

## Suspect arrested in Conoco west robbery attempt, stabbing

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A clerk at a Gallup gas station was transported to the hospital after being stabbed during an armed robbery late in the afternoon Feb. 15.

Two Native American males entered the convenience store at Mustang Conoco, 3302 W. Highway 66, about 5:20 pm, and attempted to run out with beer, heading north from the station. One of the clerks was stabbed in her ribs, and another man standing on the side of the business said the outside of his wrist was sliced by the robber for no reason.

Eric Michael Begaye, 24, of Mentmore has been arrested on charges of aggravated battery, tampering with evidence and robbery.

Gallup Patrolman Justin Foster said police questioned several men after the robbery was reported, and through video surveillance, they were able to identify Begaye as the person who was responsible for the stabbing and slicing.

Begaye did not have the knife with him when he was arrested, but Foster said he might have dropped it while he was running from police officers.

The search for the other suspect is still ongoing.