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Isaiah Martinez, 19, of Gallup was arrested two days after he stabbed his 17-year-old girlfriend, her brother and their dad June 14.

According to Officer Justin Benally's report, the ex-girlfriend was taking out the trash outside their residence, when Martinez grabbed her arm and dragged her to a dirt lot on West Aztec.

The girl's brother witnessed the attack and called for their dad. When the men approached Martinez, he responded by pulling out a small pocket knife.

The girl was stabbed on the left side of her torso. Her brother was stabbed in his left hand and received nine stitches, according to the report.

The father also had a laceration on his left torso from Martinez's blade.

Almost three hours later, GPD officers thought they spotted Martinez at Ford Canyon Park. The individual would not adhere to police commands, and after a short chase, police lost site of him.

The area was further searched and Martinez was not located.

GPD issued a warrant for his arrest for aggravated battery with a deadly weapon against a household member, two charges of aggravated battery with a deadly weapon and false

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imprisonment.

GPD Capt. Rick White said that McKinley County Sheriff's Office deputies arrested Martinez at one of the local hospitals June 16. Police are not clear on why he was at the hospital, but deputies spotted him while there on other business.

Martinez is being held at the McKinley County Adult Detention Center on a \$15,000 cash bond.