

Motel turns to hell for one man

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Gallup motels are often the site of violence, which was the case March 20 when Gallup Police Officer Douglas Hoffman was dispatched around 9:30 am to the Redwood Lounge, after management reported seeing a man leave one of the rooms with blood on his boots.

Hoffman walked to the room in question and found it to be a mess and saw a man, later identified as Travis George, 35, of Red Valley, lying in a fetal position on the floor with blood on his head.

Hoffman said the man was snoring and could not be woken up. Hoffman called for an ambulance and when it arrived, he went across the street and found Kyle Clah, 31, of Chinle. His boots were covered in blood, which Hoffman said made sense because the bathroom in the motel was so small, George's injuries could only have been caused by someone's left foot.

When Hoffman asked him what was going on, Clah said he was a gang member and he put "people in check," according to the police report.

Hoffman took his boots in as evidence and transported Clah to jail. As he was being booked, Hoffman said Clah remarked that George "was not going to show up. He got checked in the head."

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