PRESS RELEASE

City of Pueblo Police Department

Aggravated Robbery Arrest

January 4, 2021 [FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE]

ZACHARY ORTEGA

On Sunday January 2, 2022. at 6:25 p.m. Pueblo Police were dispatched to 1301 Lake Ave. (Rodeo Meat Market) in reference to a robbery. Police determined a suspect robbed the store at gunpoint. Police were able to view interior and exterior video that provided good descriptions of the suspect and the suspect vehicle.

On Sunday January 2, 2022, at 11:50 p.m. Pueblo Police were dispatched to the 500 block of Quincy St. in reference to a suspicious vehicle parked in front of a residence. When Officers attempted to contact the driver of the vehicle, the suspect drove away.

The vehicle drove away in a reckless manner for a short distance before colliding with the curb and becoming disabled. The driver ran for a short distance before being captured by Officers. The suspect was later identified as 24-year-old, Zackary Ortega.

The vehicle matched the description of the car involved in the armed robbery. Officers could see distinctive clothing items used in the robbery inside the vehicle. The vehicle was stolen out of Denver Metro area. The vehicle was towed for a search warrant to look for additional evidence in the robbery.

Ortega was booked into Pueblo County Judicial Building on Aggravated Robbery, 1st Degree Aggravated Motor Vehicle Theft, Possession of a Weapon by a Previous Offender, and Vehicular Eluding. Additional arrests in the case are pending.

Zackary is a convicted felon with several burglary charges on his record.

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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