



NEWS RELEASE

City of Pueblo Police Department SWAT Callout Leads to Multiple Arrests

December 27, 2022



On Saturday, December 24, 2022, at approximately 10:45am, officers were dispatched to a strong-armed robbery at a business located on the 4000 block of W. Northern Ave. Initial information was parties in a white SUV took a purse from a lady in the parking lot after brushing her leg with the vehicle.

Once officers arrived, it was realized these same suspects matched the description of suspects involved in another strong-armed robbery at another business on Friday, December 23 and were also driving a white Mazda.

Through further investigation, the suspects were identified as 32-year-old Ashley Cooper and former Safe Streets criminal, 39-year-old Samuel Rivera. The white Mazda was also a stolen vehicle.

Once the suspects were identified, officers tried to locate them. While doing so, they observed the white Mazda in the parking lot of the Casa Del Sol apartments on the 1700 block of Constitution Rd. Officers took Cooper into custody outside of an apartment, but Rivera ran inside an apartment. A search warrant was authored for the apartment and the Pueblo Police SWAT team was activated.

Over the course of a five-hour standoff, 14 people came out of the apartment, 6 of which had warrants for their arrest for non-related incidents. One of those 14 people was Rivera, and he was taken into custody.

After the search of the apartment was executed, officers seized two handguns. Suspected stolen merchandise was located in the apartment and also in the stolen Mazda.

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