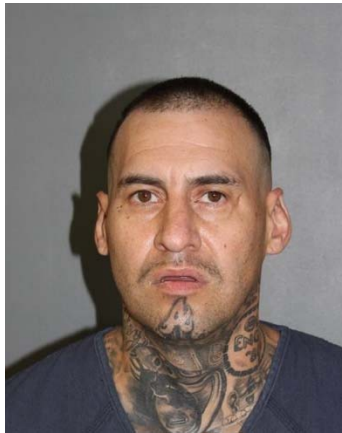




PRESS RELEASE

City of Pueblo Police Department
POWPO Arrest

May 31, 2021 [FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE]



Scott Mendoza

On May 25, 2021, a detective from the Pueblo Police Department Criminal Information Section (CIS) attempted to contact 39-year-old Scott Mendoza. Mendoza had an active felony parole warrant for his arrest. When contact was attempted (via a traffic stop), Mendoza eluded officers and was not contacted.

On May 26, 2021, patrol officers arrested Mendoza on the felony parole warrant at a residence in the 0-100 block of Duke Street. Mendoza was booked into the Pueblo County Detention Center (PCDC). Later that morning, the aforementioned CIS detective responded to the PCDC with a warrantless arrest affidavit for Mendoza for the May 25th eluding incident, but the detective discovered that Mendoza had already been released from jail. The detective then authored an arrest warrant for Mendoza, which was approved on the same date. The detective passed the new arrest warrant information on to Mendoza's parole officer.

On May 28, 2021, the CIS detective responded with another CIS detective to the aforementioned Duke Street residence to assist Mendoza's parole officer on a home visit. Mendoza was contacted and arrested on the felony eluding warrant. A subsequent search of the residence resulted in the discovery of drug paraphernalia, firearms accessories, and a loaded handgun. Mendoza was booked into the PCDC on his arrest warrant, Possession of a Weapon by a Previous Offender (POWPO) and Violation of a Restraining Order.

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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