

# *Pueblo County* *Sheriff*

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## News Release

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### **Deputies Arrest Man in Pueblo West Burglary; Theft of Auto**

**Pueblo, CO:** Pueblo County Sheriff's deputies arrested a 41-year-old man early this morning in connection with a burglary of Pueblo West business and theft of a vehicle reported stolen in the City of Pueblo. Deputies believe the suspect may be tied to other burglaries in Pueblo West and the City of Pueblo.

Deputies arrested Theodore Koen, 41, following a brief foot chase after they saw him walking near Industrial Boulevard and Aerospace Drive at about 2:10 a.m. Koen matched the description of one of two men seen on security camera footage burglarizing the Headstrong Hair and Nail Studio on Tiffany Drive less than two hours earlier.

A deputy doing a routine patrol in Pueblo West, saw a suspicious vehicle in the parking lot of Headstrong Hair at 12:40 a.m. The vehicle, a 1996 white Chevy Suburban with distinctive racing stripes, matched the description of a vehicle that was seen earlier in the night during an attempted burglary in the City of Pueblo. The suspects eluded police in this incident. The vehicle, which had been reported stolen in Pueblo, also matched the description of a vehicle that was seen at a burglary Saturday of a home in Pueblo West.

The deputy found the Suburban unoccupied in the Headstrong Hair and Nail parking lot with the motor running. While waiting for other deputies to arrive, the deputy discovered the business had been broken into. When other deputies arrived, they entered the building but did not locate anyone inside. Security video showed two men going through items in the business. The men appeared to have left through a back door as the first deputy arrived. An investigation is ongoing to determine all items taken from the business. Deputies seized the Suburban and are seeking a warrant to search it.

About 90 minutes later, deputies saw Koen, who was wearing clothes that matched the description of one of the burglary suspects and attempted to talk to him. Koen took off running and deputies chased him on foot a short distance before apprehending him. Deputies found tools associated with burglaries on Koen. They also located a tool bag with tools that Koen was carrying and threw during the foot chase. Deputies searched the area for the second suspect but were unable to locate him.

Koen was arrested for second-degree burglary, aggravated motor vehicle theft, criminal mischief, possession of burglary tools and resisting arrest. Further charges could be forthcoming as investigations are ongoing into other possible related crimes, including the theft late Saturday night of a 2022 Ozark camper trailer from Zabukovic Motors, 701 E. Spaulding Drive. The trailer was reported stolen this morning from the business. Security video showed the same white Suburban was used to break into the business and steal the trailer just before midnight. Sheriff David J. Lucero located the stolen trailer abandoned near the 1000 block of Saxony Drive at about 9:30 a.m. this morning.

“This was awesome work by these deputies in being proactive in continuing looking for this suspect vehicle,” said Sheriff David J. Lucero. “In locating this vehicle and shortly after seeing and apprehending one of the suspects, likely prevented further burglaries this morning by these suspects.”

An investigation is ongoing to determine the identity of other suspects involved and any other crimes tied to these individuals. Anyone with information about these incidents or has recently seen the vehicle involved in any suspicious activity, call the Sheriff's Office at (719) 583-6250 or Crime Stoppers at (719) 542-7867 or online at [www.pueblocrimestoppers.com](http://www.pueblocrimestoppers.com)

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