

Despite first responders' life saving measures, a 26-year-old man died Oct. 3 from stab wounds sustained during an alleged confrontation with another man near Second Street and Hill Avenue.

Gallup Police responded to the area near Octavia Fellin Public Library shortly before 1 pm and found the badly injured victim, identified Oct. 4 as Pendrick Yazzie of Red Rock, N.M.

Officers were able to get a lead on the suspect with the assistance of witnesses.

Detectives were called to the scene and began interviewing witnesses and processing the scene for evidence.

On the evening of Oct. 3, Gallup police arrested Gregory L. Long, 26, for an open count of murder. He was booked into the Gallup McKinley Adult Detention Center with no bond. Prior to being booked, he was taken to Gallup Indian Medical Center for treatment of unknown causes.

Witnesses told police Yazzie and Long had gotten in a verbal argument that escalated into a fight during which Long pulled out a weapon and stabbed Yazzie.