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A man and woman are both facing charges after they reportedly stole a man's SUV.

On April 21, McKinley County Sheriff's Deputy Timo Molina received a call from a man who said that a man stole his vehicle after he threatened him with a knife.

According to Molina's report, the victim said he'd been filling up at the Speedway on the west side of Gallup when he was approached by a man, who was later identified as Aaron Tso. The victim said he'd met Tso, 29, earlier at American's Best Value Inn. The victim also noted that a woman, who was later identified as Kylie Shay, was with Tso.

Tso asked the victim for a ride, and he allowed Tso and Shay, 25, to hop into his blue 2004 Ford Explorer. They drove to the High Desert Trail off of Country Road 1, and that's when Tso allegedly asked to stop for a restroom break. That's when he allegedly threatened the victim with a knife and forced him out of the SUV before driving off.

On April 25, the MCSO received a call from a woman who said she was a friend of the victim.

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She told the deputies that she and the victim had gone back to the American's Best Value Inn, and were able to watch a video where Tso was identified. In the video, he can reportedly be seen at the inn with the stolen vehicle. The woman also learned Shay's name.

It wasn't until Aug. 17 that warrants for Shay and Tso's arrests were approved.

Tso was charged with armed robbery, accessory to commit armed robbery, conspiracy to commit armed robbery, and unlawful taking of a vehicle. Shay was charged with two counts of armed robbery, conspiracy to commit armed robbery, and unlawful taking of a vehicle.

On Dec. 14, Shay's preliminary hearing was waived, and her case was moved over to district court.

On Dec. 21, Tso waived his right to a preliminary hearing as well.

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