

Man breaks into car dealership, faces multiple charges

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A man is facing multiple charges after he broke into a local car dealership and damaged one of the vehicles in the lot.

On June 15, around 1 am, Gallup Police Officer Patrick Largo was dispatched to Champion Ford, 701 W. Coal Ave., after a man, who was later identified as Mark Blueeyes, reportedly broke into some of the vehicles at the car dealership.

When he arrived at the car dealership, Largo met with a Tribe Security Officer. The security guard said he'd been checking the gated parking lot at the intersection of South Eighth Street and West Coal Avenue when he noticed a man sitting in one of the customer's vehicles.

The security guard took a photo of Blueeyes, 38, before he approached him. Blueeyes reportedly got out of the black Ford pickup truck he was in and took off running across the parking lot before crawling through the broken fence.

The security guard said that Blueeyes had some items in his hands as he jumped into the small perky behind the gated lot. The security guard said Blueeyes had been wearing a long-sleeved black shirt, a black ballcap, and blue jeans. He said the man was about five feet and 11 inches tall, thin, and possibly Native American.

According to Largo's report, he noticed that the business's fence had a space where someone could crawl through it. As the security guard was talking to Largo, he noticed a man walking eastbound along East Aztec Avenue near South Eighth Street. He said that was the man who had just been in the lot.

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Largo got into his patrol vehicle and began following the man and initiated his lights and siren as the man walked north along Seventh Street from West Aztec Avenue.

Largo told Blueeyes to drop the items in his hand as he spoke to him over the intercom. That's when Blueeyes allegedly dropped the items and took off running past Largo's patrol unit.

Largo began chasing Blueeyes on foot, and he ran behind a house at 607 W. Aztec Ave. According to Largo's report, Blueeyes crawled under a chain-link fence, and continued running in the alleyway toward Joe's Auto Sales at 302 S. Seventh St.

Largo called for backup after he lost sight of Blueeyes. He then headed back to his patrol vehicle, where Blueeyes had dropped the items he'd been holding.

According to his report, Largo found a speaker and a black and yellow tool bag that contained several items inside it.

After leaving the items he found inside his car, Largo met with the Champion Ford service manager.

As they approached the pickup truck Blueeyes had been sitting in, Largo noticed that the driver's door's handle was broken. The manager said the damage to the truck would cost about \$1,200 to repair.

GPD Officer Skye Desiderio found Blueeyes and took him back to the car dealership, where the security guard identified him as the man he had seen.

Blueeyes was arrested and charged with burglary of a vehicle, criminal damage to property (over \$1,000), resisting arrest, and criminal trespass. His preliminary examination is scheduled

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