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Officer-Involved Shooting Investigated by CIT

Pueblo, CO: The pursuit of an armed carjacking suspect in the City of Pueblo this morning ended with a fatal officer-involved shooting. No law enforcement officers were injured.

Pueblo County Sheriff's deputies responded to the Pueblo Youth Center, 1406 W. 17th Street, at about 6:30 a.m. after a woman reported a man pointed a gun at her, threatened her and took her 2016 Nissan Versa. The woman was not injured. PYC is a state institution and law enforcement falls under the jurisdiction of the Pueblo County Sheriff's Office.

While investigating the carjacking, a Pueblo Police Officer reported seeing a vehicle matching the stolen car driving recklessly in the Downtown area. A sheriff's deputy then saw the vehicle going westbound on Fourth Street and attempted to make a traffic stop, but the driver eluded him. The deputy pursued for a short time but terminated the pursuit near Thatcher Avenue and Acero Avenue as the suspect was driving recklessly and at a high rate of speed. At one point, the suspect nearly struck an off-duty sheriff's deputy's vehicle as that deputy was driving home from work.

Pueblo Police Officers who were in the area, saw the suspect vehicle driving with a flat tire near the intersection of Palmer Avenue and Veta Avenue. Police officers and sheriff's deputies searched the area and located the vehicle in an alley between Colorado Avenue and Quincy Street, where it had become disabled after crashing into a light pole.

The suspect, who was seen carrying a handgun, got out of the vehicle and began running north down the alley with deputies and police officers in pursuit on foot. The suspect advanced toward deputies with a gun in his hand in the 300 block of Quincy Street. Shots were fired by a sheriff's deputy. The suspect was pronounced deceased at the scene.

The name of the deputy involved in the incident is not being released at this time. The deputy has been placed on paid administrative leave as per Pueblo County Sheriff's Office policy and procedure.

The name of the suspect is not being released at this time.

The 10th Judicial District Critical Incident team was activated and is conducting the incident investigation. The CIT includes members of the Pueblo Police Department, Colorado State Patrol, the Pueblo County District Attorney's Office, the Colorado Bureau of Investigations and the Pueblo County Sheriff's Office. The Pueblo Police Department is the lead investigative agency for this incident.

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