



# PRESS RELEASE

*City of Pueblo Police Department*

## No POWPO Arrest



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On July 12, 2022 at approximately 2:20 p.m., Pueblo Police received a report of a stolen vehicle in the area of Taylor Ave. and E. Mesa Ave. The vehicle was a 2018 white Volkswagen with Texas plates.

Officers responded to the location to contact the vehicle and occupant. The driver, 32-year-old, Jordan Aldaz ran from officers. After a brief foot chase and struggle Aldaz was captured. Aldaz told police he “purchased” the vehicle on the street for \$200.00. Police located a handgun in the vehicle.

Aldaz has over 4 felony convictions, one of which was POWPO (Possession of a Weapon by Previous Offender). Due to recent legislative changes, Aldaz could not be charged with POWPO despite his extensive criminal history. None of his felony convictions qualify under Colorado’s felon with a firearm law. During Aldaz’s extensive criminal history, he has had several encounters with police while in possession of firearms. Most recently in March of 2022, Aldaz possessed a firearm, but was not charged as a previous offender because of the statute change.

Aldaz has been featured twice on FBI Criminal Safe Streets program, the first was in October 2016 for narcotics and POWPO. He was later featured in November of 2017 with three additional warrants for his arrest.

On July 12, 2022, Aldaz was arrested for motor vehicle theft and other offenses.

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 Pueblo Police Department does not draw any conclusions about whether the officers acted consistent with our policies and the law until all the facts are known and the investigation is complete. 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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