

UNIVERSITY AREA COMMAND

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Commanders Corner: February News Letter 2025

A Tragic Start to the Year

It is unfortunate that the University Area Command experienced its first homicide of 2025. On February 17, University Area Command officers and APD Homicide detectives arrested Adam Roberts on murder charges for fatally shooting his friend after a night of drinking.



Roberts, 30, is accused of shooting his friend just before noon on Monday in the parking lot at 351 Washington St., S.E. Reports indicate that Roberts and the victim, along with a woman, had been drinking heavily from late Sunday into early Monday. After sleeping briefly, they drove west of Albuquerque to practice shooting a newly purchased handgun. The group later returned to an apartment on Washington St., continued drinking, and eventually, an argument escalated into violence.

According to witness testimony, Roberts was heard telling the victim, “Get your shit together,” before manipulating the handgun. Moments later, he allegedly stated, “I might as well kill you if you don’t care about your life,” before firing a single fatal shot. The woman in the vehicle recalled Roberts expressing immediate remorse, stating, “He’s fucking gone, I just killed my brother.”



Roberts was taken into custody without incident and declined to provide a statement to detectives. He has been charged with an open count of murder and negligent use of a deadly weapon. He is currently being held at the Metro Detention Center.

Bike Patrol Officers Make Significant Arrest

University Area Command Bike Patrol officers made a key arrest on February 18, 2025, taking into custody John Malott, a suspect believed to be involved in a series of burglaries in the University Area Command.



Malott was spotted in an apartment complex and was immediately recognized by officers as a person of interest in multiple burglary cases. Upon arrest, it was discovered that Malott had six felony warrants and one misdemeanor warrant for his arrest. Additionally, he was found in possession of a controlled substance and charged accordingly. Burglary detectives have since begun investigating Malott's connection to ongoing cases in the area.

This arrest marks a significant success in curbing property crimes within the community, and we extend our gratitude to the Bike Patrol unit for their vigilance and dedication.

New Officers in the University Area Command

The first week of March marks the beginning of a new "bid," meaning community members will see new officers patrolling the University Area Command. We encourage you to take the opportunity to meet and introduce yourself to the officers serving your community (unless they are actively engaging with someone).

As always, thank you for allowing us the privilege to serve and protect this community. We appreciate your continued support and cooperation.

Best wishes, Ray



~ Commander Ray Del Greco



Message from Chief Medina

Hello Albuquerque, I hope everyone is doing well! I can't believe we're already into February, but we have so much planned for the year ahead. I've been spending time at the Roundhouse with the ongoing Legislative Session advocating for several bills we have put forth.

Operations on Central Avenue continue as we now have a dedicated Major over this effort to help clean up the area while providing individuals much needed resources.

From our Traffic Division enforcing speeding and other roadway violations, to our specialty units checking on individuals and criminal activity, to our High Risk Victims Unit (HRVU) assisting individuals and investigating human trafficking, the initiative is a department wide effort.



We have an exciting announcement for our community in the Southeast, with the grand re-opening of the Phil Chacon Memorial Substation. The new substation has been a long time coming and now has amenities for community members and our officers.

The 21,000 square foot facility is made up of three different zones, with a secured booking area and holding cells, as well as evidence storage. The substation also houses a new community room that can fit up to 100 people.



As a way to better connect with the community, we are putting more focus into Nextdoor. We will continue using our page to share proactive information, including upcoming community events, crime data, operation results, safety tips and important community updates. We have also created another account, @APDInfo, to allow us to share, interact and post in some of the neighborhoods across the city.



'Gotta catch 'em all!'

Albuquerque, N.M. | Albuquerque's Police Department officers and Community members make it fun to play board games at Old Town Hobbies and Games.

Until the year 2018, all the officers in the Albuquerque Police Department were required to play board games at Old Town Hobbies and Games. The day is called "Gotta Catch 'em All" and it's a fun way for officers and the community to connect.

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In Old Town this past weekend, we hosted our first Cops vs. Kids event in partnership with Old Town Hobbies and Games. There was a great turnout and we received significant feedback from kids and parents that they'd like more events like this.

We will continue to find more ways to engage with the community, and I encourage you to reach out, and get in touch with us if you have ideas to partner in your community or at your business. Please contact our Community Engagement Manager at Angelinanavarro@cabq.gov.



-Chief Harold Medina

FBI Warning: Do Not Click Anything

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Artificial Intelligence (AI) is a game changer – both positive and negative. The FBI is now warning that AI-powered phishing attacks are the most sophisticated ever and are relentless alongside more traditional threats. As the most popular email platform in the world, Gmail is a prime target, leading to their advice “do not click on anything in an unsolicited email.” (forbes.com)

What we have come to know as social engineering campaigns have evolved to hacking attacks. Because of Gmail’s reach and popularity, it is an obvious target and a way to compromise a Google account. In 70% of cases, malicious links are the preferred tactic. And the median time that it takes users to click – 60 seconds. It has become much easier to clone an authentic website in just a few easy steps making phishing more frequent, effective and preferred.

We look for misspellings, nuances in language, incorrect punctuation as visual clues that something may be wrong. With the use of AI, these common clues go by the wayside. Google has advised Gmail users should not respond to requests for private information.

Never trust unsolicited links in email, social media or pop-up messages.

Public Safety ECHO:

Information about the City of Albuquerque's Public Safety ECHO program.

Upcoming Sessions:

- **Nob Hill and the University Area sessions - Will Return Soon!**
- Downtown sessions - **Thursday, February 13th Human Trafficking** and 27 **TBD**
- Join US in March for Youth-led ECHO sessions – **Thursday, February 13th The Juvenile Code** and 27 for **Consent**

Connect:

Project ECHO's New Website- [iECHO](#)

Downtown Public Safety ECHO twice a month on Zoom - Password: Downtown

Second Thursday; [Join the Downtown Public Safety ECHO meeting on Zoom.](#) Meeting ID: 893 1504 5751

Fourth Thursday; [Join the Downtown Public Safety ECHO meeting on Zoom.](#) Meeting ID: 896 0256 6056

Nob Hill - University Public Safety ECHO twice a month on iECHO

First Wednesday; [Join the Nob Hill - University Public Safety iECHO](#)

Third Wednesday; [Join the Nob Hill - University Public Safety iECHO](#)



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The Downtown & Nob Hill - University Public Safety ECHO Hub Team and Curriculum

The Downtown Public Safety ECHO Hub team oversees the program and curriculum - community wellness, mental health, skills training, public safety, and drugs intervention and prevention. [Read more about the Public Safety ECHO Hub Team & curriculum.](#)

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Schedule:

Downtown Public Safety ECHO: Second and Fourth Thursday of each month 1-2:30 p.m. MST

Nob Hill - University Public Safety ECHO: First and Third Wednesday of each month 1-2:30 p.m. MST

Crime Reporting Services Available to the public:

File a Police Report Online

Are you the victim of a crime in Albuquerque? You might be able to report this crime to the Albuquerque Police Department online.

Report a Crime

We currently accept online reports for the following categories:

- Fraud
- Residential Burglary
- Auto Burglary
- Auto Vandalism
- Lost Property
- Telephone Harassment
- Theft or Larceny
- Vandalism

Telephone Reporting Unit:

The Telephone Reporting Unit is responsible for reports where the suspect's identity is unknown as well as all minor crime reports that do not require any field investigation by patrol officers in the field.

The Telephone Reporting Unit (TRU) is staffed by civilian employees. Crimes with no suspect information or evidence (fingerprints, video, witnesses etc.) can be documented by the Telephone Reporting Unit.

Contact the Telephone Reporting Unit by calling **505-242-2677** or **505-242-COPS**.

The following are examples of reports that can be taken over the telephone:

- Auto Burglary
- Commercial Burglary (delayed with no offender present)
- Residential Burglary (delayed with no offender present)
- Auto Theft (during TRU business hours)
- Larceny
- Lost Items (i.e. cell phones, purse)
- Vandalism/Graffiti
- Runaways/Missing Person (during TRU business hours)
- Harassment/Threats
- Embezzlement
- Fraud/Forgery
- Identity Theft
- Arson (if damage is below \$1,000.00)
- Vandalism
- Lost Items If a Telephone Reporting Unit employee is unavailable file an online report.

Area Commands:

The Albuquerque Police Department divides the city into seven geographical areas called area commands.

Each area command is managed by a commander and staffed with between 82 and 119 officers, depending on size of the area command and level of calls for service.

All officers are dispatched through the Police Communications operators by calling **505-242-COPS for nonemergency calls** or **911 in an emergency**.

Police Substations:

Police department employees are assigned to the substation to answer telephones and provide general information to walk-in visitors.

The following services are available at all substations from **8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday**:

- File a report
- Request a copy of a report
- Report abandoned or disabled vehicles
- Comment on our service
- Contact us with any of your non-emergency needs

In addition, depending on the type of report you need, you may also be able to make the report over the telephone by calling **505-242-COPS**.

Substations:

- **Don Perkins Public Safety Center:** 320 Central Ave. SW – (505)768-4735
- **Old Town Substation:** 2060 Central Ave SW – (505)242-6643
- **University Command – Triangle Community Substation:** 2901 Central Ave. NE – (505)256-8368

Area Commands in the Albuquerque Metro Area:

- **Foothills Area Command**

Jeff Russel Memorial Substation: 12800 Lomas Blvd NE – (505)332-5240

- **Northeast Area Command**

John Carrillo Memorial Substation: 8021 Osuna Rd NE – (505)823-4455

- **Northwest Area Command**

Michael King & Richard Smith Memorial Substation: 10401 Cibola Loop Ct. NW – (505)768-4850

- **Southeast Area Command**

Phil Chacon Memorial Substation: 800 Louisiana SE – (505)256-2050

- **University Area Command**

1009 Bradbury Dr. SE – (505)768-4994

- **Southwest Area Command**

Shawn McWethy Memorial Substation: 6404 Los Volcanoes Rd. NW – (505)831-4705

- **Valley Area Command**

Gerald Cline Memorial Substation: 5408 2nd St. NW – (505)761-8800