



# NEWS RELEASE

*City of Pueblo Police Department*



## No POWPO Arrest

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On July 2, 2022, Pueblo Police Officers received a report from a victim of an auto theft that was originally reported to the Fountain Police Department. The reporting party stated someone used their credit cards at a Wal-Mart in Pueblo. A male party tried to withdraw money using three different cards and the transactions were all denied. This male party was suspected to be associated with the stolen vehicle from the Fountain, Colorado area.

At approximately 2:35 PM, Officers were on routine patrol when they noticed a vehicle that matched the description of the stolen vehicle, parked at the Marriott, 110 City Center Drive. Officers confirmed it was the stolen vehicle and were able to locate the room in which the parties were staying. Officers attempted contact at the room and parties inside threw two handguns out of the 4th story window which were recovered by officers. The parties eventually came out of the room without incident. A male claimed to have purchased the stolen vehicle from another male party and was going to make payments on the vehicle.

Officers were able to obtain a search warrant for the room. During the search, gun accessories were located along with ammunition and drug paraphernalia. The male party was booked into the Pueblo County Detention Center on charges of Aggravated Auto Theft but could not be charged with Possession of a Weapon by a Previous Offender because his prior felony conviction did not meet the new changes to this law of being a VRA crime.

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