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Man arrested on multiple charges including child abuse

A Vanderwagen man faces numerous charges after allegedly firing a gun Oct. 24 in downtown Gallup.

Tyrell Bitsilly, 20, has been charged with aggravated assault on a household member, shooting at a dwelling, tampering with evidence and two counts each of aggravated assault and abuse of a child.

It all began at about 3:25 pm, when a woman reported that Bitsilly had fired a gun in her vehicle while it was parked at 200 West Aztec Ave. She said Bitsilly then exited the vehicle and walked away.

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The woman told police her mother and two children were in the backseat of the vehicle at the time of the incident.

She said she and Bitsilly had been talking about problems in their relationship. She reportedly told him she was breaking it off, and he pulled out a handgun and pointed it at the floorboard.

The woman said Bitsilly told her, "This is what you want."

Bitsilly then reportedly fired a shot into the floorboard and exited the vehicle.

Gallup Police Department Officer Daniel Brown said the woman showed him the hole in the floorboard as well as the shell that was ejected from the handgun. The woman's mother and another witness outside the vehicle gave the same account of what happened.

Police found Bitsilly a couple blocks away from the scene. When he was searched, however, no weapon was found on him and a search of the area also revealed no gun.

Bitsilly was arrested and taken to the county jail.