



PRESS RELEASE

City of Pueblo Police Department

POWPO Arrest



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On Saturday, July 10, 2021 at approximately 8:50 a.m., Pueblo police officers located a suspicious vehicle in the area of W. 12th Street and Garnet Avenue. Officers observed the vehicle to be running with a male occupant slumped over the steering wheel. The vehicle also had no license plates attached. Based on the circumstances, officers placed a tire deflation device in front of one of the vehicle's tires in case the male attempted to flee. When the officers attempted to contact the male, he fled from them at a high rate of speed. Without pursuing the vehicle, officers were able to follow pieces of tire debris which had fallen off the punctured tire. The officers located the vehicle, unoccupied, in the 2200 block of Denver Boulevard. Officers determined the vehicle to be stolen and a firearm was located under the driver seat where the suspect had been seated. The recovered stolen vehicle also contained evidence of other criminal acts that were being investigated by detectives.

Detectives from the Pueblo Police Department's Criminal Information Section were able to identify the driver of the stolen vehicle as 30-year-old Adrian Garcia, who is a convicted felon and known parolee. An arrest warrant was obtained for Garcia for Possession of a Weapon by a Previous Offender (POWPO), 2nd Degree Aggravated Motor Vehicle Theft, Violation of Restraining Order, Driving Under Restraint-Revoked, and Reckless Driving.

On July 11, 2021 at approximately 11:35 p.m., officers responded to the 2100 block of W. 15th Street on reports of a shooting. While investigating the shooting, officers learned that Garcia was seen driving a gray SUV that he had intentionally rammed into other vehicles that were parked in the driveway of the dispatched address. Information was aired to on-duty officers about Garcia being identified as the suspect in this incident, and officers who were investigating an unrelated call for

service at a local hospital observed Garcia walk into the hospital with an injured female party. Garcia was immediately taken into custody by officers for his arrest warrant from July 10th.

The officers who investigated the shooting in the 2100 block of W. 15th Street ultimately determined the incident to be domestic violence-related, and the female who Garcia accompanied to the hospital was his victim. The female had apparent injuries to her person. Officers located the vehicle that Garcia had driven to the hospital and determined that it too was another stolen vehicle. Adrian was charged with 2nd Degree Assault/Domestic Violence, 1st Degree Aggravated Motor Vehicle Theft, Criminal Mischief, Violation of Protection Order, and Violation of Bail Bond Conditions for his involvement in the incident on July 11th.

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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