



PRESS RELEASE

City of Pueblo Police Department

Armed Robbery Arrest



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On September 8, 2021 at approximately 8:15 p.m., Pueblo police were dispatched to Dollar General located at 1245 Spruce Street regarding an armed robbery. A black male wearing a white shirt had entered the store, asked for a pen and paper, wrote a robbery note, and then simulated having a firearm in his pocket. The suspect then fled eastbound on foot on Northern Avenue.

While officers were on scene and within a matter of minutes, there was another armed robbery call at Northern Avenue Liquors located at 213 W. Northern Avenue. The suspect description and method of robbery were the same as in the initial robbery. Officers converged in the area and located a male matching the suspect's description on the Mesa Avenue bridge. The male was taken into custody without incident, but not before dropping the note used in the robberies off the side of the bridge. Officers were able to locate and recover the note.

The suspect was identified as 35-year-old Rapheon Bynum. Bynum was arrested on Aggravated Robbery, Violation of Restraining Order, Violation of Bond Conditions, and Intimidation of Victim/Witness. Pueblo police also linked Bynum to another robbery that occurred on September 5, 2021 at the Dollar General located at 818 E. 4th Street.

Pueblo police have arrested Bynum 15 times in the past for charges such as Motor Vehicle Theft, Criminal Impersonation, Possession of a Controlled Substance, Violation of a Restraining Order and Domestic Violence. Bynum is currently on parole.

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