



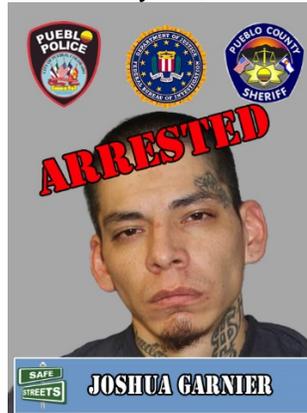
NEWS RELEASE

City of Pueblo Police Department



Safe Streets Arrest

January 18, 2023



On January 14, 2023, at approximately 9:46am, Officers were dispatched to a residence on the 1100 block of Pine St. regarding suspicious activity. There were reports of heavy foot traffic in and out of the house and a report of shots fired the previous night.

Officers arrived and attempted to make contact at the front door. After knocking, they heard the door lock from the inside and then several people talking and moving around. After about 10 minutes, two females exited the residence. After much convincing, four more people came outside. Officers could still hear more movement inside. Eventually, five more people exited the residence for a total of eleven people that were inside when officers arrived.

After further investigation, it was found seven of the eleven people had warrants for their arrest. One of those seven people was 30-year-old, Joshua Garnier, who is currently on our FBI Safe Streets most wanted list.

The following individuals were arrested on their warrants and booked into Pueblo County Judicial Center:

Merlinda Johnson (40)
Jeremy Brown (33)
Adam Montez (38)
Felicia Ruiz (29)

The other two individuals, 24-year-old, Inez Tafoya and 34-year-old, Desiree Vigil, had municipal warrants and were served Personal Recognizance Bonds for future court dates.

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