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Hit-and-run collision

Gallup Police arrested Vincent Carver, 23, of Gallup, Oct. 7 in connection with a fatal hit-and-run collision Sept. 17.

The original call was made by two bystanders at 201 J. M. Montoya Blvd. at 8:48 pm, when they told an officer they saw something on the road while driving. They thought what they saw was either a trash bag or a body.

They stopped to check and discovered a body.

Medical personnel were called in and the person, who was later identified as Brian Silversmith, 62, a Native American man, was pronounced deceased.

Although the two people who found the body did not witness what took place prior to their discovery, Metro Dispatch called the officer about a person who witnessed the crash. The witness said he saw a silver SUV hit the man on the road and leave the scene.

The witness said he followed the SUV to the northern limits of Gallup and then lost sight of the vehicle.

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On Sept. 24, Gallup police reported that the driver of the silver SUV had been located. The vehicle was impounded. The driver is alleged to be Carver.

Carver is charged with leaving the scene of an accident, as a driver, when the crash resulted in injury or death of a person, a 3rd-degree felony. He was booked into the McKinley County Adult Detention Center.