



# PRESS RELEASE

City of Pueblo Police Department

## Request for Public's Assistance in Shooting Investigation

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**ESTEBAN GALLEGOS**



On Sunday, June 6, 2021 at approximately 12:25 a.m., Pueblo police officers responded to an address in the 100 block of N. Main Street regarding a shooting that had just occurred. Upon arrival, officers discovered that an adult male had been shot in the leg. The male was transported to a local hospital and treated for non-life-threatening injuries.

An investigation was initiated, and it was discovered that the gunshot victim was an off-duty Pueblo firefighter who was with a group of off-duty coworkers. While standing outside of a building in the 100 block of N. Main Street, the (eventual) gunshot victim witnessed one or more individuals harassing a homeless man who was apparently experiencing some sort of mental health issue. After coming to the homeless man's aid, the individuals who were harassing him reportedly left the immediate area and the eventual gunshot victim returned to his original location. A short time later, an individual fired several rounds in the victim's direction from a sedan that was parked outside of a nearby establishment. The victim was struck once in the leg.

Detectives with the Pueblo Police Department Crimes Against Persons Section conducted an investigation and identified the shooting suspect as 41-year-old Esteban Gallegos. An arrest warrant has been obtained for Gallegos for one count of 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Assault and eight counts of Attempted 1<sup>st</sup> Degree Murder. Detectives believe that the vehicle involved in this incident is a 90s model Buick product.

If you have any information about this incident, including the whereabouts of Gallegos or the suspect vehicle, please call Detective Ryan Torres at (719) 320-6037.

To remain anonymous, contact Pueblo Crime Stoppers @ **542-STOP (542-7867)** or [www.pueblocrimestoppers.com](http://www.pueblocrimestoppers.com). If your information leads to a felony arrest, you could be eligible for a cash reward.

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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