To the editor,

A headline says: “Knife-wielding man killed as he rushed Gallup Police.” It should have read: “Obviously drunk man staggers toward five or six Gallup Police and these half-dozen police, armed with batons, tasers, pistols — not to mention the fact that they outnumber this drunk six to one — were so in fear for their lives that they shot this drunk six times.”

Six police could easily have hit this drunk with six batons from all directions and taken this knife from one dizzy drunk (they were all sober) without killing him. Instead, their solution was to take this drunk’s life.

On the same front page, we are told that the officer who fired five bullets into a 5-foot, 95-pound drunk female, wielding fearsome scissors and taking her life, will not be prosecuted because “Shipley did not commit any act that warrants prosecution.” They also refuse to name the officer who was with the shooter.

To serve and protect?

Louis Maldonado

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