



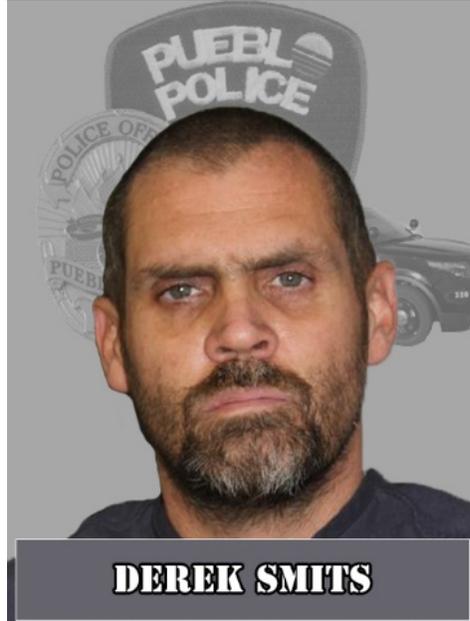
# PRESS RELEASE

*City of Pueblo Police Department*

## POWPO Arrest



January 14, 2022 [FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE]



On Thursday, December 30, 2021, Pueblo police contacted 42-year-old, Derek Brandon Smits in the 900 block of E. 11<sup>th</sup> St. in reference to criminal activity.

Police determined that Smits had a handgun in his possession. Smits is not allowed to possess any firearms due to fourteen felony convictions in California. These felony convictions include Auto Theft x3, Receiving Stolen Property x2, Check Forgery x2, Burglary x4, Controlled Substances x3,

Smits was arrested on Possession of a Weapon by A Previous Offender (POWPO) felony charge. Additional charges against Smits are possible.

Anyone with information about this incident, please contact Pueblo Police Dispatch at (719) 553-2502. To remain anonymous, contact Pueblo Crime Stoppers @ 542-STOP (542-7867) or [www.pueblocrimestoppers.com](http://www.pueblocrimestoppers.com). If your Crime Stoppers information leads to a felony arrest, you could be eligible for a cash reward.

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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