

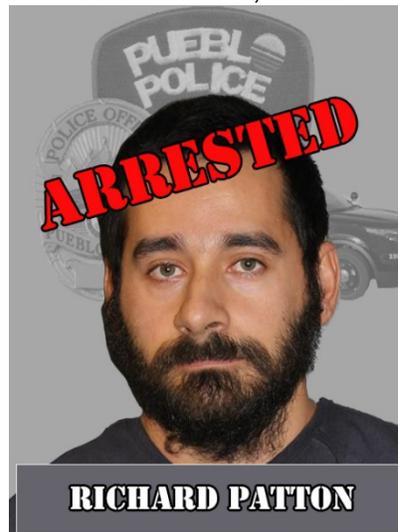


NEWS RELEASE

City of Pueblo Police Department

Arrest made in Voter Tampering

November 4, 2022



In June of 2022, officers were informed of a potential breach to a voting system at a local voting station in Pueblo Colorado during the primary election. After further investigation, detectives from the Pueblo Police Department High-Tech Crime Unit were able to identify 31-year-old, Richard Patton as the suspect that attempted to tamper with the voting station.

On Thursday, November 3, 2022, at approximately 9:00am, officers executed an arrest warrant on the 1000 block of Ruppel Ave. in Pueblo, CO and arrested Richard without incident.

Richard was booked into the Pueblo County Judicial Center on charges of Tampering with a Voting Machine and Cyber Crimes.

We would like to assure the community that all voter safeguards put in place to protect the voter process were successful. No information has been found to be breached at this time. This is still an active and ongoing investigation.

The Pueblo Police Department worked in conjunction with the Secretary of State, the 10th Judicial District Attorney's Office, and Colorado Bureau of Investigation, who was involved in the technical analysis of the voting machine.

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