

Stealing Christmas

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Man caught taking packages off porches

A man who was identified as Robert Gorman was caught stealing packages off of porches six days before Christmas.

On Dec. 19, around 11:45 am, Gallup Police Sgt. Matthew Graham was called out to the Mossman neighborhood after multiple people reported that packages had been stolen from their front doors.

The victims said that they'd seen a man driving a white Chevy Hatchback around the neighborhood and stealing packages. One victim's front door camera caught a man with a shaved head wearing a blue hoodie with the words "RAMPART" in white and orange on the front.

Gallup Police identified the man as Gorman, 42. According to Graham's report, Gorman is a known drug user and dealer, and at the time he had multiple warrants out for his arrest.

At 3:30 pm, Graham found the white Chevy Hatchback that matched the victims' descriptions. Gorman was driving the vehicle, and he was heading northbound over the Miyamura Overpass. Graham followed the SUV as it turned east on Maloney Avenue onto Ninth Street.

Gorman turned north on Ninth Street and came to a stop at a red light at the intersection of

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Jefferson Avenue and Ninth Street. He then turned into Heritage Plaza, and Graham pulled him over in a business parking lot.

According to Graham's report, Gorman got out of the car and Graham thought he was going to run, but when he told him to get on the ground Gorman complied. He was then placed in the backseat of Officer Cindy Romancito's patrol car.

The SUV was not registered to Gorman, but rather to his sister. A friend of his sister was at the scene, and she called her to come get the car. When Gorman's sister arrived, she told officers that Gorman had taken off with the car two days ago.

Gorman's sister added that their mother's walker was in the car, and she needed it to get around. The walker was removed from the car and given to Gorman's sister. The SUV was then towed to the Gallup Police Department.

A search warrant for the SUV was signed by Judge Brent Detsoi on Dec. 20, and multiple stolen items were found inside the vehicle. In total the stolen items were all valued at just over \$950.

There were a wide variety of stolen items, including a Dallas Cowboys shirt, a doll, bike shorts, a bike jacket, a bag of salt ice melt, two bags of plush toys, three kids' watches, a plush cat that had plush kittens inside it, press on nails, a kid's stress ball, a unicorn painting kit, mittens, cat food, kitty litter, some slippers, and a Michael Kors purse.

A debit card was also found in the SUV.

All the items were returned to their rightful owners.

Gorman was charged with larceny. His first court appearance is scheduled for Jan. 19.

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