# Man breaks into Highway 66 Smoke Shop

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A man named Christopher Curtis Begay is facing charges of criminal damage to property after he allegedly broke into a local business.

On Sept. 28, around 12:15 am, Gallup Police Officer Francescia Henry was dispatched to the Highway 66 Smoke Shop at 200 S. Third St. after someone reportedly broke into the store.

When Henry arrived at the scene she spoke one of the store's employees, who said the alarm system was going off when he arrived at the store and the front door was broken.

After she spoke to the store empleoyee, Henry was able to watch a surveillance video in which Begay, 32, can allegedly be seen in a black and white flannel shirt, a black cap, and blue jeans.

The employee estimated that it would cost $2,200 to fix the door.

While Henry was speaking to the employee, officers found Begay at 207 W. Hill Ave.

Henry was also able to speak to a witness, who told her he was walking past the store when he saw Begay hit a window with a pole. He then reportedly walked along Coal Avenue. The witness said Begay "do bad to the shop. What he did was not good."

Begay was arrested for the aforementioned charges. His preliminary hearing is scheduled for Oct. 18.

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