



PRESS RELEASE

City of Pueblo Police Department

Arrest Made in Robbery



December 20, 2019 [FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE]



LEE CARRILLO



Female Robbery Suspect

On December 19, 2019 at approximately 10:45 a.m., Pueblo police officers responded to the Family Dollar store located at 2001 Troy Avenue regarding an armed robbery. In that incident, a male and female were in the store concealing items. A store employee confronted the female and ultimately attempted to restrain her from leaving. The male who was with the female exited the store and then came back in with a black handgun, allowing the female to escape. The two suspects then left the store in a white Ford Mustang. The license plate on the vehicle listed to an address in Pueblo West on a blue Ford Mustang. That address was checked and the residence appeared to be vacant.

On December 20, 2019 at approximately 5:45 a.m., Pueblo police officers responded to a residence in the 900 block of Box Elder Street regarding suspicious activity. The reporting party stated he saw four young adults exit a blue Ford Mustang with no license plates and enter a residence. Officers arrived and observed the Mustang, which appeared to have been freshly spray-painted. Officers recognized that the vehicle had similar characteristics as the vehicle pictured from the Family Dollar robbery. As officers were investigating, an unknown male and female party stepped out the front door of the residence into which the reporting party had witnessed the four parties enter. One of the investigating officers believed the two parties resembled the suspects pictured in the Family Dollar robbery. The two parties saw the officers and then quickly retreated into the residence. Officers then surrounded the house and made verbal announcements for the occupants to exit. Five parties exited the residence, including 34-year-old Lee Carrillo, 43-year-old Fernando Rayas and 42-year-old Esperanza Rayas.

All five parties were detained without incident and transported to the Pueblo Municipal Justice Center. The Mustang was towed for processing.

Detectives with the Crimes Against Persons Section conducted an investigation and determined that Carrillo matched the description of the male Family Dollar robbery suspect. Carrillo was arrested and booked into the Pueblo County Detention Center for Aggravated Robbery. Both Fernando Rayas and Esperanza Rayas were booked into the Pueblo County Detention Center on unrelated arrest warrants.

Detectives are still searching for the female involved in the Family Dollar robbery. She was described as being "short", having short black hair and wearing a Los Angeles Dodgers pullover.

If you have any information about the female who was involved in the Family Dollar robbery, please call Detective Jose Medina at (719) 553-3296.

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

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