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STOLEN TRUCK

Gallup, July 10

A woman has been charged with stealing a Gallup Police detective's truck.

On July 10, around 5:52 am, a fellow detective called Metro Dispatch to report that his gray Ford truck had been stolen from his house. When he called, the detective was following the stolen vehicle into Gallup.

Around 5:56 am, the detective said the truck was approaching the construction area near Chino Loop in Gamerco. Gallup Police Officer Warren Bowannie saw the truck when it drove past the Mesa View Plaza.

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While Bowannie was trying to get the driver to stop, the driver continued to switch lanes in an effort to lose Bowannie. Officer Philamina Chischilly also tried to get the driver to stop.

The driver finally pulled into Speedway North, driving through the gas pump bay going directly towards Furniture Plaza, 1304 W. Lincoln Ave. The driver, who was later identified as Marisa Tso, opened the driver's side door, and Bowannie told her to walk towards him with her hands up.

Officer Iris Pinero and Bowannie were able to handcuff Tso, 46. The detective whose car had been stolen said he knew Tso, and that she lives near him.

When Bowannie spoke to the victim, he said he had been woken up by the sound of the truck driving off. The detective said he got into his patrol car and tried to find his truck. He said he didn't know how Tso had gotten the truck, but that he wanted her prosecuted.

Metro Dispatch told Bowannie that Tso had two warrants out for her arrest in Bernalillo County.

Bowannie transported Tso to the McKinley County Adult Detention Center, where she was charged with receiving or transferring a stolen vehicle; two counts of resisting, evading, or obstructing an officer, and one count of driving with a suspended license.

Tso's preliminary hearing is scheduled for July 20.

STEALING FROM A FRIEND

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A man decided to steal his friend's SUV after she helped him run some errands.

On July 10, around 2:53 pm, Gallup Police Officer Christopher Dawes was dispatched to Sunnyside Carwash, 2620 E. Aztec Ave., because someone had reported a stolen vehicle.

When Dawes met with the female victim, she explained that she had been picking up a friend from downtown. The friend, who was later identified as Matthew Angel, reportedly told the victim he needed to run some errands, so she offered to drive him around town.

After they ran his errands, the victim drove Angel, 35, back to her house because he wanted to take a shower. While the victim was waiting for Angel to get out of the shower, she allegedly heard her son yell "hey!"

According to the victim, Angel drove off with her vehicle without her permission. The woman said Angel stole her car around 1:30 pm, and that she and her son had been walking around trying to find the car.

The victim said her car was a brown 2006 Nissan Armada.

Soon after Dawes left the victim, Metro Dispatch got a call from her in which she said she had seen her SUV being driven northbound over the Miyamura Overpass. The victim followed the SUV, but eventually lost sight of it around Ted's Pawn Shop, 412 W. Maloney Ave.

Sgt. John Gonzales was eventually able to find the SUV parked in the Walmart parking lot, 1650 W. Maloney Ave.

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When Dawes got to the scene, Gonzales had detained two women, but said a man with long hair had run off. A witness told Dawes that the man had thrown a set of keys on the ground and then ran off in the direction of Carl's Jr.

Officer Jarad Albert was in the area, and he was the one who detained Angel.

Angel was arrested for stealing the SUV. His preliminary examination is scheduled for July 20.

The victim was able to pick up the SUV.

NOT HIS HOUSE

Gallup, June 30

On June 30, McKinley County Sheriff's Deputy Nocona Clark was dispatched to 56 Alonzo Ct. because of a burglary. The calling party allegedly saw a man break a window and crawl into the house.

When she got to the scene, Clark met with the witness, who said he saw the man, who was later identified as Donovan Canales, break a window using a metal bar. The witness said Canales kept looking around as if to check the area, and that he was also still inside the house.

When Clark knocked on the door, Canales, 23, opened the door and told her that the house belonged to his late father. He said that his sister owned the property.

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Clark asked Canales if she could have the property owner's phone number, so she could check and see if he was allowed to be there. Canales gave the deputy two numbers, however, when she tried to call them both numbers turned out to be wrong numbers.

Clark handcuffed Canales and placed him in the backseat of her patrol car while she tried to figure out what was going on.

Clark went back to the witness, and he told her that the home's owner passed away a while ago. He was able to give Clark the number for the person who currently owns the house.

When Clark called the number, she spoke to a woman who said she was the security for the man who owns the company who now owned the property, Koda Properties LLC. According to Clark's report, the woman said no one should be at the house because the previous renter had passed away. The woman said that Koda Properties LLC would like to press charges against Canales.

Metro Dispatch also told Clark that Canales had an outstanding warrant for his arrest. Clark transported Canales to the McKinley County Adult Detention Center, where he was booked for his bench warrant and for breaking and entering. His preliminary hearing was on July 13.

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