



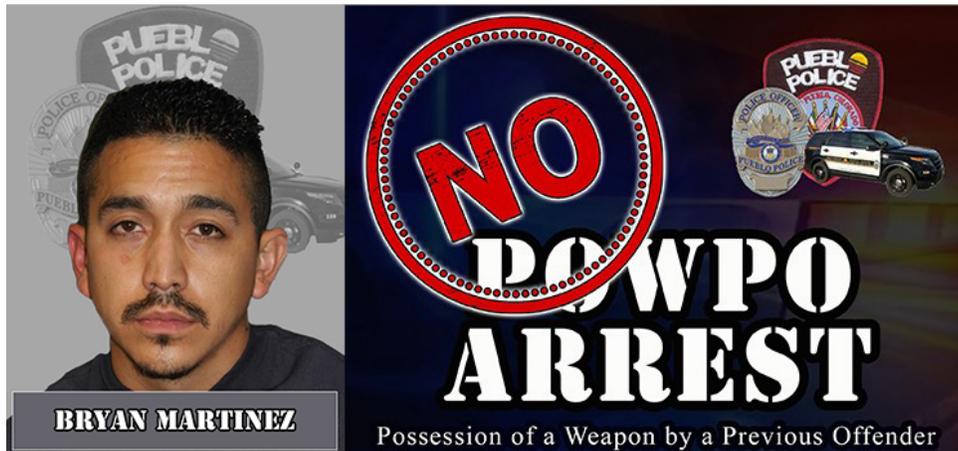
NEWS RELEASE

City of Pueblo Police Department



No POWPO Arrest

June 22, 2022



On June 17, 2022, at approximately 5:05 a.m., 32-year-old, Bryan Martinez was contacted as a suspect in a motor vehicle theft that just occurred in the 300 block of W. 8th St. Officers located a 9mm handgun in Martinez's waistband. Police also located a large quantity of suspected methamphetamine and several blue "M30" oxycontin pills.

Unfortunately, Martinez did not qualify to be charged with POWPO (Possession of a Weapon Previous Offender) under current legislation. He was arrested and booked in at the Pueblo County Judicial building for Unlawful Possession of a Controlled Substance and "Special Offender". In Colorado, a defendant faces tougher sentencing as a "special offender" when he or she commits a drug felony of any level under certain aggravating circumstances.

Martinez is a current parolee and a criminal history revealed he was criminal involvement in Burglaries, Dangerous Drugs, and Possession of a Controlled Substance w/ Intent to Distribute.

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