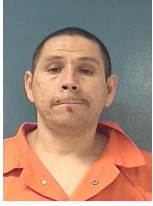


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Bust was result of multi-agency investigation

GALLUP – A Gallup man was jailed April 7 on a felony drug charge as the result of a multi-agency bust on Black Diamond Canyon Drive.

Lt. Pat Salazar of the McKinley County Sheriff's Office said Robert Gonzales, 41, of 327 Black Diamond Canyon Drive, was taken into custody at about 10:45 am on a possession with the intent of trafficking heroin charge.

In explaining how the bust went down, Salazar said the McKinley County Sheriff's Office, the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Cibola County Sheriff's Office raided the mobile home and found an unknown quantity of heroin, some needles and glass pipes at the residence.

He said the drug bust was the result of neighbors complaining of possible illegal activity at the residence. He said two minors, one a 3-years-old and another 17-years-old, were present at the time of the bust, saying they were turned over to a grandmother of Gonzales.

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“There have been a lot of complaints about this particular residence over the past four months,” Salazar said. “Neighbors suspected drug-related activities were taking place at the residence.”

Salazar did not disclose the amount of heroin confiscated Thursday, but said it was “enough to be charged with trafficking.”

Gonzales remained behind bars at the McKinley County detention Center as of April 7. He’s being held on a \$46,000 cash only bond.

A person can be found guilty of drug trafficking regardless of amount. Felony drug trafficking charges typically result in prison sentences that last over a year.

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