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## News Release

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### **Carjacking Suspect Arrested After Standoff in Field in Northern Pueblo County**

**Pueblo, CO:** A carjacking suspect from El Paso County peacefully surrendered to Pueblo County Sheriff's SWAT members following a 4-hour standoff this afternoon in a field in north Pueblo County.

Pueblo County Sheriff's deputies were notified at about 1:15 p.m. that the suspect in a carjacking was possibly in the area of the 3600 block of Overton Road in north Pueblo County. Deputies and Colorado State Patrol responded to the area. A deputy located an unoccupied white truck in the 3600 block of Overton Road. The truck was reported stolen out of El Paso County. The deputy saw a man and woman walking away from the vehicle. The deputy attempted to speak to the couple when the woman ran and the man, who was carrying a handgun, refused repeated orders to stop, drop the gun and surrender. The man, identified as Dustin Wasberg, 46, sat down in a field and put the gun between his legs while continuing to ignore verbal orders to surrender.

Colorado State Patrol and Pueblo Police, who responded to the area, assisted sheriff's deputies in setting up a safe perimeter around Wasberg. An emergency alert was issued to residents in the surrounding area notifying them of the heavy law enforcement presence and a portion of Overton Road was closed to traffic.

Sheriff's SWAT and negotiators responded to the incident and kept in communication with Wasberg by telephone attempting to get him to surrender. The sheriff's S.O.A.R.R. (Sheriff's Office Aerial Response and Rescue) team and K9 units were deployed to assist with the incident. At about 5:10 p.m., Wasberg surrendered peacefully to SWAT members. He was taken into custody without incident. Wasberg was arrested on two felony warrants out of El Paso County. He has been booked into the Pueblo County Jail.

The woman who was with Wasberg was not located. Deputies searched the area by drone and on foot but were unable to locate her. The woman is considered a person of interest in the incident. She is also wanted on felony warrants. Anyone who sees anything suspicious in the area should call 9-1-1.

Pueblo County Sheriff Kirk M. Taylor commended Sheriff's deputies and law enforcement partners who assisted at the scene for their patience and professionalism in bringing the incident

to a peaceful conclusion.

“We were able to set up a great perimeter with the help of our partners from Pueblo Police and the Colorado State Patrol, which allowed us time to arrange for negotiations with the suspect. Our negotiator did a great job in convincing him to surrender peacefully.”

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