



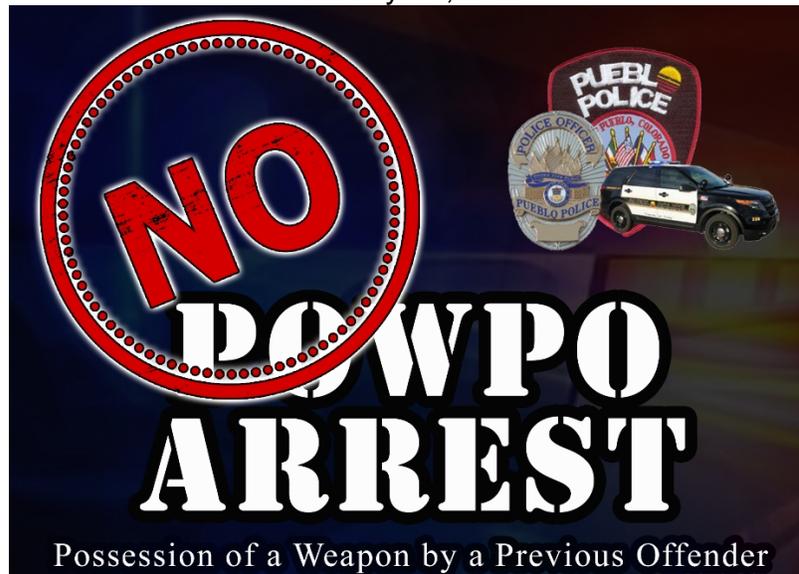
NEWS RELEASE

City of Pueblo Police Department



No POWPO Arrest

January 09, 2023



On January 7, 2023, at approximately 3:56pm, Officers from the Pueblo Police Department DICE team were on patrol in the area of 5627 N. Elizabeth St. at Kohls when they were advised of an active shoplifter.

Upon arrival, loss prevention employees informed officers there was a Hispanic male wearing black and white shoes, black pants, black shirt, black hat, and was carrying a firearm in a holster on his right hip. Loss prevention stated the male was in the changing rooms concealing items in a bag. Officers observed the male walking out of the store without paying for the items he concealed. The male was taken into custody without incident.

The male was positively identified as William Padilla. He admitted to officers that he was a convicted felon. Through further investigation, it was found William is a 4-time convicted felon and is prohibited from possessing a firearm.

Due to new laws regarding theft and POWPO, William was cited for theft and released. He was not booked into Pueblo County Jail on any charges.

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