



PRESS RELEASE

City of Pueblo Police Department

POWPO Arrest



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DAVID VIALPANDO



On Wednesday, July 7, 2021, at approximately 7:50 p.m., Pueblo police officers responded to the area of Dick Trefz Street and Gamble Lane regarding a man with a weapon call. A reporting party stated that a male, who was holding a knife and wearing a mask, was walking in between residences in the area. The male was apparently associated with a Chevrolet Camaro that was parked at the intersection of Dick Trefz and Gamble.

An officer arrived in the area and saw the male (with the mask on) walking toward the Camaro. The officer attempted to contact the male, but he ignored her. The male proceeded to open the trunk of the vehicle, pull out a long piece of metal, and then walk toward the backyard of a residence. The officer gave the male verbal commands to stop and drop the item from his hands, but he continued to ignore her. The male continued walking away from officers until he suddenly started running. While running, the officers observed the male had a firearm in his hand.

Several officers arrived in the area and pursued the male as he scaled fences and ran through yards. The male eventually stopped, just after he placed the mask and the handgun in a residential garbage can. The male had an empty holster on his side. The male, 34-year-old David Vialpando, was found to have an active restraining order which prohibited him from possessing weapons. Vialpando also had three active arrest warrants and a previous felony conviction. He was booked into the Pueblo County Detention Center on the arrest warrants and several charges, including Violation of a Restraining Order and Possession of a Weapon by a Previous Offender (POWPO).

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