

Weekly Police Activity Report

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WOMAN WITH A KNIFE ***Gallup, Nov. 13***

Tribe Security already had 29-year-old Latanya Livingston of Breadsprings, N.M., in handcuffs when Gallup Police were called about a stabbing. The person who called GPD said they were standing behind Taco Shack.

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It was just after midnight when Gallup Police Officer Alana Bradley was advised of the incident near 1400 S. Second St.

The victim stated he was leaving Sports Page when Livingston approached and stabbed him in the shoulder with a knife and fled the area. He was transported to a local hospital while officers searched for the weapon, finding a knife near a fenced area. It appeared to have been cleaned.

Two witnesses at the scene said they saw Livingston run toward her parked truck to retrieve something and then back toward Sports Page before returning to her truck, when she was stopped by security.

While switching out handcuffs, Bradley also observed a red liquid on Livingston's sweatshirt that looked like blood. Livingston was arrested for the assault and transported to McKinley County Adult Detention Center and booked.

Livingston was released on her own recognizance by Judge Cynthia Sanders.

LOOK MA! \$800 WORTH OF HOT STUFF! Gallup, Nov. 12

A customer at Walmart tried to leave with more than \$800 worth of merchandise without paying.

Gallup Officer Richard Rangel was patrolling near the store when the store's assets protection officer flagged him down and reported the attempted theft.

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The suspect, Hailey Norton, 19, of Church Rock, N.M., had gathered more over \$800 worth of clothing and other merchandise from the store and moved past the checkout counter toward the front entrance of the store, before she was stopped by officers. The cost of the items was verified at the scene.

Norton was placed under arrest for larceny and taken to the county jail and booked.

Norton was released on her own recognizance by Judge Cynthia Sanders.

WOMAN LIES ABOUT KIDNAPPING

Gallup, Nov. 11

A call about a potential kidnapping turned out to be false, but still led to one arrest.

About 9:07 pm, Gallup Officer Alana Bradley traveled to Safeway at 980 U.S. Hwy. 491 and met the caller, Chantel Clark, 25, of Albuquerque, who appeared frantic as she told Bradley that she was with her sister and her sister's friend at El Rancho when a white van pulled up and three men emerged and abducted the other two girls.

She stated one of the men tried to reach for her, but she was able to flee from the scene, where a witness saw her running and gave her a ride to Safeway to meet with officers. Clark initially said her name was Cheyenne Martinez and said the other two girls' names were McKayla and Sheila.

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Bradley told Clark she would have to go with her to the police department for further questioning, but she refused to cooperate, stating she had no other information and was afraid of being found by the alleged abductors. Despite Bradley insisting it would help, Clark still refused to go. She tried to leave the scene and was picked up by another person.

The driver at the scene said he received a phone call from Clark saying her car had broken down and she needed a ride. Clark then called her sister and found she was at an apartment near Hill Avenue. Bradley was advised a call was received from that apartment in reference to a domestic incident earlier in the evening where an intoxicated female left the scene.

Officers traveled to the apartment and found Clark's sister, who told them she had left the residence earlier. The sister also stated they were never at El Rancho and there was never any attempted kidnapping. She said "Cheyenne Martinez" was a name that Clark gave to people instead of her real name. The names she gave officers of the supposedly kidnapped victims were also incorrect.

Clark was arrested for false reporting and booked at McKinley County Adult Detention Center.

Clark was released on her own recognizance by Judge Cynthia Sanders.

HEALTH CARE WORKER PUNCHED IN THE FACE Gallup, Nov. 10

An aggressive patient at Gallup Indian Medical Center injured one of the staff monitoring him in

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the emergency room after he had been brought in and police were called.

Gallup Officer Joe Roanhorse was dispatched to the ER at the hospital about 6:39 pm after being advised a nursing assistant was punched in the nose by Lionel Sheperd, 39, of Sanders, Ariz.

Sheperd had been brought in earlier in the day. As he was being monitored, Sheperd stood up from his bed and harassed the assistant before throwing a punch. Other nurses at the scene were able to stop him from going further, and another Gallup officer at the scene for a different incident was able to detain him. When Roanhorse arrived, Sheperd was handcuffed to a gurney.

Since he had been sedated after the assault, Sheperd was not able to answer Roanhorse's questions and was kept at the hospital for another night. The report said he would be summonsed into Magistrate Court for battery on a healthcare worker.

NURSE GETS A HEAD-BUTT ***Gallup, Nov. 9***

A disorderly visitor to Gallup Indian Medical Center head-butted a nurse after receiving a COVID-19 test and was arrested.

Gallup Officer Vincent Thompson was dispatched to the scene after receiving the advisory from Metro Dispatch. He was informed by a Public Service Officer on site that Norman Nelson, 27, of Tohatchi, was receiving a COVID-19 swab and kept moving around during the test.

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As a result, the swab for the test went further into his nose than it should have, and caused Nelson to suffer a nosebleed. After the nurse helped to stop the bleeding, Nelson head-butted the nurse twice, once on his right shoulder. The victim corroborated the PSO's account and did not need treatment.

Nelson was placed under arrest for battery on a healthcare worker. He was transported to Gallup Police Department for the criminal complaint and then to McKinley County Adult Detention Center for booking.

Nelson was released on his own recognizance by Judge Cynthia Sanders.