

Busted by Snapchat

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A Gallup man, already facing murder charges, is now under investigation for sexually exploiting children.

The new investigation against Nicholas Esquibel, 20, occurred after Gallup detectives got a search warrant to look at his Snapchat records. Among the photos uncovered on his account were several of females who were partially unclothed.

Detectives were able to trace some of these photos to a 16-year-old Gallup girl who said Esquibel asked her to allow him to take nude photos of her as well as engage in sexual activities, even though he knew she was only 16 years old. Police said they also found videos of the girl among his Snapchat records.

Esquibel is currently being held in the county jail on charges related to the murder of Logan Francisco at the Allsup's Convenience Store on Jan. 9.

Esquibel turned himself in to police after he learned that a warrant had been issued for his arrest. He was also charged with negligent use of a deadly weapon, tampering with evidence and shooting at/or from a motor vehicle.