

## Gallup man arrested for attempted break-in, illegal substance

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Gallup Patrolman Christopher Dawes was dispatched to a residence in the 3000 block of Belle Drive about 7:08 pm, Nov. 5. He was advised that a male was trying to break into a vehicle and was seen running away from the scene.

Dawes made contact with a male matching the description of the suspect, later identified as Malcolm Kalleco, 25, of Gallup, who had a bloody lip. Kalleco said he was just walking in the area as Dawes patted him down for weapons, finding none.

Dawes transported Kalleco back to the scene and spoke with one of the witnesses, Miguel Hernandez.

Hernandez said he was the person who tried to stop the suspect from breaking into one of the vehicles, and the two got into a fight on the ground. Hernandez tried to inform the neighbors nearby about what was happening, at which point the suspect took off running.

Dawes examined the vehicle at the scene, a Chevrolet Tahoe with New Mexico license plates. There were a number of paint scratches on the vehicle, along with a black bag on the ground.

Kalleco admitted the bag was his. Dawes put a call in to Metro Dispatch to search for any active warrants on Kalleco and found there were two, one from the Magistrate Court and one from the Municipal Court.

Dawes transported Kalleco to Gallup Indian Medical Center for treatment of his injuries. Kalleco was found to have a fracture in his left forearm and was placed in a splint.

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When Kalleco's black bag was searched at McKinley County Adult Detention Center, the booking officer found a small bag containing a white powdery substance. Kalleco admitted the substance was cocaine.

Kalleco was booked on charges of burglary to a vehicle, bringing contraband into jail, and possession with intent to distribute an imitation controlled substance.