

The burglary of Family Dollar, 2041 S. Second St., happened on Aug. 11 and two weeks passed before the Gallup Police Department got busy with the warrant work, and sure enough, Wendell R. Smith was picked up this last week.

Remanded to the McKinley County Detention Center on charges of Burglary of a structure (commercial burglary) and criminal damage to property over \$1,000, Smith will now be facing court on the two fourth Degree Felonies and will be held without Bond until his first court appearance.

The incident was noticed when an active motion alarm went off at the business. When police arrived at the building, the front door was propped open with a shopping cart and a front window was broken. Police also had a video of the suspect who entered the business. He was quickly identified as Smith and was picked up by the GPD, though he was too intoxicated to talk at the time.

The value of the merchandise taken was \$80.00. Video surveillance revealed that Smith plucked three sets of headphones, and one "minnie tower sound logic," the arrest warrant states.

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