

The latest in a series of acts of vandalism in Gallup

Ryan and Rhonda Quintana, owners and operators of Quintana's Music and Indian Jewelry, 223 W. Coal Ave., arrived at the shop Dec. 16 to an unwelcome surprise. The sign over the entrance had been tagged by an unknown person.

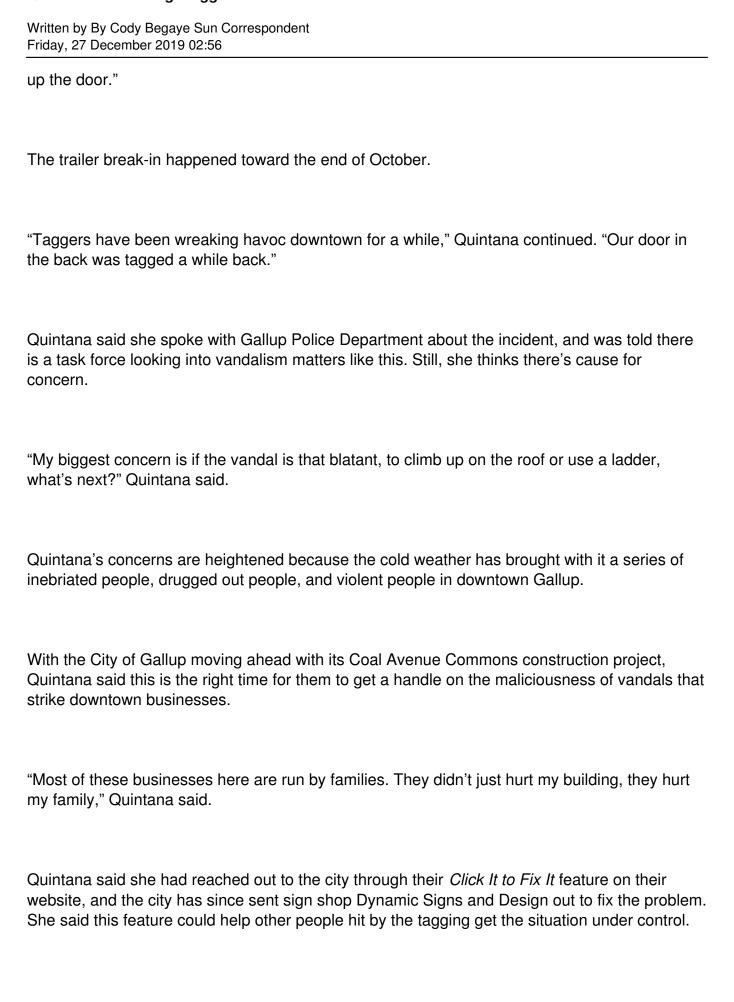
Rhonda Quintana estimates the culprit must have struck sometime on Dec. 15, after the monthly ArtsCrawl festivities ended the night before.

The damage to the sign is estimated at about \$1,000, according to police. The sign was hand-painted by someone who no longer lives in Gallup.

Quintana added this is not the first instance of vandalism the store has experienced in the past several months.

"We had another incident where our utility trailer in the back was broken into," Quintana said. "We didn't have any music equipment in there, but they stole some Christmas lights and busted

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While having to shed light on the increase in crime during the winter is not ideal for tourists and shoppers, Quintana said it has to be brought to the attention of the city.

"We want people to come downtown and to feel safe, but something needs to be done," Quintana said.

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