

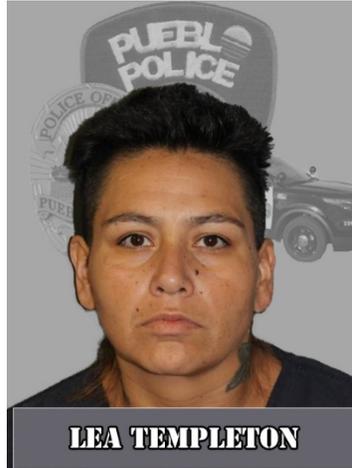


PRESS RELEASE

City of Pueblo Police Department
Arrest Made in Armed Robbery



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On Saturday, June 26, 2021 at approximately 5:20 p.m., Pueblo police officers responded to Auto Zone located at 1108 Bonforte Boulevard regarding an armed robbery that had just occurred. The reporting party, who was an employee of the store, stated that a female entered the store and was exhibiting suspicious behavior as she walked around. The reporting party said the female picked up two items and began walking toward the front door. The reporting party told the female that he would call the police if she did not pay for the items, at which point she produced a handgun and pointed it at him. The suspect left the store and the reporting party called the Pueblo Police Department.

An investigation was initiated and the suspect was identified as 34-year-old Lea Templeton. Officers located an address for Templeton and attempted to contact her, but she jumped out of a second-story window and escaped. An arrest warrant was secured for Templeton by the primary investigating officer.

On Tuesday, June 29, 2021, the primary investigating officer, along with fellow officers, located Templeton and took her into custody without incident. Templeton was booked into the Pueblo County Detention Center on the charge of Aggravated Robbery.

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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