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## News Release

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### **Man Arrested After Returning to Scene of Previous Crime**

**Pueblo, CO:** The quick response by Pueblo County Sheriff's deputies, along with assistance from alert Pueblo West business owners and residents, led to the arrest Thursday of a 26-year-old man after he returned to a business he had earlier attempted to burglarize.

Sheriff's deputies responded at about 8 a.m. to Pueblo Truss, 469 E. Industrial Blvd., after an employee reported someone cut the fence to the property and attempted to steal lumber sometime overnight. The employee said he found some lumber stacked near the cut fence and more lumber stacked nearby on a wagon.

While deputies were investigating the incident, they learned that earlier in the morning, a nearby business owner reported a suspicious, red Impala in her parking lot. The witness said she saw a man dressed in black clothing walking through the lot and when she attempted to contact him, he took off walking. The witness said she later viewed video and saw the man dressed in black park the Impala in the lot, then get out of the vehicle and take a wagon from the trunk and walk across the parking lot in the direction of Pueblo Truss. At that time, deputies were unable to locate any suspect(s).

Approximately, two hours later, the employee from Pueblo Truss called the Sheriff's Office again to report a man dressed in black was attempting to take lumber from the yard. The employee said he confronted the man and he took off running. The employee along with several other business owners and residents who were in the area, followed the suspect and saw him jump a fence and hide in the gated, locked yard of a nearby business.

Deputies quickly arrived in the area and were informed the suspect was hiding in the yard. Deputies gave several verbal commands for the suspect to surrender. The suspect initially ignored the deputies' commands but eventually complied and peacefully surrendered.

The suspect, identified as Robert James Martinez, was arrested for second-degree criminal trespass, third-degree criminal trespass and on an outstanding warrant. He has been booked into the Pueblo County Jail.



The Impala, which had a reported stolen license plate from Florida, was impounded and secured while deputies seek a search warrant for the vehicle. Further charges could be forthcoming pending the outcome of that search warrant.

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