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CHRISTIAN CENTER STABBING Thoreau, June 7

A man was stabbed outside the Mission Possible Christian Outreach Center on June 7.

McKinley County Sheriff's Deputy Paul Davis Jr. was dispatched around 2:07 pm to the Mission Possible Christian Outreach Center at 93 State Hwy. 371 in Thoreau to investigate.

When Davis arrived, he saw a blue Ford Mustang sedan parked outside. He found a male victim from Thoreau lying on his back near the building. According to his report, the man had no shirt on and appeared to be sleeping.

Davis tapped the man on the shoulder. He was breathing, but didn't respond. Davis noticed he had blood on his stomach and two small puncture wounds, one on his chest and another on his stomach. He was holding onto a white T-shirt.

The man finally woke up and Davis asked him if he was okay and what had happened. Davis noted that the man seemed drunk, and couldn't tell him what had happened.

Medical personnel arrived at the scene and transported the man to the hospital. Then Davis met with a witness.

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The witness said the man had been sitting at Mission Possible when he was approached by another man. They started arguing and the victim slapped the other man in the face. The other man reacted by telling the victim he was going to stab him.

After he appeared to stab him, the suspect ran off, and the witness said she last saw him going toward Gabe's Movie Time.

Davis and Deputy Brandon Salazar were not able to locate the suspect.

WRONG PLACE, WRONG TIME Prewitt, June 6

A night out in Prewitt sent one Gallup man and his truck to the repair shop after his truck's front window got smashed by a bottle.

On June 6 around 1:29 am, McKinley County Sheriff's Deputy Jerald Watchman was dispatched to the Prewitt Fairgrounds at 1698 State Hwy. 122 because someone called in about a damaged vehicle.

When he arrived at the scene he met with the victim and some of his friends. The man from Gallup said they had just been about to leave a dance when they noticed his truck's front windshield had been shattered.

One of the victim's friends said he'd seen a woman throw a bottle at the windshield and break it.

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The male victim said a fight had occurred earlier and at the time a vehicle had passed his truck.

The friends thought that the woman might have been trying to hit the car that had been driving by, but hit his vehicle instead.

The man estimated that the damage would cost about \$200 to repair. In his report Watchman noted that the truck could still be driven.

BAD BEHAVIOR Thoreau, June 5

A concerned mother called the police on her son the night of June 5 and when a McKinley County Sheriff's Deputy arrested him, he spit on the officer and claimed he had given the deputy COVID-19.

McKinley County Sheriff's Deputy Jerald Watchman was dispatched to 4 Frontier St. in Thoreau on June 5, around 9:25 pm because a caller reported her son was intoxicated.

When he arrived at the house, the mother asked Watchman if he could take her son Rashad Sandoval, 41, of Thoreau, to the detox center.

Watchman stated that he can't take someone out of their home just because they're under the influence of alcohol.

Sandoval was in his room with the door locked. He asked the deputy to leave him alone because he was trying to sleep.

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Watchman told Sandoval's mother that she would need to go to court if she wanted to evict him. She stated that she was going to throw him out.

Later, the Thoreau woman called Metro Dispatch again requesting a different deputy come to her house. When Watchman arrived on the scene again, Sandoval, his mother, and another man were arguing inside the house.

Watchman put Sandoval in handcuffs and led him to his patrol car. While he was driving him to the Gallup Detox Center, Sandoval spit through the driver's side of the cage in the back of the patrol car and it hit the back of Watchman's neck and left shoulder.

According to his report Watchman noticed there were pieces of food in the spit. Sandoval kept spitting and told Watchman that he had COVID-19 and told the deputy he was going to give it to him.

Watchman was able to get Sandoval to the McKinley County Detention Center, where he was charged with battery on a police officer.

Sandoval was released to Leonard Sandoval.

ANGRY FOR NO KNOWN REASON Thoreau, June 4

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One night in June a woman ran into another woman's front porch and detached it from her trailer home.

It was June 4, around 11:46 pm, that McKinley County Sheriff's Deputy Frank Villa Jr. was dispatched to 6 Windsong Ave. in Thoreau because of a fight.

When he arrived at the scene, he met with the property owner and a woman who was renting the property.

According to Villa's report, the porch was destroyed and appeared to be torn off the house.

The resident told the deputy a woman she knew had caused the damage. She said it was Stephanie Kenneth, 35, of Thoreau.

She explained that the woman had come into the trailer park, gotten out of her truck, and begun yelling. Then she got back into her gray Chevrolet Blazer and parked in front of the resident's trailer.

The trailer resident and her children got into their truck. Kenneth was with the father of the resident's children. Two other people were also with the woman.

The resident told the deputy that Kenneth began yelling at her and banging on her truck's windows. Then she returned to her vehicle and drove through trailer's front porch, before speeding out of the trailer park.

The resident told Villa that everyone in the truck had appeared intoxicated. She wasn't sure why Kenneth was mad at her.

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The property owner said the trailer park resident called him and told him what happened. He asked for a routine patrol for the rest of the night.

Deputy Timo Molina tried to find the Chevy Blazer that was reportedly involved in the incident, but he was unsuccessful.

GAS STATION STABBING Thoreau, June 3

A man stabbed outside a Thoreau gas station couldn't remember what happened.

On June 3, around 4:10 pm, McKinley County Sheriff's Deputy Clayton Etsitty was dispatched to the Speedway at 92 State Hwy 371 in Thoreau when someone called in a report of a fight outside the store and said someone had been stabbed in the neck.

According to Etsitty's report, medical personnel found a man named Jeremy Hoskie walking along Windsong Avenue. Hoskie was covered in blood and said he couldn't remember what happened.

He was transported to the Gallup Indian Medical Center.

Police were unable to find the man who had reportedly stabbed him.