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Woman spits on nurse

A drunk woman was charged with battery on a health care worker after she allegedly spit in a nurse's face.

On Sept. 17, around 6 pm, Gallup Police Officer Daniel Brown was dispatched to the Gallup Indian Medical Center after a woman, who was later identified as Makalia Johnson, spit on a nurse who was trying to restrain her.

According to Brown's report, when he entered the emergency room Johnson, 21, was restrained with "soft restraints" and appeared to be highly intoxicated.

When Brow spoke to the victim, she explained that Johnson had pulled her IV out and kept trying to get out of the hospital bed.

The victim said she tried to explain the medical procedure to Johnson, and she tried to tell her that she needed medical attention. In response to the victim, Johnson said she wanted to see a Navajo nurse.

She reportedly called the victim a "white b****" and was very verbally aggressive.

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Three nurses had to hold Johnson down while one of them tried to put the IV back in Johnson's arm. That's when Johnson allegedly grabbed the victim's hand and "hocked a loogie" onto her face.

After he spoke to the victim Brown spoke to the other nurses who witnessed the situation and they both confirmed that Johnson spit on their coworker. One of the witnesses said she didn't see where the spit landed, but she believed it landed on her coworker's face because she was directly in front of Johnson.

A judge signed a warrant for Johnson's arrest on Sept. 18, and she was arrested on that same day. She was charged with battery on a health care worker. Her preliminary hearing is scheduled for Oct. 11.

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