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East Side Gallup, Business District

Tyrell Charley, 21, of Churchrock NM is facing aggravated battery charges after a fight broke out at McDonald's East July 24. According to the report, filed by GPD Officer Matthew Ashley, Security pointed out the individuals who had been involved in a physical altercation but had already left the area. Ashley found Charley at Hollywood Car Wash. Charley told him that a couple had started verbally assaulting him as he was leaving McDonald's and that it had turned into a fight.

Officer Andrea Tsosie found the couple, Michael Paywa, 22, and Rochelle Begay, 23, in the area of Desert Rose Trailer Park. They also agreed that the verbal altercation led to a physical fight, but said that Charley had started it.

"Michael stated he [did] not know what exactly happen[ed] but saw Tyrell pull out a utility knife and tried to stab him," Ashley said in his report.

According to the report, Paywa had no idea that he was stabbed and when he did finally find the stab wound to his abdominal area, he saw the officer.

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Charley was taken to the jail for aggravated battery.

Carlyle Becenti, 31, of Gallup was arrested July 22 after he was found inside a residence that he wasn't supposed to be at. According to the police report, filed by GPD Officer Timothy Hughte, Mary Becenti arrived home to her apartment on Dani Drive and found her son, Carlyle, "lying on the floor of the apartment."

Mary told Hughte that Carlyle argued with her and that "she feared that he was going to hit her," she had to kick at him to get him away from her and Carlyle spit on her. She also told officers that she left the apartment with her other son and waited in her vehicle for officers arrival.

Hughte confirmed that there was an active restraining order on file for the two individuals as well as Mary showing Hughte a trespass notice.

GPD had to search the apartment twice to find Carlyle, who was hiding underneath the bed in the back bedroom.

Carlyle was taken to the jail where he was booked on charges of breaking and entering, assault on a household member, criminal trespass and restraining order violation.

Vanderwagen

First responders had an unfortunate vehicle crash July 26 after responding to a fire call in Vanderwagen. According to a MCSO vehicle crash report, filed by Deputy Jeff Barnhurst, the house fire that himself, Vanderwagen fire and Navajo Nation Police Department responded to was an oil fire on the stove that was resolved prior to their arrival. When the volunteer fire fighter was backing up the fire truck, he accidentally made contact with left rear bumper of the NPD unit leaving a large dent and damage.

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"Both the fire truck and Navajo Nation unit were still drivable and went [their] separate directions."