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DOLLAR GENERAL FIGHT

Gallup, Jan. 20

A fight at Dollar General led to one man, John Shirley, getting arrested.

On Jan. 20, around 8:30 pm, an employee of the Dollar General at 805 S. Second St. called the police when Shirley, 50, started fighting with another store employee. According to the report, the caller said that Shirley was using his keys as a weapon.

The store employee Shirley had gotten into a fight with told the officers that Shirley had come into the store earlier that night and told him he was going to come back and rob the store. He then proceeded to drive off, swerving on to Second Street.

About five minutes later, Shirley came back into the store, and began arguing with the employee.

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The employee said he started fighting with Shirley, and that he tried to get him in an arm lock but couldn't. The fight continued outside, and that's when Shirley held his keys in between his fingers and hit the employee in the mouth with them.

According to the police report, the employee had an open cut on his top lip.

Shirley was arrested and charged with aggravated battery. His preliminary examination is scheduled for Feb. 1.

SWINGING AN AX

Gallup, Jan. 14

A man named Brandon Long was arrested after officers watched a surveillance video of him threatening his neighbor with an ax.

On Jan. 14 around 2:30 am Gallup Police Officer Julio Yazzie was dispatched to 910 N. First St. when some people living in the apartment complex called saying a woman was screaming and a man, who was later identified as Long, 39, was carrying an ax around.

When Yazzie arrived at the scene, he met a man who said a woman had knocked on his door, but when he opened it, she ran away screaming. That's when Long reportedly came at the man with the ax and swung it at him.

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The man said Long was his neighbor. The man was able to close the door before the ax hit him, but it did hit his door.

Yazzie was able to watch a video that backed up the man's claims. Another neighbor was also able to confirm the man's story.

Officers were not able to find the woman or Long. Yazzie filed a warrant for Long's arrest, and he was finally arrested on Jan. 19. He was charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and criminal damage to property. His preliminary examination is scheduled for Feb. 15.

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