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Gallup Police Department has made an arrest in a vehicle chase involving a stolen black Dodge Durango April 30.

The pursuit ended in a collision with law enforcement near Oasis Mediterranean Restaurant, 1301 W. Highway 66.

Tyson Long, 23, of Ft. Wingate, N.M. faces a slew of charges from crashing into two undercover narcotics agents' vehicle, injuring one, including charges for fleeing the scene on foot.

The call came in shortly before 3 pm, and it took some time for Gallup Police officers to sort out the details and book the suspect into custody.

Officers searched the area, including the Gardenia Inn, 1305 W. Highway 66, where they found Long hiding in one of the rooms.

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Narcotics agent Neil Yazzie, who was driving the vehicle that Long hit, sustained minor injuries in the crash, and was treated and released from a local hospital. The passenger, narcotics agent Lionel Desidario, walked away from the scene without any injuries.

Long was booked into McKinley County Adult Detention Center, charged with aggravated assault upon a peace officer; aggravated battery on a peace officer; resisting, evading, or obstructing an officer; criminal damage to property; and unlawful taking of a motor vehicle.

As of May 2, Long is being held in custody on a \$10,000 cash surety bond.

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