remained jailed Sept. 15 on a \$5,000 bond after his Sept. 6 arrest by deputies with the McKinley County Sheriff's Office on an aggravated battery with a deadly weapon charge.

Deputy Arnold Noriega wrote in a police report that the father of Earl Gabriel Murphy, 29, known as "Poncho," was stabbed in the under-arm area after an alleged fight with his son.

The fight started when Murphy, referred to as "Gabe" in the report, asked his father for an undisclosed amount of money.

"Poncho Sr. asked Gabe why he didn't ask for money a long time ago when he was up and not relaxing," Noriega wrote. "Gabe got upset with this, yelled at his father and told him not to f*** with him."

Noriega wrote that Murphy obtained a knife and "advanced" toward the father in an aggressive manner. He swung the knife and the father made an attempt to block the blow. That's when the injury occurred, the report states.

There were no attorneys listed for Murphy in jail records.

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