

### Woman steals 35 blankets from Turquoise Canyon

A woman stole 35 blankets from Turquoise Canyon and did not show up for her court date.

On Sept. 14, around 12 pm, Gallup Police Officer Daniel Brown was dispatched to Turquoise Canyon, 3800 E. Hwy. 66, when the business manager called Metro Dispatch and reported that a woman, who was later identified as Monica Nolasco, had walked into the store and stolen some blankets.

When Brown met with the store manager, he explained that a customer had actually been the one to alert him to Nolasco, 25, walking into the store and stealing blankets.

In the surveillance video the store manager provided, Nolasco can allegedly be seen walking into the store, grabbing some blankets, and walking out without even trying to pay for them.

According to Brown's report, 35 blankets each worth \$30 for a total of \$1,050 were stolen. The manager told Brown that the woman had stolen from the store before, although he did not know her identity.

Brown was also able to look at the surveillance footage from the camera at the Speedway gas station that is across the street from Turquoise Canyon. In that video, Nolasco can be seen getting out of a silver Nissan Versa at the gas station, and then walking over to the store. She eventually is seen again with the blankets, and she gets back into the car with the stolen items.

Brown put out an attempt to locate the vehicle, but Nolasco wasn't found until Sept 17. Around 7:15 pm that day Brown was sent out to the McDonald's at 700 U.S. Hwy. 66, where someone was allegedly drinking in a gray Nissan Sentra.

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When Brown arrived at the scene, Officer Darius Johnson was talking to Nolasco. According to his report, Brown recognized Nolasco as the woman from the Speedway surveillance footage.

Brown asked Nolasco where the blankets were, but she said she didn't have them. Brown couldn't find them in the car either.

Nolasco was charged with shoplifting (over \$500, but not more than \$2,500). Her first court appearance was scheduled for Oct. 7, but she did not show up. A warrant for her arrest was filed.

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