



NOT SHARING

Gallup, July 1

A man named Winfred Nelson allegedly punched another man in the face when he wouldn't share his drink.

On July 1, around 2 pm, Gallup Police Officer Ryan Boucher was dispatched to Andy's Trading at 612 W. Wilson Ave. when someone called in saying that a man was at the store and his nose was bleeding.

When Boucher arrived at the scene, he met the victim, who was bleeding heavily from his nose, and had blood on his shirt. According to Boucher's report, the man appeared to be highly intoxicated.

The victim explained he'd been drinking with Nelson, 52, and while they'd been sharing drinks, there came a point when he didn't want to share anymore. In response, Nelson allegedly punched him in the face.

The victim said he wasn't expecting the punch, and that it had startled him. He said he thought he lost consciousness for a little bit.

The victim said Nelson stole about a fifth of a drink from him.

Public Service Officer Kerry Smith found Nelson on Ninth Street. He was arrested for robbery. His preliminary examination was on Jan. 4.

PEANUT BRITTLE PROBLEMS

Gallup, Feb. 15

A man pulled a knife on a store's employees when they caught him trying to steal some peanut brittle.

On Feb. 15, around 5:30 pm, Gallup Police Officer Julio Yazzie was dispatched to the Shop and Save West at 205 Marguerite St. when a man, who was later identified as Jose Martinez, pulled a knife on one of the store's employees.

When Yazzie arrived at the scene, he met with the store's security guard. According to the security guard, the situation started when he noticed two men in the back of the store putting items into a backpack. He said he noticed Martinez, 25, put some peanut brittle into his pockets.

The security guard said he was able to get the peanut brittle back, and he started escorting Martinez and the other man out of the business. Another employee was helping him, and as they were leading the men out of the store Martinez threatened the employee with a knife.

The security guard and the employee said Martinez repeatedly made “slashing motions” toward them, but the two men did eventually leave the store, heading east. The employee noted that he had a box cutter in his pocket, and that Martinez saw it and asked him “what he was going to do with it.”

Officers were able to detain Martinez and the other man near Bradley Street and Aztec Avenue. Martinez was charged with aggravated assault. His preliminary examination is scheduled for Jan. 18.

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