PRESS RELEASE

City of Pueblo Police Department

Three Arrested on Gun- and Gang-Related Charges

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MATEO VELEZ | **ROBERT LAGUNAS** | **ANDREW LAGUNAS**

On Wednesday, May 12, 2021, detectives from the Pueblo Police Department's Criminal Information Section arrested three men suspected in several gun- and gang-related incidents, including multiple drive-by shootings. All three were taken into custody without incident and booked into the Pueblo County Detention Center.

Mateo Velez (22 years old) was arrested for Possession of a Weapon by a Previous Offender (POWPO). The POWPO charged stemmed from an incident that occurred in December of 2020. Velez has been arrested eight times by the Pueblo Police Department since 2011.

Robert Lagunas (24 years old) and his brother Andrew Lagunas (21 years old) were arrested for Felony Menacing. Robert Lagunas was out on bond at the time of his arrest for a Criminal Attempt to Commit First-Degree Murder charge that stemmed from an incident that took place in January of 2021. Both brothers have been named in multiple drive-by shootings.

As of May 6th, there have been 67 reported drive-by shootings in the City of Pueblo in 2021. The Pueblo Police Department is devoting resources and conducting operations to combat this issue. While it is believed that a small number of individuals are responsible for the majority of the drive-by shootings, the Pueblo Police Department will continue to conduct investigations and develop cases against those responsible for these incidents.

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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