PRESS RELEASE
City of Pueblo Police Department
Three Arrested on Felony Warrants

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On Monday, November 23, 2020 at approximately 11:20 p.m., a Pueblo police officer was patrolling in a hotel parking lot located at 4100 block of N. Elizabeth Street when he spotted a vehicle that had eluded him during a traffic stop the previous day. The driver was identified by the officer as 33-year-old Deseree Thaunskane. Thaunskane had used a false name and credentials before she fled the scene of the traffic stop the day before. After positively identifying her, the officer learned she was wanted on an outstanding felony arrest warrant.

The officer pinpointed the hotel room that Thaunskane was in and was able to determine that she was inside. He and another officer attempted contact, but no one would answer the door. Officers then set up a perimeter around the room while a search warrant was drafted. Upon the search warrant being secured, officers entered the room and took Thaunskane into custody. Officers also arrested 26-year-old Michaela Leapaga on two felony arrest warrants and 52-year-old Emily Vigil on one felony arrest warrant. Thaunskane received a new charge of Possession of a Controlled Substance when narcotics were found on her person.

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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