



# NEWS RELEASE

*City of Pueblo Police Department*

## Homicide Arrest



May 24, 2022



**JAMES TAFOYA**

On Monday, May 23, 2022, at approximately 4:17 p.m., Pueblo Police were sent to the 1500 block of N Lacrosse Ave on a dead body. Pueblo police arrived to find an adult male deceased on scene. The victim was later identified as 51-year-old, Anthony Ray Valdez.

Pueblo Police Crimes Against Persons detectives determined Valdez's death was a homicide investigation. The alleged suspect, 36-year-old, James Matthew Tafoya was detained after a foot chase along the Fountain Creek Tuesday evening, May 24, 2022.

Tafoya was arrested on the following charges: 1<sup>st</sup> degree Murder, Prohibited Use of a Weapon, Vehicular Eluding, Obstructing Government Operations.

If anyone has any information on this incident, you are encouraged to contact Pueblo Police dispatch at (719) 553-2502 or Detective Jose Medina at (719) 320-6006. If you would like to remain anonymous, contact Pueblo Crime Stoppers @ (719) 542-STOP (719-542-7867) or [www.pueblocrimestoppers.com](http://www.pueblocrimestoppers.com). If your information leads to a felony arrest, you could be eligible for a cash reward.

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