



PRESS RELEASE

City of Pueblo Police Department

POWPO Arrest



July 21, 2022 [FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE]



On Wednesday, July 20th, 2022, at approximately 1:30 p.m., Pueblo Police officers saw a silver Chevrolet Malibu which had no rear bumper or rear license plate attached traveling southbound in the 1200 block of Prairie Avenue.

Officers believed the car matched the description of a reported stolen car. The vehicle stopped in the 1600 block of S. Prairie Ave. When officers attempted to stop the vehicle, the suspect drove away at a high rate of speed. The suspect struck a parking lot curb in the 2900 block of W. Northern Ave. and disabled the vehicle.

Three occupants ran northwest from the location of the vehicle. The front seat passenger was apprehended after running into the Safeway (1231 S. Prairie Ave.) bathroom. He was identified as, 18-year-old, Alonso Sanchez. Evidence was located within the Safeway bathroom that suggested Sanchez attempted to shed clothing in order to disguise himself from officers.

Officers found a handgun in the parking lot. Witness saw one of the male suspects throw the .357 Magnum on the ground after fleeing the stolen vehicle. Officers learned that firearm was stolen. There was a total of six live rounds located in the cylinder.

During the search of the stolen vehicle, officers located a Bulldog Pug .44 SPL Revolver in the car. Additional .44 Magnum ammunition was located inside the stolen vehicle.

Sanchez was booked into Pueblo County Jail on Possession of a Weapon by a Previous Offender (POWPO), 1st Degree Criminal Trespass, and Unlawful Possession of Controlled Substance (scheduled II controlled substance).

Additional charges are expected in this incident.

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.

###