

Alleged arsonist, thief arrested for trying to remove ankle bracelet

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Gallup Police Officer John Gonzales was on patrol on July 6 when he was dispatched to the 300 block of Bortot Drive where a man was trying to cut off his ankle monitoring device that he's court ordered to wear.

When he got there, he identified the man as Bryan Burrola, 41, of Gallup.

Gonzales was also told that Burrola had an outstanding bench warrant.

Police said on Thursday that Burrola had been convicted of misuse of a credit card back in May and had been put on probation. He is also facing arson charges in magistrate court.

On July 6, he was placed under arrest for the warrant as well as for a probation violation. But before he was transported to the county jail, he had to be taken to a local hospital to get medical clearance because he claimed to have taken several strips of "Saboxin."

He was given medical clearance but as he was booked, medical personnel called and asked that he be returned to the hospital because they wanted to do a full medical work up. When they did, they found no Saboxin in his system but found he tested positive for having methamphetamine in his system.

At that point, he was taken back to the jail and booked.