

Twin Lakes man jailed for hitting female with hammer

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Act left three holes in victim's head

A Twin Lakes man arrested by the Gallup Police Department remained jailed Sept. 7 on an aggravated battery charge. Jail records indicate that Barney's bond was set at \$15,000.

In referencing the incident, GPD Officer Douglas Hoffman wrote in a report that Donovan Barney, 21, hit a female victim in the back of the head three times with a hammer in the parking lot of Kentucky Fried Chicken off U.S. 491.

"...I asked the male [suspect] if this was his backpack and he said it was his girlfriend's," Hoffman recorded. "I asked if I could look inside and he said yes. I opened the backpack and located a hammer with blood on the head."

The victim confirmed Barney's identity, and Barney was subsequently put in handcuffs. The victim said she was hit three times. Three large holes located in the back of her head were confirmed by ambulance personnel.

Barney's \$15,000 bail bond is cash-only.

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