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FENTANYL IN THE FRONT SEAT

Gallup, Aug. 26

A man was found drooling in a truck in the Lowe's Grocery Store parking lot. Later on, fentanyl was found in the truck.

On Aug. 26, around 2:15 pm, Gallup Police Officer Cindy Romancito was called to assist Sgt. Nicola Martinez-Collins who was conducting a welfare check at Lowe's Grocery Store, 1120 E. Hwy. 66.

When she got to the scene, Romancito noticed a maroon truck. Martinez-Collins told Romancito that when she arrived on scene, the man, who was identified as Loren Kinsel, had his head

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back, and he was drooling.

Now, however, Kinsel, 31, was trying to call someone on his phone. According to her report, Romancito asked Kinsel to get out of the truck, but he refused. Romancito finally grabbed his left hand, and Kinsel then proceeded to get out of the truck.

As he walking to the transport van with officers, Kiinsel admitted that he'd drank two cans of Steel Reserve recently. The officers then placed him in the van.

The officers obtained permission to search the truck from the vehicle's owner, and while they were conducting the search they found a blue pill on the passenger's seat. According to Romancito's report, the pill was fentanyl.

Kinsel was charged with possession of a controlled substance. His preliminary hearing is scheduled for Sept. 7.

BEATEN WITH A BAR

Gallup, Aug. 25

On Aug. 25, around 10:30 pm, Gallup Police Officer Gilbert Gonzales was dispatched to the area of Highway 66 and Allison Road when calls came into Metro Dispatch about a possible suicidal man who was bothering other people.

When he arrived at the scene, a witness pointed out the man to Gonzales, and said two men were fighting and that they'd stopped fighting and walked toward Shop-n'-Save. When Gonzales

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met up with the two men, he identified one as Lyle Allison.

Allison, 29, explained that he was mad at the other man because they were currently living on the streets and the other man had been telling people that he had money he wasn't sharing with Allison.

The other man said Allison had beat him up.

Once Gallup Police Officer Philamina Chischilly arrived at the scene Gonzales was able to speak to the alleged victim. He said that Allison got mad at him and hit him in the stomach with a bar. He showed Gonzales his stomach, and according to Gonzales's report, there was a bright red mark across his stomach.

After he saw the victim's injuries Gonzales arrest Allison and put him the back of his patrol car.

Gonzales was able to find a bar that is used to jack up a car, and the victim confirmed that it was the bar Allison hit him with. Later on Allison told Gonzales that the bar was his and that he carries it for protection.

Allison was charged with aggravated battery. His preliminary hearing is scheduled for Sept. 7.

STEALING JEWELRY

Gallup, Aug. 23

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A man broke into a woman's car while she was at work and stole multiple pieces of her jewelry, including a wedding band.

On Aug. 23, around 1 pm, Gallup Police Officer Julio Yazzie was dispatched to the Red Rock Care Center, 3720 Church Rock St., when a woman found that her car had been broken into.

When Yazzie met with the victim, she said she'd been on her way to lunch when she noticed that her vehicle was unlocked and that some items were missing from it.

The victim said that her jewelry pieces were missing; including a diamond wedding ring valued at \$2,500, a turquoise necklace that cost \$60, a corral necklace with birds on it worth \$60, two turquoise rings valued at \$125, a silver ring that cost \$130, and a bracelet that cost \$350. The car's spare key and \$15 was also missing.

Soon after he finished speaking with the woman, Metro Dispatch called him to say that a woman had found an intoxicated man near Bonito Court passed out with a lot of jewelry around him. The witness was able to put the jewelry in a bag and waited for officers to arrive.

When Yazzie got to the scene, Officer Kerri Smith was walking the intoxicated man back to a transport vehicle. In his report, Yazzie said he recognized the man as Tristin Begay, someone who had he had met earlier in the day because he'd had to do a welfare check on him. When Yazzie met him earlier, the man said he'd been "hanging" from drinking alcohol the night before.

The man was put in handcuffs and detained. Later on, Yazzie found out that the man's name was actually Virgil Williams.

All of the victim's missing jewelry was found on Williams, 25.

Williams was charged with burglary of a vehicle, retaining stolen property (over \$2,500, but not more than \$20,000), and concealing identity. His preliminary hearing is scheduled for Sept. 7.

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