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BEER CAN BATTERY

Yatahey, N.M., June 5

A man smashed a beer can into a woman's face, leaving her with a swollen lip.

On June 5, around 9:56 am, McKinley County Deputy Johnson Lee was dispatched to 13 Ark Hill in Yahatey because of a domestic dispute.

When he got to the scene, Lee noticed a man sleeping inside a blue pickup truck. Lee tried to wake the man up, who was eventually identified as Alviso Yazzie, but he was highly intoxicated.

Lee was able to detain Yazzie, 41, but a witness warned him that the man could get violent. Lee asked Yazzie what was going on, but the officer wasn't able to understand his slurred speech.

According to Lee's report, Yazzie admitted to drinking a 12-pack of beer.

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Before he had arrived on scene, Lee had spoken to a woman who said that her daughter had asked her to come pick up her children because Yazzie had thrown a beer can at her.

Lee met with the victim, who reportedly had a swollen lip and a cut on her nose. The victim explained that they'd been drinking outside and Yazzie's brother was trying to calm him down because he'd gotten into an argument with his sister earlier.

The victim said when she told Yazzie to calm down, he hit with a beer can. The victim explained that Yazzie smashed the can into her face.

Lee took photos of the victim's injuries, but the victim refused to see a medical professional.

Yazzie was charged with aggravated battery of a household member. His preliminary hearing is scheduled for June 22.

FAKE NAME

Gallup, June 3

A man tried to give a fake name after police went on to arrest him for armed robbery.

On June 3, around 9:25 pm, McKinley County Deputy Elijah Bowman was dispatched to the Rehoboth McKinley Christian Health Care Services because a man had been reportedly beaten up and robbed.

When he arrived, Bowman met the victim, who explained that he'd been sitting by the office at

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the Red Hills Trailer Park, 700 Rimrock Dr., when he was approached by two men. The victim said he was a mechanic and a job had brought him to the trailer park. He'd been waiting for a ride when the two men approached him and asked him about his phone.

One of the men allegedly pulled a mallet out of his pants and started to hit the victim with it. According to Bowman's report, the victim was hit five or six times, and hit specifically in the head three times.

The victim said he knew one of the men by the name "Gustavo" and the other man's name was "Dre." He described Gustavo as 5'1" and about 120 pounds, and he said he was wearing a red shirt and black jogger pants. He said Dre was 6'0" and about 180 pounds, and he said he was wearing a black T-shirt and black jeans.

The victim said he was able to grab the mallet, but the men stole his phone and a gold ring, which the victim estimated cost \$1,100.

Bowman noted that the victim's hand was swollen and he had a cut on his head. A small baseball bat was collected and logged as evidence.

After talking to the victim, Bowman spoke to Narcotics Special Agent Anthony Morales. Morales said that during a patrol he was doing with the Narcotics department earlier that day around the trailer park he heard about the robbery. Morales said he recognized the address that was mentioned in the report he read, 704 Kevin Dr., and that the residence belonged to a Juan Rafael Angel.

Morales said that "Gustavo" was Angel, 18. He knew Angel from previous encounters.

The Narcotics team set up surveillance of the residence and waited for more officers to respond. Around 9:14 pm Angel walked up to the trailer, and Morales was able to detain him.

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According to Morales, Angel asked why he was being arrested and became quite angry. He refused to give his name. However, when Morales told Angel he could be arrested for concealing his identity, he stated his real name.

Morales drove Angel to the Gallup Police Department, where Bowman was able to arrest him and transport him to the McKinley County Adult Detention Center. Angel was charged with armed robbery, and his preliminary hearing is scheduled for June 22.