

Man arrested for aggravated battery of elder

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A Prewitt man was arrested for aggravated battery at the Gallup Flea Market after he reportedly began to act strangely and then, for no apparent reason, walked up to an elderly woman and shoved her to the ground.

The McKinley County Sheriff's Office said Milton Cornfield, 59, was detained by a security guard until police arrived.

Witnesses told deputies they observed Cornfield sitting at a table at the flea market at about noon. They said he was intoxicated, talking to himself and cussing, according to a police report.

After a few minutes, Cornfield reportedly got up and walked to the serving line, where he shoved an elderly woman on the shoulder, which caused her to collide with the metal chairs and fall facedown onto the ground.

The victim received cuts and lacerations to her face.

Cornfield was transported to the county jail and gave no statements to deputies.