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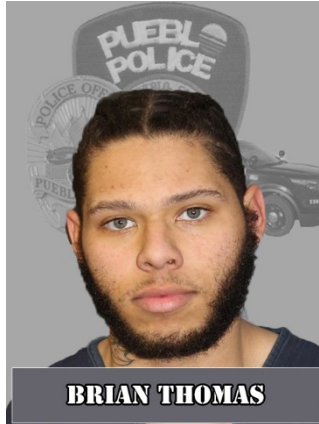


Shot Fired Arrest

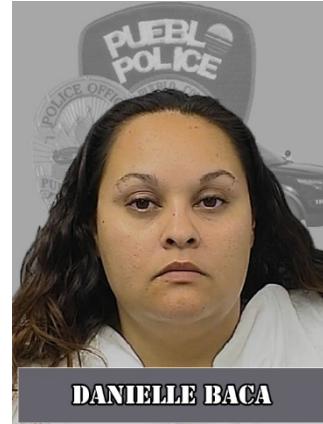
January 22, 2019 [FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE]



MELTON VALDEZ



BRIAN THOMAS



DANIELLE BACA

On January 20, 2019 at about 12:59 a.m., officers responded to the 0-100 block of Chestnut Drive regarding a shooting. Dispatch aired information that a victim was shot and the suspects left the area. While en-route to the call, officers located a vehicle in the area of Cambridge Avenue and Northern Avenue that matched the suspect vehicle description. A pursuit ensued after the officers attempted to stop the vehicle. The vehicle was forcibly stopped in the 400 block of Cleveland Street and the occupants (23-year-old Melton Valdez, 20-year-old Bryan Thomas and 35-year-old Danielle Baca) were taken into custody.

The victim, 26-year-old Frank Gonzales, sustained a gunshot wound to his leg as well as a head injury from being struck with a firearm. His injuries were not considered serious bodily injury by the doctor at the hospital.

The investigation revealed that the incident resulted from a dispute over drugs. Valdez, Thomas and Baca were arrested on charges of 2nd Degree Assault, Robbery and felony Eluding. Thomas had an additional charge of Restraining Order Violation.

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