

Pueblo County **Sheriff**

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Three Colorado Springs Men Sentenced in 2021 Assault

Pueblo, CO: Three Colorado Springs men have been sentenced in the brutal 2021 assault of a 24-year-old man who was left on the side of the road in rural north Pueblo County. The victim continues to recover from serious and life-altering injuries he incurred in the assault.

Nicolas Prater, 20 and Noah Hamilton, 19, were sentenced to six years in the Youth Offender System after both pled guilty to first-degree assault. Dee Dallas Vaughn, 21, pled guilty to being an accessory to the crime and was sentenced to 90 days in the Pueblo County Jail along with eight years of probation.

YOS is a maximum-security prison that houses offenders between the ages of 14-25 who have been convicted of a felony and sentenced as adults through the Colorado Department of Corrections system.

The three men were arrested in El Paso County on December 31, 2021, in connection with the August 2021 incident where the victim was kidnapped and repeatedly beaten with a baseball bat and left on the side of the road in the 2400 block of North Interstate 25. An individual living in the area found the victim unconscious on the side of the road.

Pueblo County Sheriff's detectives conducted a thorough and extensive investigation and learned the victim had been robbed and assaulted by the three men. As a result of the hard work of PCSO sheriff's detectives, they were able to locate and arrest the three suspects. We would like to thank the Colorado Springs Police Department for its assistance during the investigation.

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