



### BRASS KNUCKLE BEATING

#### ***6/6, Thoreau***

A woman intervened when she saw a man getting punched out by another man, allegedly with brass knuckles near Thoreau Baptist Church, 87 State Highway 371.

Dennalle Charley tackled suspect Joshua Jim, 23, and “tied him up on the ground,” according to McKinley County Sheriff’s Office Deputy Merlin Benally’s report.

After Benally took an initial report from Charley, she left the scene. Benally traded out Jim’s tied hands with handcuffs and interviewed the victim, 50-year-old Jefferson Jim, who said that his nephew Joshua Jim’s behavior caught him off guard.

The two were sipping on some beers near the church when Joshua Jim “sat on top of him, and began to punch him in the face with the brass knuckles in his right hand,” according to the report.

Jefferson Jim said he couldn't break free, but recalls Charley pulling Joshua Jim away from him.

Charley said that Joshua Jim threw the brass knuckles northward, but deputies were unable to find the weapon. Jefferson Jim sustained several half-inch lacerations to his forehead, and two one-inch lacerations to his left eyebrow. He was transported to Cibola General for treatment.

Jefferson Jim was booked into McKinley County Adult Detention Center for aggravated battery with a deadly weapon and tampering with evidence.

### NOT MY BEDFELLOW

#### ***5/20, Gallup***

A Gallup man was jailed and later released after a theft at a west side Chinese Massage business caught the attention of the Gallup Police Department.

Tyler Sam, 20, broke into the business on May 20 and stole some Chinese cultural items, according to a police report taken by Gallup police officer Steven Peshlakai. Sam forced his way inside the front door and while at least three women were asleep, the police report reads.

"I pat-searched Tyler for weapons," Peshlakai wrote. "I felt a big bulge in his inner left jacket sleeve."

Peshlakai recorded that Sam ended up returning a Chinese designer hanging item, a pair of rubber gloves, a pair of blue socks wrapped in bags and a CD case with a DVD that had some Chinese lettering on it. There was no value of the items listed in the police report.

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Peshlakai wrote that the women were asleep at the business and were awoken by someone banging on the door.

“Linda woke up to a male standing over her bed,” the police report reads. “I reviewed the footage and it shows a male subject forcefully open the front door to the business. The male walks around the building and defecates in one of the rooms.”

Sam got out of the McKinley County Adult Detention Center on May 25 on a \$3,000 bond amount. Sam possesses a prior criminal record that consists of burglary.

The break-in and theft are not uncommon at the location. Virgie’s restaurant, which is next door to the business, was robbed about a little more than a year ago. In that situation, robbers came into the business at around closing time and robbed the restaurant of an undisclosed amount of money, police said at the time. **B.Dotson**