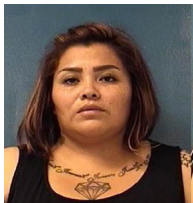


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CHILD THIEF

10/16, GALLUP

At 11:57 am, Gallup Police Department Officer Andrew Thayer was dispatched to 601 S. Dani Dr. Apt. M3 in reference to a larceny.

According to his report, on arrival, Thayer made contact with a woman who said she'd left an iPad Mini on the coffee table before heading to Walmart. The only people home at the time, according to the victim, were her sons and their friend, 13 or 14 years old.

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According to the report, when the victim returned home after her trip to Walmart, the iPad was gone, along with \$10 from her dresser drawer. According to the victim's son, before the friend left, he'd asked to borrow a jacket.

Officers attempted to make contact with the suspect's parents, but they were not available for an interview with police. A report was made for larceny of \$250 or over.

NO RESTRAINT

10/15, GALLUP

At about 1 am, GPD Officer Jasmine Jaramillo was dispatched to Gallup Indian Medical Center at 516 Nizhoni Blvd. in reference to a child injured by an airbag.

At the scene, according to her report, Jaramillo spoke with the driver, Lanessa Houston, 30, who said she was driving on Oct. 14 at about 11:30 am, southbound on Hwy. 602, when a deer ran westbound in front of her vehicle, causing a collision. Houston did not call for medical assistance.

Allegedly, a 1-year-old was sitting on the lap of a 13-year-old child in the front passenger seat when the crash occurred. Houston took all four children — ages 1, 13, 11, and 8 back to her home. The 1-year-old was later transported to GIMC by family, according to the report. He had abrasions on his cheek and temple, and his right eye was swollen shut, according to the report.

Houston was arrested and booked for an outstanding bench warrant, and for allowing children to ride without restraints.

NARCOTICS

10/14, GALLUP

According to a report, at approximately 12:43 pm, McKinley County Sheriff's Office Deputy Arnold J. Noriega and other agents were traveling eastbound on Aztec Avenue, approaching the intersection of Arnold and Aztec, when Noriega noticed a white Chevy SUV traveling westbound.

Noriega noticed that the driver was Juan Arellanes, 31, who had an outstanding bench warrant for his arrest. The MCSO agents pulled the vehicle over just south of Copper Avenue.

The agents took Arellanes into custody. A 14-year-old was also in the car and told Noriega he was headed for a haircut with his uncle. According to the report, agents found a black tarlike substance inside of a McDonald's straw on Arellanes's person, as well as a small baggie of an undisclosed amount of narcotics.

Arellanes said the narcotics were his, not his nephew's. He was transported to the McKinley Adult Detention Center, where he was booked on charges of possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

DISORDERLY DOWNTOWN

10/8, GALLUP

At about 8:45 pm, Gallup Police Department Officer Dominic Molina received a call from fellow officers about a disorderly intoxicated male at the intersection of Third Street and Coal Avenue. GPD Officers Harlan Soseeah and John Gonzales had found him banging on the glass doors of The City Electric Store on the 200 block of W. Coal Avenue during ArtsCrawl.

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According to Molina's report, he was pulling up to the intersection of Third and Coal, when he noticed two officers on the ground trying to control the man. Molina joined the officers in an attempt to restrain Pedro Don Nez, 29, who would not give the officers his hands, Molina wrote.

According to the report, Nez bit Soseeah's hand while Soseeah was trying to put handcuffs on him. Soseeah ended up at a local hospital for medical attention due to the wound.

Nez continued to be disorderly, refusing to give officers his hands and, according to the report, Soseeah tazed and drive-stunned him. After several attempts, Nez was finally put in handcuffs and, because he was spitting, a spit mask was put on him, too.

He was arrested and booked on charges of aggravated battery upon a peace officer; resisting, evading, or obstructing an officer; and disorderly conduct.