





MEAN DRUNK

Gallup, April 11

A Gallup man threatened to harm a relative and two of her young friends after he'd been drinking.

On April 11, at 11:30 pm, Gallup Police Officers Ryan Boucher, Arron Marquez, and Matthew Standey were dispatched to 609 W. Mesa because a scared child had called Metro Dispatch.

When the officers got to the scene, they met with three young girls who were all crying. Marquez ushered them into his patrol car.

While Marquez was comforting the young girls, Boucher saw a man come from the side of the house. This man was later identified as Robin Deweese, 33, from Gallup.

Once Deweese was detained, Boucher was able to talk to the three young girls, who all appeared to be very nervous.

One of the girls said that Deweese had dropped them off at the Dollar General, 805 S. Second St, but when they came out of the store, he wasn't there.

According to one girl, when Deweese finally showed up, she noticed that he had been drinking. He picked up more beer at the Dollar General.

Deweese continued to drink once he'd gotten the girls back to the house. One girl said she had been spending time with her two friends making slime when Deweese came in and began yelling, telling her to kick her friends out of the house.

According to the young victim, Deweese began threatening to hit her, and even raised his hand. One of girls said he tried to push her, but she was able to hide behind a chair.

The three girls were able to lock themselves in a bedroom, and that's when they called the police.

Deweese was charged with three counts of child abuse. His preliminary examination was on April 27.

A BROKEN HEART

Gallup, March 21

A Gallup man threatened to burn his mother's house down and shoot anyone who came into it after he got his heart broken.

On March 21 around 12:18 pm, Gallup Police Officer Christopher Dawes was dispatched to 1505 Diamond Cir. Because a mother had called Metro Dispatch saying her son was threatening to kill himself and other people and burn her house down.

Dawes spoke to the woman over the phone and she explained that she wasn't home, but that she'd been getting text messages from her son in which he said he had found her shotgun and that he was "going to kill himself and everyone."

According to the criminal complaint, the woman said her son, who was identified as Donavan Ferrari, 37, of Gallup, has been depressed over a recent breakup with his girlfriend.

The mother said that Ferrari had told her "'if anyone shows up at the residence, you'll see what happens next.'" The woman also stated that Ferrari told her he had shot her window out.

The woman told Dawes that she wanted Ferrari out of her house.

Gallup Patrol Officer Daniel Brown advised his fellow officers to not approach the house, because he didn't want a shoot-out happening, and Ferrari wasn't a threat to public safety.

When the officers tried to speak with Ferrari over the phone, he hung up on them.

Prior to the incident, Metro Dispatch had gotten a separate call about a fire alarm going off in the house.

When Dawes got to the scene, the mother showed the officers a text message from Ferrari with a picture of a burning pillow and a message saying, «now watch it burn.”

Dawes did not see any smoke coming from the house.

Ferrari finally agreed to speak to the police officers and a close friend of his. When he came out of the house, Ferrari had bloodshot eyes, and according to Dawes’s report, he smelled of alcohol.

Ferrari told the officers that he wanted to kill himself, and an officer drove him to Rehoboth McKinley Christian Health Care Services for a medical evaluation.

Dawes and Ferrari’s mother were able to go into the house, where they saw the burned pillow and a window with a small hole in it, presumably from the shotgun. Ferrari’s mother estimated that the total cost of damages was about $10,000.

Ferrari was charged with arson, criminal property damage, and negligent use of a deadly weapon. His preliminary hearing is on May 18.

DISORDERLY DISCHARGE

Gallup, Nov. 18

A Gallup man turned on the nurses who were trying to help get him discharged from the hospital.

On Nov. 18, around 7:32 pm, Gallup Police Officer Jerald Watchman was dispatched to the Rehoboth McKinley Christian Health Care Services, 1901 Redrock Dr., because a male patient had hit a nurse.

When he got there, Watchman met with Officer Maria Olivares, who said she had heard a man yelling at the medical personnel trying to help him. When she entered the room, she saw a male and a female nurse trying to calm down a man who was later identified as Stephen Gruda, 59, from Gallup.

The male nurse tried to put some space between Gruda and his coworker, but Gruda ended up pushing him. He then went on to ball up his fists, as if to fight.

Olivares and Officer Daniel Brown were able to calm Gruda down.

According to Watchman’s criminal complaint, the female nurse told him that she had been escorting Gruda to another room because he was being discharged from the hospital. But while she was doing that he began to yell at her and eventually tried to get physically violent.

Gruda was charged with two counts of assault upon a health care worker. His trial date was on April 28.