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DRUG BUST

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McKinley County Sheriff's Dep. Ivan Tsethlikai Jr. was dispatched to 300 West Nizhoni Blvd. after reports of a man in the area with meth in his possession. After arriving, Tsethlikai met Justin Pemberton, 32. There were no other drugs on Pemberton, according to the police report. He was booked for possession and an outstanding bench warrant.

DOUBLE-TAKE TASER

1/18, Gallup

As Gallup Police Department Officer Terrance Peyketewa responded to a call of a male drunk driver that was donning a checkered shirt and staggering into the 49er Lounge, he found only the dark pickup truck matching dispatch's description.

But it wasn't long before the man staggered out of the lounge, located at 2009 2009 W. Highway 66. Peyketewa approached the man later identified as Bernabee Gomez-Martinez as he went to open his car door. Gomez-Martinez quickly stashed the keys in his pocket. Peyketewa noted the knife tucked in his belt, so he took it and placed it on the truck's bumper.

Gomez-Martinez, 43, claimed that he wasn't driving, so the officer decided to take him to detox, but the 6'2", 215 lbs. intoxicated man pulled away and headed back towards his truck. Peyketewa "decided to take him down," according to the report. But it was a struggle, and was seemingly time for some taser action. He gave Gomez-Martinez a five-second jolt, but it had no effect. The second drive stun to the stomach did the trick.

Gomez-Martinez refused to give his name, but the jail staff knew his name. He was arrested for resisting, evading, or obstructing an officer and concealing identity.

JERKY PANTS

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A man on a mission for some beef jerky muchies got caught red-handed as he stuffed two bags of the salty dried meat down his pants at the local Walmart on West Maloney Avenue.

GPD Officer Julio Yazzie met up with store security who proceeded to tell him that Robert Shorty stuffed the bags of jerky down his pants in the men's clothing department. He then exited the building with a weight lifting belt and hair products concealed in his bag.

Shorty, 52, was arrested for shoplifting and for a warrant out of Bernalillo County.

GUNPOINT ROBBERY

1/16, Gallup

GPD officers Dominic Molina and K9 Diezel were dispatched to 2824 E. Highway 66 after reports of an armed robbery at Front Row Seat, a DVD store. Molina met with one of the victims, also an employee at the shop, who said that two skinny men, about 5'11" tall, entered the store with handguns.

One of the suspects fired a shot into the air, and told patrons "Everyone get on the ground, now!" according to the police report. Another victim said one of the men approached him then and pointed the gun at his face. The armed suspect demanded he give him money, but the suspect told him he had none.

The men fled from the store after stealing an undisclosed amount of cash. While no one in the store was injured, all were shaken.

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MEN'S ROOM CRASH

1/15, Gallup

A car heading into a parking space outside Carl's Jr. on 405 Kachina St. collided with the side of the building after the driver mistakenly hit the gas instead of the brake pedal. The driver was unharmed, but both the front of the car and the building experienced heavy damage. As a result of the hit, the men's room at Carl's Jr. was left exposed.

COMPLEX CRIMES

1/15, Gallup

The office of the Villa de Gallup apartment complex on 325 Klageh St. was burgled, and GPD officers arrived to find a damaged entryway—and the burglar still on the premises. GPD Officer Francis Collins spotted the suspect, who was wearing dark pants and a grey sweatshirt, and had a white box under one arm, according to the police report. Collins approached the suspect and identified himself as an officer, but the man would not slow his walk away from the scene.

Officers began to run after him, covering about a quarter mile before finally apprehending the suspect. After handcuffing him, officers identified the man as Tyler Sam, 20. Officers found several small items on Sam, including a phone charger and someone's keys. The damage to the building added to a far greater total, with a broken glass door that measured 72 inches tall completely shattered. Other objects from the office were found on Sam, though officers were unable to locate a missing envelope filled with money orders.

The manager of the complex confirmed that Sam lived in the complex with his mother, in a building on the northwest side. The manager also told officers that Sam had previously gotten into trouble over consumption of alcohol and meth. Sam was booked for burglary, criminal damage to property, and resisting an officer.

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DRUNKEN COLLISION

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A crash between a car and a pedestrian occurred in the parking lot of Giant Conoco Gas Station on 3302 W. Highway 66, leaving the pedestrian pinned under the wheel of the car. The man was awake and talking at the scene, having suffered road rash and scrapes. The man was intoxicated, according to the police report. The driver, who was found to be sober, was unharmed.