

## Jealous ex scratches former partner

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A woman is facing battery charges after she scratched the father of her children.

On Feb. 9 around 8 pm, Gallup Police Officer Kyle Delgai was dispatched to 3307 Cinzia Dr. for a domestic violence call. According to Delgai's report, a man had called Metro Dispatch and said his sister told him their mom, who was later identified as Ardelle Harrison, was beating up and choking their father.

The caller explained that his parents are no longer together, and that Harrison, 38, has a violent tendency.

When Delgai arrived at the scene he met with Harrison and the victim. He asked the two if everything was OK, and Harrison said it was, but the man shook his head "no" while he stood behind his former partner.

Delgai separated the two and spoke to the victim first. He noticed that the man had scratch marks on his arms and dried blood on one of his ears. He refused medical attention.

The man said he and Harrison had argued in the past, but it had never gotten this physical before.

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He said the incident started when he and his daughter went to pick Harrison up from work around 5 pm. Harrison allegedly got upset and accused the victim of seeing other women. She took his phone and went through the device's history.

The couple have reportedly been separated for two years.

The victim said Harrison only scratched him. They were allegedly arguing in the kitchen when it happened. Harrison reportedly pushed the victim, and he almost lost his balance.

Harrison confirmed that the victim never hit her.

When Delgai said he was placing her under arrest for battery against a household member Harrison became defensive and began resisting arrest. But Delgai was eventually able to place her in his patrol car.

Harrison was charged with the aforementioned crime. Her pretrial hearing is scheduled for March 12.

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