

Weekly Crime Blotter

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Staff Reports

BAD BENJOE

10/5, GALLUP

At about 5:05 pm, Gallup Police Department Officer Chaz Troncoso and fellow officers were dispatched to 517 S. Clark St. in reference to a male with a knife. A niece at the residence had a bloody mouth and there was blood on the ground.

At the scene, officers were waved down by a female who was yelling that her husband, Benjoe Cayadito, 38, was wielding a knife in a room inside the residence where there were also several children.

The officers found a puddle of blood in the doorway. A supporting officer was trying to control Cayadito, who was kicking on the floor, and managed to land a kick on the officer. Cayadito was soon detained in a police vehicle.

According to the wife, she'd dropped Cayadito off on the east side of Gallup earlier in the evening. A little later, she went outside of the home and saw Cayadito walking toward her. He chased the victim inside, pushed her on the ground, and grabbed a kitchen knife.

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The children, ages 2, 11, and 13 were in the living room and saw the incident occur. Cayadito allegedly told them he was going to kill them all.

When one of the children tried to stop him from hurting the mother, Cayadito threw the child to the ground and stepped on her. The wife, who was held down, struck Cayadito, who received wounds to the head that required stitches.

The wife's niece arrived, saw the fighting, and "began to go after" Cayadito, according to the report.

According to Cayadito, his wife had become upset with him, threatened him with a knife, and attacked him before her niece arrived and joined her in the fight.

Cayadito, who was intoxicated, was arrested and transported to a local hospital for treatment for his injuries. He was then taken to jail and booked on charges of abandonment or abuse of a child; aggravated assault household member; battery upon peace officer; false imprisonment; and interference with communications.

SHOOTING THREAT

10/4, RAMAH

Around about 12:19 pm, McKinley County Sheriff's Office Deputy J. Bowman was dispatched to Ramah High School at 27 S. Bloomfield Ave. in reference to several individuals making threats to the school.

Bowman met with the principal of the school who said he had three individuals who made comments about "having a shooting here at the school."

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Bowman spoke to the students who'd been detained for the threats.

One of the suspect students told him, "I was just telling people they going to shoot up the school like Columbine. I was just repeating what they were saying."

Another suspect student said, "We were in first hour and we were watching the Presidential debate, in a joking manner I said 'I'm gonna shoot up the school.'"

The bags of all three individuals were searched and nothing dangerous was found. All three students were released to their parents.