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A physical altercation between a Gallup man, his girlfriend and her son led to the arrest of David Halona, 28, of Gamerco.

When Deputy James Sanchez arrived at Halona's address Nov. 22, a domestic dispute was in progress and medical units were on the scene. Medical personnel were attending to Halona, who had lacerations to his head.

On the way to the Gallup Indian Medical Center, Halona gave no information.

Sanchez then spoke to Marissa Marquez, who told him that she and Halona were at Sports Page Lounge in Gallup that afternoon drinking a 12-pack of beer.

Marquez said Halona got upset on the way home and accused her of cheating on him. She said she called her son, Kenneth Marquez, to pick her up.

When Marquez and her son arrived home, Halona would not let her inside her home. She said he began pushing her and broke her fingernails. Then Halona and Kenneth Marquez got into a physical altercation. Then, all three of them began fighting.

Marquez said her son struck Halona with his fist and Halona fell. She said her son was kicking Halona on the ground which caused lacerations to Halona's head.

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When first responders arrived, Kenneth Marquez fled.

Sanchez gave Marquez a temporary restraining order packet. Then he made contact with Halona at GIMC and asked for his version of the story.

Halona was uncooperative, saying at first that he could not remember. Then telling a story that he changed several times, saying he was hit by a vehicle; then saying he got into a fight.

Sanchez noticed that Halona's left eye was swollen and that he had several head lacerations.

The deputy reported that Halona became agitated and abusive with him, security, hospital staff and another deputy, threatening their homes and families. He rose from his bed in the emergency room and took a fighting stance, as if he had a knife in his hand.

Sanchez detained him, placed him in cuffs and placed him back on the bed, so staff could complete his medical evaluation.

When he was cleared, Halona was charged with battery against a household member and then transported to the McKinley County Adult Detention Center and booked.