

Police Activity Report

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Warrant serving seemed to be the order of the week, especially for the Gallup Police Department, while the McKinley County Sheriff's Office lightened up with only three warrants.

GPD Warrants

Raymond Becenti (parole/probation), Drew Jay Brown (District Court), John Cabrera (District Court), Adrian Dann (Bernalillo County and FBI Phoenix), Wilfred Davis (District Court and Bernalillo County), Jose A. Estrada (Magistrate Court), Jason Farnham (Magistrate Court), Amanda Frank (out of county), Lance Gilchrist (Magistrate Court), Chad E. Gonzales (Arrest Order Magistrate Court and Trespassing), Amanda Gruber (Magistrate Court), Charlene P. Hannaweeka (District Court), Christopher C. Jack (Magistrate Court), Mary Ebright James (parole/probation), Pearla Lares (Cibola County), Marcella Lisa Lee (Municipal Court), Simon Lee (District Court), Monique Lopez (Magistrate Court), Shelby Morgan (Magistrate Court), Trumayne Nez (out of county), Erica Price (Magistrate Court), Eleano Rivas (parole/probation), Michael Sandman (Magistrate Court), Colton Chance Silva (District Court), Wendell R. Smith (Bernalillo County), Vernie Spencer (Magistrate Court), Ryan Thompson (Municipal Court and Magistrate Court), Daniel C. Walley (Municipal Court), and Robert Luis Yazzie (Magistrate Court).

MCSO Warrants

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Local Incidents

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Other incidents which occurred within the perimeters of enforcement for either the GPD or the MCSO include: an aggravated battery and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon on Bread Springs Road south of Gallup.

Three MCSO Deputies were dispatched to Bread Springs Road to see what all had happened: Lorenzo Guerrero, Monty Yazzie, and Christopher Rangel. They met with Jason Jefferson, the victim, but also talked to Donald Goodluck-Yazzie, a friend of Jefferson, Matthew Hannah, a clerk at the nearby Mustang, and Dorothea, Jason's wife.

As a result of the three-way investigation it was discovered that Jason had been arguing with neighbors and relatives though his wife didn't know which ones; Hannah had recognized the two assailants as frequent customers but didn't know their names; and Goodluck-Yazzie had been mostly drunk, enough to get him admitted to Gallup Detox.

The only "facts" that held up were that the assailants were in a red Nissan truck that stopped when they saw the disabled vehicle parked at the side of the road. a verbal barrage was followed by a silver shotgun being pulled and fired at the feet of Jefferson. The two suspects then left but came back later with a baseball bat, which they used on the head and face of Jefferson.

Reports were filed and descriptions taken but that was all that was done on this case.

On the eastern side of the county, on Aug. 15, a burglary occurred in Thoreau at Zuni Mountain Pawn. At first look, 14 pistols had been taken but nine were recovered before dawn when the owner walked around his property, and discovered a tool bag which contained pistols, jewelry, ammo, and other belongings.

The pistols still missing are: a Keltec P32; a Para LDAPDA; a Glock 43; a LLAMA; and a Sig Sauer P239. With some \$400 in cash also missing, the total value of the burglary comes to approximately \$2,520.

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A residential burglary was reported on Aug. 17 and handled by MCSO when Deputy Monty Yazzie was flagged down by Shannon Gonzales, the homeowner. She reported that her basement has an outside entrance, but does not lock. A Michelin 16-inch tire and rim was taken but has an unknown value. no suspects were arrested.

A 2000 white Dodge truck was reported missing in Gamerco on Aug. 21. Raymond Romero had dropped off the vehicle at 904 Cascade to a "shade tree" mechanic but when Romero went by to check on it, the vehicle was missing, and according to other residents in the area the truck had been missing for at least a couple of days.

A couple in Thoreau, Patricia (later identified as Johnelle Hoskie) and Casey Thomas Wilson were found in an open field near Fay avenue and Third Street by Deputy Paul Davis, Jr. Casey took several tries to get to his feet but his wife was unresponsive to questions. She was highly intoxicated but was conscious and breathing. Medical personnel were called to check on her condition and she was transported to GIMC while Casey was taken to Gallup Detox.

MCSO Deputy Frank Villa, Jr. was dispatched to Twin Buttes Road in regards to a burglary in progress that turned out to be a simple case of Trespass. Marva Tsosie had lived in the residence for four years with her boyfriend and had keys to the home. Homeowner Tiffany Galanis said Tsosie was not allowed in the house, but Villa allowed Marva to collect her remaining personal items. Galanis reported two items missing, but did not see Tsosie take them. Tsosie was given a trespass warning to not return to the residence.

Four minor accidents without injuries were reported to the Sheriff's office during the week, including one involving a GPD officer unfamiliar with the dirt road in Rehoboth and was unable to make a right turn in a timely manner. Only one accident with injuries was reported but no details were forthcoming.

The Tohlakai Giant Station was hit by a larcenous man who boldly fixed himself nachos to go with several containers of beef jerky and walked out without paying. The store manager was unable to catch him.

A GPD Officer, Tyler Woody, was accused of harassment by his wife from whom he is separated. The incident soon became a "he said, she said" argument and MCSO Deputy Paul

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Davis, Jr. gave the wife, Valentina, a restraining order packet to fill out for the District Court.

Three deputies responded to a backup call from the Navajo Police Department in regards to a family stabbing in the Pinedale area. The victim was transported by Medstar to the hospital and NPD arrived to put one assailant in custody.

A concerned mother was left little choice when her 17-year-old son refused to go back to school, which started this week. She met with Sgt. Tammy Houghtaling at the Sheriff's office to explain her problem. She was referred to JPO, CYFD and JSSAC for further assistance and to set up a meeting with the school and central office to resolve this problem.

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