

Ft. Defiance man assaults police officer, jailed,

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A FORT DEFIANCE, Ariz., man was jailed on assault and DWI charges and later bonded out after serving a couple days behind bars and paying a bond, jail records show.

James Miles III was taken into custody Nov. 16 by officers from the Gallup Police Department when he became unruly with Gallup police detective John Yearly.

According to a police report, Miles attempted to flee the scene after he hit someone with his vehicle. Miles, 26, was being restrained near Third Street and Maloney Avenue by Yearly and three other men when Gallup officer Jeremy Shirley arrived on the scene.

Shirley was able to put Miles in handcuffs, and was told by Yearly that he (Miles) hit another vehicle and attempted to flee the scene.

Joe Olivas of Gallup was one of the men who tried to assist in restraining Miles, who threw punches and shouted obscenities at Yearly. Dwayne Long was another passerby who also assisted in trying to restrain Miles.

When things were finally sorted out, Miles was discovered to be under the influence of alcohol, according to the police report. A field sobriety test was not given to Miles due to the fact that Miles was combative with Yearly.

Miles was charged with aggravated DWI (first offense), resisting arrest and assault on a police officer. Miles entered the McKinley County Adult Detention Center on Nov. 16 and paid a \$600

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bail bond on Nov. 18, records show.

There was no attorney listed in jail records for Miles.

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