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THROWING ROCKS

Gallup, Oct. 31

A man was caught throwing rocks at cars at a car dealership, and he also threatened a man with a knife.

On Oct. 31, around 10:45 am, Gallup Police Officer Elijah Bowman was dispatched to the used car dealership Duke City Auto at 1512 E. Hwy. 66 after a man named Liam Wilson was seen throwing rocks at the used cars. The woman who called dispatch about Wilson, 30, also said he was trying to fight another man.

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When Bowman arrived at the scene, he found Wilson laying on the ground. Bowman put Wilson in handcuffs and led him to the back of his patrol car.

After he detained Wilson, Bowman spoke to a man who was the one Wilson had tried to fight. The man said he'd been getting off work at the nearby Pizza Hut when a woman told him that a man was throwing rocks over a fence and hitting the cars parked at Duke City Auto.

The man said he went to confront Wilson, and the man pulled out a knife. The man said Wilson told him not to come any closer, or he was going to stab him.

According to the man, he told Wilson to put the knife away. He was able to grab Wilson and put him in a choke hold, but Wilson was still pointing the knife at him.

The man also stated that when he was approaching Wilson he heard glass shattering, so he believed Wilson had broken some of the car's windows.

Bowman spoke to the car dealership's owner, and the two of them assessed the vehicles' damages. Five vehicles had damaged roofs and windows. The business owner said it would cost him about \$10,000 to fix everything.

Wilson was charged with aggravated assault and criminal damage to property. His preliminary hearing is scheduled for Nov. 30.

BACKPACK FULL OF VODKA

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Gallup, Oct. 28

An intoxicated man allegedly hit a nurse at Gallup Indian Medical Center after she found two bottles of vodka in his bag.

On Oct. 28, around 2 pm, Gallup Police Officer Lionel Desiderio was dispatched to the Gallup Indian Medical Center, 516 Nizhoni Blvd. when a man named Keith Joe attacked a health care worker.

When Desderio arrived at the hospital he met with the victim, who explained that she was helping Joe, 67, when she found two bottles of vodka in his backpack. Joe became allegedly became angry and punched the victim in the head.

The victim said she was fine and did not need medical attention. She did note that Joe was extremely intoxicated and had come to the hospital to be treated.

Joe was charged with battery on a health care worker. His preliminary hearing is scheduled for Nov. 30.

STOPPED BY EMPLOYEES

Gallup, Oct. 27

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A man tried to steal two drills from Gallup Lumber & Supply, but the store employees were able to stop him.

On Oct. 27, around 5 pm, Gallup Police Officer Darius Johnson was dispatched to Gallup Lumber & Supply, 1724 S. Second St. when one of the employees called Metro Dispatch about a shoplifter. When he arrived at the scene, he found a group of people surrounding a man who was identified as Kenneth Luna.

The group of people identified Luna, 41, as the shoplifter, and Johnson placed him the back of his patrol car.

A male employee told Johnson that Luna had walked out of the store with two drill sets, worth almost \$783.

The employee said Luna walked past the store's registers without paying for the drills, and he started walking out the front door of the store when two cashiers pulled him back inside.

According to the employees, they surrounded Luna and had him sit against a wall. They were able to get the drills back.

Luna received a trespass notice that prevents him from coming back to the store. He was also charged with larceny. His preliminary hearing was scheduled for Nov. 9.

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