

One arrested, another wanted for north side homicide

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A Gallup was reportedly stabbed during a fight.

On Aug. 10, around 2 am, Gallup Police were called to the intersection of North Eleventh Street and West Wilson Avenue when an unresponsive man was found lying on the ground. Police arrived and determined that the man was deceased.

The man was later identified as Davidson Begay, 36, of Gallup. Detectives observed that Davidson appeared to have been involved in a fight, and may have been stabbed.

According to witnesses, Begay was with a group of acquaintances walking and riding bicycles in the area earlier in the evening. The group encountered Benjamin Welch, 35, of Gallup and Isaiah Martinez, 26, of Gallup. Welch and Martinez were apparently upset with Begay due to a dispute. A fight ensued, during which Martinez allegedly stabbed Begay.

Police located Welch later that day in a Gallup motel. After further investigation, a warrant was obtained for him and he was placed under arrest. He was booked into the McKinley County Adult Detention Center on the charges of being an Accessory to Murder, a capital felony and Tampering with Evidence, a third-degree felony.

Police are looking for Martinez. A warrant has been obtained for his arrest on the charges of Murder and Tampering with Evidence.

Martinez is about 5'11", and weighs approximately 110 lbs. He has brown hair and brown eyes. He has a mark or tattoo on his face under his right eye.

If anyone has seen Martinez recently, or knows where he is, call 911. Do not approach him, he is considered armed and dangerous.

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You may also call Crime Stoppers at (877) 722-6161. Callers may remain anonymous. A reward may be offered for information leading to Martinez's arrest.

