

Arrest made in alleged rape at EconoLodge

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One Gallup man remains incarcerated on a \$100,000 bond after a reported rape at the EconoLodge at 3101 W. Historic Highway 66, officials said.

Major Singh, 47, who goes by several aliases, was arrested on a warrant, according to jail records. Singh works as a cook at Gallup's Bombay Grill along West Historic Highway 66. The rape took place during the early morning hours of Nov. 16.

In detailing the incident, Lt. Rosanne Morrisette of the Gallup Police Department said that co-workers from the Bombay Grill, 3405 W. Historic Highway 66, went out drinking after work and reserved a room at the EconoLodge. There was a female in the group and she said she woke up to find one of the males of the group on top of her and engaged in sexual intercourse against her will.

Singh was still in custody as of Nov. 21, according to jail records. Singh is charged with criminal sexual penetration in the second degree (force or coercion, personal injury, harm or great mental anguish).

Officer Justin Benally of the GPD said he arrived on the scene to find the female in question distraught, wearing no shoes and with "messy hair." The incident took place in Room 112 of the hotel, records show.

Major Singh, who possesses a prior police record from Texas, and someone else named "Nick" (real name believed to be Anokh) asked the female if she wanted to have some drinks at the hotel. "Nick" is identified in police papers as the manager of Bombay Grill.

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An acquaintance of Singh told police that three women, known “prostitutes,” he claimed, showed up at the restaurant and ultimately propositioned the two to have sex, according to police papers.

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