



PRESS RELEASE

City of Pueblo Police Department

Domestic Violence Arrest



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On March 30, 2021 at approximately 11:53 a.m., the Pueblo Police Department officers were dispatched to a residence in the 1200 block of Van Buren St. on a domestic violence disturbance.

The victim was able to leave the residence. Police attempted contact with the suspect unsuccessfully. Northern Ave between Jackson St. and Beulah Ave. was closed to traffic in both directions for several hours as police attempted to negotiate with the suspect. Police had information the suspect was armed and dangerous. The Pueblo police SWAT team was activated as police continued to attempt contact with the suspect.

The suspect, 46-year-old, Joe Valerio eventually exited the residence and surrendered to police. Valerio was arrested on charges of 3rd degree assault, felony menacing, Criminal Mischief, domestic violence, and a warrant for a traffic charge – failure to appear.

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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