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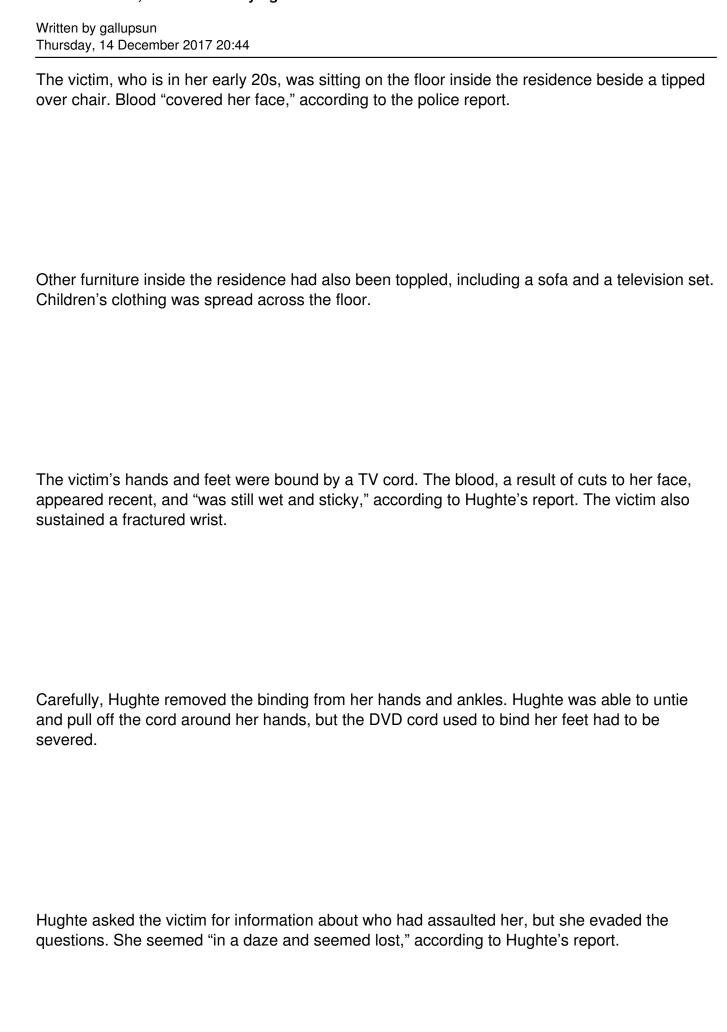
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When Gallup Police Department Officer Timothy Hughte arrived at the 400 block of South 5th Street on a call Dec. 11, he did not know if the female victim he coming to assist was alive or dead.

The victim's mother met with officers as they arrived on the scene. It was 12:18 am. She informed Hughte that she had found her daughter and located her pulse.

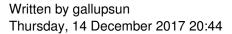
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Hughte took Clarke to the GPD for questioning, where he admitted to tying up the victim and to texting a photograph of her, after she had been bound, to his mother's phone.

Clarke was charged with kidnapping and aggravated battery. He is being held at the McKinley County Adult Detention Center on a \$2,000 cash surety bond. As of Dec. 14, 6:25 pm, he remains in custody.