Man breaks into garage, steals $700 in items

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A man is facing charges of burglary after he stole multiple items from another man's garage.

On March 18, around 2:45 pm, Gallup Police Officer Jarad Albert was dispatched to 913 Cascade St. in Gamerco in response to a search call for a burglary suspect. According to his report, Albert had searched the Gamerco area before he arrived at the victim's house, but he was unable to find the suspect, who had been identified as 27-year-old Edward Isaiah Johnson.

When Albert arrived at the scene he met with the victim and a man who identified himself as Johnson's father. The man explained that he sometimes brought his son to the victim's house when he used to work for him. The victim had asked Johnson's father to come over and take a look at some surveillance footage in which Johnson could allegedly be identified.

Albert was able to look at the footage as well.

In the video, which was allegedly filmed on March 16 around 4 pm, Johnson can be seen walking into the victim's garage. He can be seen picking up random items. At one point he tries to remove a tire from a vehicle and even begins sweeping.

After he walks around for several seconds, Johnson picks up one of the set of keys that is hanging up. He also picks up a chainsaw, tries to start it, and eventually takes it with him when he leaves.

The victim told Albert that multiple items were stolen, including a battery charger pack valued at

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$250, a Dewalt impact driver which cost about $180, and a flashlight that was worth about $20. He estimated that the chainsaw cost about $220, for a total of almost $700.

The victim's former employee identified the man in the video as his son. Officers were reportedly unable to locate Johnson and Albert typed up a criminal summons based on the evidence and the report at the scene.

Johnson's arraignment is scheduled for April 9.

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