

A woman was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of a controlled substance after she was caught smoking meth near City Hall.

On Feb. 7, around 2 pm, Gallup Police Officer Daniel Brown was driving westbound through the alleyway behind City Hall, 110 W. Aztec Ave., after receiving a dispatch message about possible drug activity. When he arrived at the scene he found Jessica Haley, 33, and a man crouched over in the stairwell. Haley was allegedly holding a glass pipe, and according to his report, Brown saw smoke coming from the stairwell.

Brown got out of his police car and asked the two people what they were doing. Haley said they were smoking cigarettes. According to his report, Brown didn't smell cigarette smoke.

Brown told Haley and the man that they were trespassing on private property, and they told him they might have warrants out for their arrest.

Haley did have a warrant out for her arrest, and after he arrested her Brown searched her, and found a pipe with meth in it. He also found a baggie with meth in it inside her jacket pocket.

Haley was charged with her outstanding warrant and the aforementioned charges. Her preliminary hearing is scheduled for Feb. 22.

Staff Reports