



NEWS RELEASE

City of Pueblo Police Department

Assault on a Peace Officer



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On Sunday, November 27 at approximately 5:47am, officers were proactively policing in the area of the 1100 block of E. 5th St. when they observed a white Ford F250 with no visible license plates, parked in the alley.

The truck was running, and a male was found sleeping in the driver's seat. Officers attempted contact with the driver by knocking on the driver's window. The male, who was later identified as 45-year-old, James Rosier, woke up and upon observing the officers, he put the truck into gear and attempted to drive forward. The truck stalled and James reached under the dash, where he had the trucks ignition manipulated with a switch and started the vehicle. Officers gave verbal commands to James, but he did not comply. Officers then opened the driver's door in attempt to stop him.

James then put the truck into reverse and began rapidly backing away in an attempt to escape. As the truck reversed, one of the officers was caught between the open door of the truck and another vehicle which was parked in the alley. As James reversed, the truck door struck the officer and pinned the officer against the parked car injuring the officer.

James continued to reverse, and the rear of the truck collided with the front of one of the patrol cars parked behind the truck. James backed the truck with enough force to push the first patrol car, which was in park, into the second officers patrol car.

James then ran from the truck. During the foot pursuit, James dropped a loaded 9mm Taurus handgun. After a short foot pursuit, officers were able to take James into custody.

The officer James struck with the truck door was transported to a local hospital and treated for injuries. James was transported to the Pueblo County Judicial Center and booked in on 1st degree assault, attempted 2nd degree assault, aggravated motor vehicle theft, criminal mischief, and theft. The truck James was driving was a stolen vehicle out of Colorado Springs and the handgun he dropped was a stolen handgun out of Pueblo.

Due to recent legislative changes, James could not be charged with POWPO despite his extensive criminal history of motor vehicle, possession of controlled substance, and theft. None of his felony convictions qualify under Colorado's felon with a firearm law.

Please remember to take the necessary precautions to protect your valuables and property such as vehicles and firearms so they don't end up in the hands of criminals. Together we can help keep our community safe.

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