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NO LICENSE PLATE

Gallup, Nov. 13

A man with an outstanding warrant also had meth in his car when a McKinley County Sheriff's deputy stopped him for not having a license plate.

On Nov. 13, around 12:30 pm, Deputy Brandon Salazar was driving along Chino Loop when he

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noticed a black Mercedes without a license plate. He pulled the vehicle over, and met the driver, Dominic Warren. In his report, Salazar mentions that he has interacted with Warren, 27, in the past.

According to his report, Salazar noticed some drug paraphilia on the floor of the car's passenger side. He asked Warren to come to the back of his patrol car, and Warren agreed to do so. He then told Salazar that he had an outstanding warrant for his arrest.

After Warren gave him consent to search the car, Salazar found two baggies containing a glass-like substance, which he concluded was meth.

Warren was charged for his outstanding warrant and possession of a controlled substance. His car was towed by Extreme Towing.

Warren's preliminary examination is scheduled for Dec. 28.

Suspended registration to fentanyl

Gallup, Nov. 12

A McKinley County Sheriff's deputy found 37 fentanyl pills on a man he had originally pulled over for a suspended registration.

According to the report Salazar filed, he noticed that the man, Isaac Kerley, appeared to be nervous during their conversation.

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On Nov. 12, around 12:30 pm, Deputy Brandon Salazar stopped a white BMW with a suspended registration in front of Cash Cow Home Store, 101 N. Third St.

Kerley, 41, said he was on his way to pick up his girlfriend so they could go to the flea market. He also said that he'd gone to McDonald's to get a drink and an apple pie.

Kerley kept repeatedly putting his hands in pockets, and Salazar had to ask him to stop. The deputy asked for permission to search the BMW, and he also did a pat search on Kerley. That's when he found some drug paraphernalia, which included some foil and a straw. He also found two vials in Kerley's pockets, one contained fentanyl pills and the other contained more foil with a burn mark on it.

In total Kerley had 17 fentanyl pills on him. He was charged with possession of a controlled substance. On Nov. 30 Kerley was sentenced to 364 days in McKinley County Adult Detention Center, and one year of probation after his sentence is complete.

COMBO OF METH, FENTANYL

Gallup, Nov. 11

Over 40 pills of fentanyl were found in a man's car after a McKinley County Sheriff's deputy pulled him over for a suspended registration.

On Nov. 11, around 4:45 pm, Deputy Brandon Salazar stopped a red Volkswagen with suspended registration in the parking lot of the Starbucks at 840 N. Hwy. 491, after he originally tried to pull it over in Gamerco.

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Salazar asked the driver, who was identified as Phillip Apodaca, to step out of the vehicle. When Apodaca, 26, got out of the vehicle Salazar noticed a silver straw-like object hanging out of his right pocket, which Salazar recognized as drug paraphernalia.

When Salazar asked Apodaca if he had anything else in his pockets Apodaca admitted to having some “pills” in his right pocket. When Salazar saw the pills, he recognized them as fentanyl pills.

Before Salazar could search his car Apodaca admitted that he also had a small amount of meth in the car.

In total, 43 fentanyl pills were found in Apodaca’s car, along with 2.2 grams of meth. He was charged with two counts of possession of a controlled substance. His preliminary hearing was held on Nov. 30.

During the preliminary hearing, the charges against Apodaca were dropped, however he was sentenced to a year of probation.

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