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Suicidal Woman Stopped By Deputies Following Brief Pursuit

Pueblo, CO: A suicidal woman who was engaging in self-inflicting harm while driving in Pueblo West this afternoon was stopped by Pueblo County Sheriff's Deputies after a short vehicle pursuit. The woman, who suffered several critical self-inflicted wounds, was taken to a local hospital by ambulance. She later died from her injuries.

Deputies responded to a home in the 100 block of E. Hastings at about 3:40 p.m. on a report of suicidal person. As deputies arrived, a woman began cutting herself. The woman then got into a vehicle and fled from deputies while still actively harming herself.

Deputies followed the vehicle and attempted to conduct a traffic stop. When the driver failed to stop, deputies engaged in a Pursuit Intervention Technique maneuver and were able to stop the vehicle just before the underpass at Mile Marker 108. While still inside the vehicle, the woman continued to harm herself and refused repeated orders by deputies to drop the weapon. Deputies used less lethal force and deployed a tazer. The woman was subdued and received immediate medical attention before being transported to a local hospital.

"Our thoughts and prayers are with her family at this time," said Pueblo County Sheriff Kirk M. Taylor. "This is a very tragic and unfortunate incident for everyone involved. Due to the actions of this female, there was a high concern for public safety and our deputies engaged in less lethal means to bring the situation under control. We are deeply saddened by the outcome of this situation."

While deputies investigated the incident, a portion of Purcell Boulevard from Fairbanks to Interstate 25 and the onramps at Mile Marker 108 were closed for a period of time.

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