



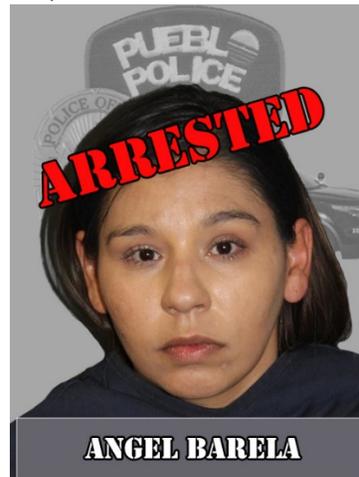
NEWS RELEASE

City of Pueblo Police Department

Safe Streets Arrest



December 15, 2022



On December 14, 2022, Parole Officers observed wanted parties James Michael Espinoza and Angel Barela enter a hotel located in the 4200 block of N Elizabeth.

Espinoza had an active felony parole warrant for his arrest and extensive gun, drug, and gang history with the Pueblo Police Department. He was also listed on the FBI Safe Streets Most Wanted List. Barela had three active warrants.

Special Investigation Division Detectives, Pueblo Police Patrol Officers, the Pueblo Police SWAT Team with Negotiators responded to the scene to assist the Parole Officers. Espinoza and Barela initially refused to exit the hotel room, but after a short stand-off were eventually taken into custody without incident.

During the subsequent search of the room and their vehicle, Parole Officers located a firearm, ammunition, body armor, suspected fentanyl, and drug paraphernalia.

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