

## **Weekly Police Activity Reports**

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### ***HIT AND RUN SUSPECT SEARCH***

#### ***Gallup, Feb. 2***

A hit and run accident Feb. 2 resulted in the recovery of a stolen vehicle but no thief.

According to a McKinley County Sheriff report, April John, 30, of Shiprock, was headed south on New Mexico Highway 698 when her vehicle was struck at the Jefferson Street intersection by a car that went through a red light and then sped away.

The vehicle was found a little later on the 600 block of Maloney Avenue but the driver was nowhere to be seen.

When deputies checked the vehicle, they found it had been reported as stolen out of Window Rock. The license plates were also found to have been stolen from another vehicle.

The stolen vehicle had moderate damage and the driver and passenger in the John vehicle reported having minor injuries from the crash. The John vehicle also had moderate damage.

### ***COPPER THIEVES***

#### ***Gallup, Jan. 31***

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Copper tubing still brings a lot in the recycling market, so thieves continue to try to find ways to steal it.

The latest theft occurred in this area Jan. 31. Management at the Rescue Plumbing and Heating reported to the McKinley County Sheriff's Office the theft of about \$600 of copper tubing from a work truck.

The company had reported last October the theft of about \$700 worth of brass fittings.

Company officials said they were not sure when the most recent theft had occurred. There are no suspects.

### ***PARKING LOT ASSAULT***

#### ***Thoreau, Jan. 29***

The McKinley County Sheriff's Office is investigating an assault that occurred on a Missouri woman in the parking lot of the Thoreau Family Dollar store Jan. 29.

Barbara Vermillion, 66, told deputies that she and her boyfriend had stayed in the parking lot overnight to get some sleep. When she woke up, she said her boyfriend, who had been drinking, hit her in the face for no reason.

She had then fled and gone into the store. When deputies arrived, her boyfriend and his car were nowhere in sight. Vermillion was taken to a woman's shelter.

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