

Kelsey Tom Francisco, now a former Gallup police officer, was arrested after he reportedly got into a fight with his wife and head-butted her May 7.

Francisco, 25, of Gallup now faces charges of false imprisonment, battery on a household member, and interference with communication.

McKinley County Sheriff's Dep. Lorenzo Guerrero said he was dispatched to Butler Square about 6:15 pm in reference to a domestic dispute involving a Gallup police officer.

When he got there, he found other Gallup police officers waiting for him, as well as Francisco's wife, Chanaye, who said she and her husband had been paying bills in the afternoon.

They had arrived at a loan company in town about 2 pm and her husband went inside. He came out about 20 minutes later and when she asked why it took him so long, her husband said he had been talking to a woman inside there who had asked him about police things.

She suggested to her husband that he should have told her to go to the police station since he was off duty that day. She said her husband then became very upset and started punching the dashboard while yelling at her.

Chanaye Francisco said she then told her husband she was taking him home due to the way he was acting but when they got home, she said her husband continued yelling at her.

She said he then told her “this is the last day you’re going to see me.” She said her husband had made threats in the past that he was going to kill himself so she immediately ran into the residence to find his duty weapon.

As she entered their home, she said her husband grabbed her and held her in the doorframe of their bedroom, refusing to let her leave the room. She said she managed to get away and pulled out her cell phone, planning to call her parents for help.

But her husband grabbed her phone and put it in his pocket. She said he then pushed her onto the bed, making her head hit something hard. At this point she was holding a duffle bag, where she said her husband kept his on duty equipment, including his weapon.

She said he then attempted to take the duffle bag away from her, pretending as if he was going to hit her. Instead, she said, her husband head-butted her in the facial area, resulting in his nose bleeding. She said he then blew his nose, spurting blood all over her.

Guerrero said that while they had been talking, he observed that she had blood on her clothing.

She said she managed to get away from him and ran out of the residence with his duty weapon. She ran to Butler’s Square where she called police.

Guerrero said after talking to Chanaye Francisco, he and the other deputies and Gallup police officers went to the Francisco residence where they found Kelsey Francisco.

When he asked him what happened, Guerrero said Kelsey Francisco told him that he had an argument with his wife and that was all that happened. But Guererro said he noticed blood on his shorts and small cuts on his knuckles.

Guererro said he then placed him under arrest and because he had a wristband on his right wrist and he handcuffed the other hand to his belt. Before taking him to jail, however, he took

him to the Rehoboth McKinley Christian Hospital for a medics evaluation because of his wrist cast and the statements he had made about hurting himself.

Once medical clearance was given, he transported him to jail where he was booked.

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