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## News Release

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### **Suspicious Death Turned Homicide Investigation**

**Pueblo, CO:** At 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, Pueblo County Sheriff's Office deputies responded to an apartment at the 200 block of South McCulloch Blvd in Pueblo West. The 911 caller reported a neighbor lying on the floor of an adjacent apartment. The Pueblo West Fire Department arrived on scene and told deputies the man showed signs of obvious death. PCSO Investigations units along with the Pueblo County Coroner's Office were dispatched to the address.

Pueblo County Sheriff's deputies believed the injuries appeared suspicious in nature. Detectives concurred and kept the apartment secure, standing watch over it while awaiting the results of an autopsy. Upon completion of the autopsy, evidence did confirm homicide. While specific details can't be revealed, the coroner was also able to confirm the identity of the individual as 64-year-old, John Karl Bolte.

Sheriff Kirk M. Taylor encourages the public to get involved. "Mr. Bolte lived alone in this apartment, but we are sure that he has friends and family that can help lead us to the individual(s) that did this," said Sheriff Taylor Friday morning. "We ask that anyone with information regarding Mr. Bolte's death or anyone that saw something suspicious in the area on the 30<sup>th</sup> of December or New Year's Eve day, call us."

The public can use the following numbers to provide information to detectives, Pueblo County Sheriff's Office at (719)583-6250 or Pueblo Crimestoppers at (719)542-STOP (7867).

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