

Thoreau couple jailed on domestic disturbance charges

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THOREAU – A couple was jailed May 28 as the result of a domestic disturbance at the Saint Bonaventure Mobile Home Park in Thoreau.

Maria Martinez, 23, and Sharale Singer, 26, both bonded out of the McKinley County Adult Detention Center May 30 on separate charges, records show. Martinez was released from jail on her own recognizance.

According to an incident report by Deputy Merlin Benally of the McKinley County Sheriff's office, at about 7:44 pm he arrived at the trailer park in Thoreau, and encountered Dorothy Martinez, 54, Maria's mother who looked shock and scared.

"They're in there. They're still fighting," Martinez uttered to Benally upon arrival.

When Benally entered the residence to survey the situation, he saw Singer "backed in a corner and bleeding from the right elbow." Benally was able to find out that the two girlfriends, Singer and Maria Martinez got into a physical argument when Maria Martinez wouldn't let Singer leave the residence to go to work because Singer was "drunk," the report states.

The fight started when Maria and Dorothy Martinez refused to let Singer in a room in which the

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two were talking about something. The incident report states that Maria Martinez hit and punched Singer several times with her fists and at one juncture hit Singer with a cell phone. Singer sustained scratches to the chest, neck and face areas, according to Benally's report.

Strangely, Singer denied that any hitting or calling of the cops took place when Benally attempted to put the incident into criminal perspective. The report states that Singer pushed Maria Martinez on a bed and proceeded to choke her. Maria Martinez ended up hitting Singer with a TV remote control.

Singer got out of jail on a \$1,500 bond amount, records state.

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