PRESS RELEASE
City of Pueblo Police Department
Officer-Involved Shooting on Pueblo’s West Side

January 9, 2019 [FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE]

Simon “Elijah” Gurule, Jr.

On January 9, 2019 at approximately 12:47 p.m., a Pueblo police officer was patrolling an area on Pueblo’s west side. As the officer was patrolling the area, he discovered two vehicles parked in an alley in the 1100 block of W. 13th Street. The officer stopped to investigate and discovered a late-model Subaru that was occupied by three persons. Adjacent to the Subaru was a black, late-model Volkswagen sedan. The driver of the Volkswagen was outside of the vehicle, on foot near the front door of a residence. The officer contacted the driver of the Volkswagen and occupants of the Subaru, at which point he discovered that the Subaru was stolen. As additional officers were arriving on scene, the driver of the Volkswagen quickly entered the vehicle. The officer rushed after the male and attempted to prevent him from escaping, but the driver was able to speed away down an alley. The driver of the Subaru sped away in a different direction, striking a back-up officer who was on foot and had just arrived on scene. As the Subaru struck the back-up officer, the investigating officer fired at least one round at the driver. The Subaru then sped away and other officers initiated a vehicle pursuit.

A short time later, the vehicle pursuit came to an end when the stolen Subaru crashed into a home at the corner of E. 9th Street and Norwood Avenue. At this time three parties were taken into custody, including the driver who had been shot one time in the torso. At least two firearms were located in the vehicle. The driver, who was identified as 18-year-old Coda Hutton-Hayes, was transported to a local hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. Hutton-Hayes will be booked into the Pueblo County Detention Center on various charges, including Motor Vehicle Theft, upon his release from the hospital.
The driver of the Volkswagen, who has been identified as 21-year-old Simon Eugene “Elijah” Gurule, Jr., is still at large. He is wanted for several charges, including Motor Vehicle Theft. The Pueblo Police Department is seeking the public’s assistance in locating Gurule. The Volkswagen, which was also stolen, was located unoccupied in the area of S. Hudson Avenue and Catalpa Street.

The officer who was struck by the Subaru was transported to a local hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

The Tenth Judicial District Critical Incident Team was activated and initiated an investigation into the incident. This is the Pueblo Police Department’s first officer-involved shooting of 2019.

If you have any information regarding the whereabouts of Simon “Elijah” Gurule, please call the Pueblo Police Department at (719) 553-2502.

To remain anonymous, contact Pueblo Crime Stoppers @ 542-STOP (542-7867) or www.pueblocrimestoppers.com. If your information leads to a felony arrest, you could be eligible for a cash reward.

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