

Attempted break-in, assault at City Hall

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A man tried to break into City Hall, and is now facing multiple charges

Around 5:30 pm, on Dec. 3, Gallup Police Officer Darius Johnson, was dispatched to City Hall, 110 W. Aztec Ave. When he arrived at the scene, he found two security guards trying to hold on to a man who was later identified as Jacob Antone.

When Johnson spoke to the security guards, one of them explained that he was sitting inside City Hall at the security guard desk when he heard a window shatter. He ran outside and confirmed that a window had been broken. That's when he saw Antone, 32, walking away from the building.

The security guard said he told Antone to stop, but that's when Antone tried to punch him. The other security guard was able to step in and break up the fight.

According to Johnson's report, he did notice that the City Hall window near the Utilities Department was broken. The estimated cost of the damage was \$800,000.

When Johnson told Antone he was under arrest, he reportedly began to argue. While Johnson was transporting him to the McKinley County Adult Detention Center Antone kept saying Johnson had made a mistake, and that if he filed the paperwork against him he would "be sorry." Antone also told Johnson that his family would be sorry, telling Johnson he would "get" his wife and children.

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Antone allegedly told Johnson that he would find out where he lives and come and visit him and make him “sorry.” He also said he would not have “any mercy” on Johnson or his family. In his report, Johnson said he felt threatened by Antone.

Antone was charged with criminal damage to property, two counts of assault, disorderly conduct, and assault upon a peace officer.

His pretrial hearing is scheduled for Feb. 23.

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