On Wednesday, November 18, 2020 at approximately 11:00 a.m., a Pueblo police training officer and his trainee were on patrol in the area of W 29th Street and Franklin Avenue when their license plate reader received a stolen vehicle alert. The stolen vehicle, a 2018 Audi, was a confirmed stolen automobile out of Denver and was traveling westbound on W 29th Street. The officers turned around and attempted to locate the vehicle, but they were several blocks behind it. The officers momentarily lost sight of the Audi as it turned southbound onto Lowell Avenue, but they were ultimately able to locate the vehicle as it parked in a dirt lot in the 3000 block of W 25th Street. The officers observed a male exit the vehicle and walk into an adjacent residence. The officers established a perimeter and awaited the arrival of other officers. Over the course of approximately 30 minutes, officers were able persuade five adults and two children to exit the house.

During the investigation, officers discovered that the stolen Audi contained a stolen firearm out of Florence. The stolen Audi was parked next to a Saturn, which was also a stolen vehicle. A search warrant was executed on the residence where a semi-automatic rifle was located inside.

The male who was driving the Audi, later identified as 35-year-old Jose Moya, was arrested for Motor Vehicle Theft and Possession of a Weapon by a Previous Offender (prior felony conviction).

The information contained in this press release is based on preliminary information available at the time of its drafting. The Pueblo Police Department’s understanding of this incident may change as additional evidence is collected, analyzed and reviewed. The purpose of this press release is to provide timely information to the public. In consideration of the foregoing, please be advised that any statements expressed herein are subject to change at any time.

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