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STILL WANTED BY POLICE

4/28, Gallup

There's a warrant out for the arrest of Jeremy Madrid, 28, whose last known address is Yatahey, but he is known to hang out in the Gallup, Grants and Albuquerque areas.

According to police, he allegedly broke into his ex-girlfriends house and raped a 12-year-old girl in early February.

Last report states that he was driving a red, 2008 4-door Pontiac Grand Prix with New Mexico plate 163-RZT. He may also be attending biker functions in the region.

Call Crime Stoppers (877) 722-6161. Your name will be kept confidential and there may be a cash prize for information leading to his arrest.

WANTED FOR QUESTIONING

4/28, Gallup

Junior Yazzie was found unconscious at the Lariat Lodge, 1105 E. Highway 66 on March 15. It's reported that he was struck in the head by the door of a moving vehicle. Gallup police are looking to question the owner of a 2015 Chevy Trailblazer with New Mexico plate 187-TFP, driven by an unknown woman.

Yazzie died from his injuries April 4, and police would like to question the woman driving this

vehicle.

Contact Gallup Police Department Sgt. Anthony Seciwa (505) 722-2231.

STOP 'METH' ING AROUND

4/27, Gallup

A Gallup man remained in jail April 27 after an arraignment before 11th District Judge Robert Aragon.

Merle Lefthandbull, of Church Rock, was found lying on the floor of a residence and next to a glass smoking pipe used to smoke "G," the street name for methamphetamine. When the cops checked for warrants, it was discovered that Lefthandbull had two outstanding warrants from McKinley County.

A search of Lefthandbull revealed three small plastic baggies in his shirt pocket. One of the baggies contained a small amount of what resembled marijuana, according to a criminal complaint. A second baggie contained what appeared to resemble meth, the complaint states.

Lefthanbull is jailed on a \$7,000 bond and charged with possession of a controlled substance, possession of an ounce or less of marijuana, contributing to the delinquency of a minor and receiving stolen property, more than \$500, but less than \$2,500, according to records at the McKinley County Adult detention Center.

Lefthandbull must appear before 11th District Court Judge Lyndy Bennett on May 12 that relates to a 2015 incident. That case connects to non-residential burglary, conspiracy to commit non-residential burglary and burglary of a vehicle.

ANGER MANAGEMENT ISSUES?

4/25, GALLUP

An Indian Hills man was jailed and later released from the McKinley County Adult Detention Center after being charged with battery on a household member and resisting and evading or obstructing an officer allegations, records show.

David Halona, 25, was released from the McKinley County Adult Detention Center on his own recognizance after a fighting and yelling episode with his father on April 20, according to a police report.

David Halona, the father, told police that his son “punched him in the chest and shoved him.” The elder Halona stated his son was highly intoxicated and had been disorderly all day on April 15.

The younger Halona resisted being put in handcuffs by Gallup police officer Dominic Molina. The police report taken by Molina states that the younger Halona yelled and cursed at Molina.

“He was telling me that he would kick my ass and knock me out,” Molina wrote in the report. When officers finally got the younger Halona in cuffs and placed into the police car, the younger Halona “jumped out of my unit and leaned towards me in an aggressive way,” Molina wrote.

BAD CHECK WRITER BUSTED

4/20, GALLUP

The Gallup man wanted on identity theft and forgery charges was taken into custody April 20 by

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the Gallup police, according to jail records.

Josh Cucciardi, 33, was taken into custody April 20 by the Gallup police without incident. "He was arrested at his place of residence," Capt. Marinda Spencer of the GPD said. "He is still in custody."

Cucciardi was part of a check-cashing criminal enterprise that terrorized Gallup years. Cucciardi and accomplices would create false checks and cash them at local places like Perry Null Trading, Co. When the checks cleared Pinnacle Bank is when banking officials got a grip on what was going on.

The checks did not belong to Cucciardi and were drawn on the name of another individual who informed police of the matter.

Spencer said Cucciardi answered the door when Gallup police arrived at his East Maple Avenue address. He was listed in custody as of April 27.

DISORDERLY CONDUCT

4/17, Thoreau

McKinley County Sheriff's Office Sgt. Shane Bennett responded to a family bruhaha in progress in front of a home on Windsong Avenue in Thoreau.

He immediately detained a woman who was "yelling loud profanity and flipping a middle finger" towards the home. The woman told Bennett the reason for her anger. She said as her family was peacefully dining on Easter dinner when Jarvis Delgarito, 18, "was yelling profanity and his dad Jeremy was yelling too," she said, according to the police report. The woman said "it all started yesterday when they jumped my brother at the baseball field."

Jeremy Delgarito told deputies that a man, possibly the brother of the woman and her family, came over to his house with drunk friends and was throwing sticks and rocks. “Me and my family were defending ourselves and our house,” Jeremy Delgartio told police.

But, a video recording painted a differently story. It showed Jeremy Delgarito, 42, passing out sticks “to other subjects.” Jarvis Delgarito was holding a array of potential weaponry – a hammer, wooden stick, and several rocks. It shows the duo stepping onto the neighbor’s property and hurling their items. The men were booked for disorderly conduct and criminal damage to property.