



NEWS RELEASE

City of Pueblo Police Department

Armed Robbery Arrest



February 22, 2022



On Friday, February 18, 2022, at approximately 10:31 p.m., Pueblo Police Department responded to the 2102 N. Norwood Ave (Alta Convenience Store) on a report of an armed robbery. The suspect pointed a gun at victim, demanding money.

The victim sprayed the suspect with a can of bear mace. The suspect in return used his own pepper spray on the victim. Both the victim and the suspect were affected by the mace/pepper spray. The suspect ran from the store, leaving his gun. Surveillance video showed the distinctive clothing used by the suspect.

On Saturday, February 19th, 2022, at approximately 12:12 a.m., Pueblo Police located a stolen Ford F-250 at the Loaf and Jug (2120 Oakshire Ln.) The vehicle was occupied by one occupant, later identified as 29-year-old, Derek Sandoval. After a struggle, Sandoval was taken into custody by officers.

Officers noted that Sandoval was covered in pepper spray. Officers found the clothing, mask, and gloves used in the robbery, all of which were covered in pepper spray. Officers also found an empty black bottle of mace pepper spray in the vehicle. Sandoval was arrested for 1st Degree Aggravated Motor Vehicle Theft and Aggravated Robbery for the incident at Alta.

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