



PRESS RELEASE

City of Pueblo Police Department
Homicide



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On January 16, 2021 at approximately 2:45 a.m., Pueblo police officers responded to the 2900 block of 2nd Avenue regarding a shooting that had just occurred.

Upon arrival officers discovered one male party who had suffered a gunshot wound. Officers were able to quickly identify a male shooting suspect and took him into custody without incident. Officers began lifesaving efforts on the injured victim until paramedics arrived, but they were unable to save him and he died at the scene.

Officers and detectives initiated an investigation and discovered that a social gathering had been taking place at the residence. At some point a disturbance occurred between the suspect, 20-year-old Alec Romero, and the victim. The two males exited the residence and began to engage in a physical altercation in front of the residence. While engaged in the physical altercation, Romero produced a firearm that he had been carrying on his person and shot the victim. Romero was transported to the Pueblo Municipal Justice Center for processing and an interview prior to his booking into the Pueblo County Detention Center. He was charged with 2nd Degree Murder.

The events that lead to the disturbance, altercation and shooting are still under investigation as of the drafting of this press release. The identity of the victim will be released by the Pueblo County Coroner's Office pending notification of next of kin.

If you have any information about this incident, please call Detective Ron Gravatt at (719) 553-3254.

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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