

Man caught with fentanyl in his sock

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Metro Dispatch reported a “Reckless Driver” and that driver was eventually charged with possession of a controlled substance after officers found fentanyl on him.

Gallup Police Officer Julio Yazzie was enroute to another call around 6:45 pm on April 8 when he noticed a white SUV that had been called in by Metro Dispatch as a “Reckless Vehicle” throughout the day. The man driving the vehicle was later identified as Avey John Coeeyate.

The vehicle passed Yazzie at the intersection of Ninth Street and Maloney Avenue. He was able to catch up to it as it was getting ready to turn north on Third Street. He performed a traffic stop at the intersection of Third Avenue and Wilson Avenue, and had the driver, Coeeyate, 24, step out of the vehicle.

According to Yazzie’s report, he told Coeeyate why he had pulled him over. Yazzie then noticed four other people in the vehicle, and when he ran their names, he learned that two of the four people had warrants out for their arrests.

Coeeyate also had a warrant out for his arrest. Before he was put into a police car, officers checked him for any items he wasn’t allowed to have. He reportedly admitted to having fentanyl in his sock.

When Yazzie pulled down Coeeyate’s sock, he found the fentanyl wrapped up in paper.

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Cooeyate was charged with possession of a controlled substance and his warrant. His preliminary examination is scheduled for May 3.

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