

Woman calls police, gets arrested instead

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After calling the police about a man who she claimed was harassing her, a woman named Cynthia Happy ended up being the one arrested.

On Jan. 13, around 7:30 pm, McKinley County Sheriff's Deputy Nocona Clark was dispatched to the Fort Wingate trailer park to speak to Happy, 32. When he met Happy at the Running Bear store at the front of the trailer park, she told the deputy that a man had been chasing her with a hammer and a machete.

According to the report, Happy said that she was staying with a friend, and they were working on the bathroom together when a man came in and asked her where his phone was.

Happy said the man ended up threatening her with the hammer and machete, and he said he would kill her and "knock her out."

Happy said she gathered her things and left the house, but the man followed her outside.

In his report Clark noted that Happy did not seem out of breath as if she had ran from the house and the man who was allegedly threatening her.

Clark asked Happy to lead him back to the trailer, but she said she did not want to go back. Clark explained that what had reportedly happened to her was a crime, and he needed to investigate it. She still refused to go back to the trailer.

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In his report Clark said he was beginning to not believe Happy's story at this point. He claimed that the story wasn't making sense and there were very few details of what happened.

But Happy did finally tell Clark where the trailer was. When he arrived, he knocked on the door and met Happy's friend who she had been staying with, and a man who was inside the trailer.

In his report Clark noted that the man was sitting down on a couch watching T.V. with a blanket on his lap and no shoes on. Clark asked the man if he had any weapons, to which the man said he didn't. He also didn't appear to be out of breath.

Clark concluded that it didn't seem as if the man had been chasing Happy. He also didn't believe the man could've beaten him back from the house if he'd chased Happy to the store.

The man said Happy had been at the trailer and that she'd been drinking. He said she was talking to random items and not making sense.

The man said he'd been working on the bathroom when he took a break to go into the kitchen and check his phone. However, his phone was not on the kitchen table where he had left it.

According to the man, he found his phone in the living room, destroyed. Happy was allegedly sitting on the couch next to the coffee table where he found his phone.

The man confronted Happy about the destroyed phone, and the two of them allegedly got into an argument. Happy followed the man into the kitchen.

The man noticed Happy had a knife in her hand, and tried to create space between them. He also grabbed his hammer when he began to worry that Happy was going to stab him. The man said he eventually put Happy's things outside and that he did not follow her to the store.

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After Clark was done talking with the man, he went back outside and asked Happy how much she'd had to drink. She said she had been drinking earlier, but she refused to take a breathalyzer. Clark did find a knife on Happy.

After finding the knife, Clark called District Attorney Bernadine Martin and she agreed with him that Happy needed to be arrested for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. She was also charged with property damage (under \$1,000). Her preliminary hearing is scheduled for Feb. 8.

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