



PRESS RELEASE

City of Pueblo Police Department

Clarification on Incident Being Circulated on Social Media

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On Tuesday, June 29, 2021 at approximately 12:30 p.m., Pueblo police officers investigated a hit-and-run traffic accident that occurred near the intersection of Mesa Avenue and Pine Street. The male who caused the accident at Mesa and Pine had fled the scene in his vehicle and crashed into other vehicles that were parked near the intersection of Arroyo Avenue and Cedar Street. Bystanders in the area of Arroyo and Cedar detained the male until police arrived.

The investigation revealed that the male suspect was at fault for both traffic accidents. The investigating officer cited the male for numerous traffic violations, including Hit-and-Run, Careless Driving and Failing to Render Aid.

Inaccurate information is being circulated on social media regarding this incident. Claims have been made that the male was intoxicated and had caused serious injuries to the parties involved in the accident at Mesa and Pine. Others have expressed dissatisfaction with the fact that the male was not arrested, but rather was cited and driven home by the investigating officer. For clarification, while witnesses may have observed some speech delay in the suspect, the investigation revealed that it was not due to intoxication. Secondly, the individuals involved in the accident at Mesa and Pine did not sustain serious bodily injury. Finally, the suspect was driven to his relative's home where the officer was able to continue his investigation with family members and obtain proof of insurance for the vehicle.

The purpose of this communication is to clarify the inaccurate information being circulated on social media about this incident and advise the public that appropriate actions were taken by the officers who conducted the investigation.

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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