

## POLICE ACTIVITY REPORTS

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## BONES

**11/27, Gallup**

The McKinley County Sheriff's Office reported the discovery of a large number of ancient bones on a property in the China Loop area Nov. 27.

Deputy Monty Yazzie said he met with the general manager of the company that owns the property, who reported he and another employee were checking on the property when they found old pottery shards, which led to the discovery of the bones in three locations close to each other.

Yazzie said photos were taken of the bones and sent to the county medical examiner, who reportedly said they were ancient and to leave them where they were found. He said he would contact the state archaeological office and inform them about the discovery.

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### **WHERE'S THE LOVE?**

***11/22, Thoreau***

It was a case of "Where has the love gone?" that led to the arrest of a Thoreau man Nov. 22 for battery on a household member.

MCSO Deputy Ivan Tsethlikai said he met with the complaining party at Zuni Mountain Trading Co., 15 2nd Ave., in Thoreau.

She said her common-law husband of more than 18 years, Leonard Ray Jr., 45, assaulted her in their home. She said she'd just returned home with their children, when Ray pulled her into their bedroom and kicked her between her shoulder blades as she was kneeling down.

He then slapped her in the face twice, she said, adding that her children did not witness the assault.

Tsethlikai went to the residence and spoke with Ray, who admitted he slapped the victim and said he did it because he did not think she loved him anymore. At that point, Ray was arrested and transported to the county jail.

### **BOOKED FOR BOOTS**

***11/16, Gallup***

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A shoplifting investigation led to the arrest of a Fort Defiance, Ariz. woman on various drug charges Nov. 16.

Gallup Police Department Officer Luke Martin said he was dispatched to the Rio West Mall, 1300 W. Maloney Ave. in Gallup, at about 1:30 pm, where he met a mall employee who said he witnessed Alicia Muskett, 32, take a pair of boots from Bealls, and after hiding them under her jacket, walked out without paying for them.

He said he confronted the suspect and she gave him her purse to show him she had not taken anything from the store.

When the employee dumped out the contents of the purse, he said he saw marijuana, a syringe and an Altoids container that contained two baggies filled with a white crystalline substance.

He also found the boots in her jacket. Muskett was given a no-trespass citation from the mall.

Martin said he examined the items taken from Muskett's purse. Muskett said the marijuana was hers but claimed the other stuff, which turned out to be methamphetamine, belonged to a friend.

She was arrested and charged with possession of marijuana, possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia and shoplifting.