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UPDATE: Search of Wanted Fugitive's Vehicle Yields Large Amount of Drugs *Suspect Facing Additional Charges*

Pueblo, CO: Pueblo County Sheriff's Narcotics Detectives found and seized a large amount of Fentanyl, heroin, cocaine, methamphetamine, suboxone and marijuana in the vehicle of wanted man arrested Friday, Dec. 16 on a federal warrant.

This week, detectives executed a search warrant on the 2002 Oldsmobile Bravada driven by Richard John Herrera, 41, and found 550 Fentanyl pills, 25 grams of heroin, a 1/2 -pound of methamphetamine, 32 grams of cocaine, 15 suboxone strips and 113 grams of marijuana. Detectives also recovered nearly \$200 in cash from the vehicle.

When Herrera was arrested on Dec. 16, detectives recovered 59 Fentanyl pill and more than \$2,000 in cash on Herrera. As result of the drugs recovered from the vehicle, further charges are forthcoming on Herrera.

Detectives sought the search warrant on the vehicle after Pueblo County Sheriff's K9 Edo, working with his handler, made a positive hit for suspected drugs on the Herrera's vehicle.

"I am proud of the work our detectives did to track down and arrest this wanted fugitive and then to follow through with getting and executing the search warrant on the vehicle," said Pueblo County Sheriff David J. Lucero. "I also want to commend K9 Edo and his handler for the work they did in detecting possible drugs in the vehicle, which led to our being able to take a substantial amount of narcotics off the streets."

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ORIGINAL RELEASE: Narcotics Detectives Assist in Arresting Wanted Fugitive *Fentanyl, Large Amount of Cash Seized*

Pueblo, CO: Working with several other agencies, Pueblo County Sheriff's Narcotics Detective arrested a 41-year-old Pueblo man, wanted on a federal warrant. Detectives also recovered thousands of dollars in cash and Fentanyl pills.



At about 11:45 a.m. Friday, Sheriff's detectives recognized Richard John Herrera, who was wanted on a federal warrant, driving a 2002 Oldsmobile Bravada in the area of Constitution Road and Troy Avenue. Detectives saw Herrera drive to the area of Salem Avenue, where he stopped and got out of his vehicle. He was then picked up by another vehicle which drove to a nearby apartment complex. Herrera got out of that vehicle and went into the complex and the vehicle left the area. Minutes later, Herrera came out of the apartment and detectives approached him and took him into custody without incident.

Detectives found a vial containing 59 Fentanyl pills and more than \$2,000 cash on Herrera. Pueblo County Sheriff's K9 Edo and his handler were called out to assist narcotics detectives in conducting an air search of Herrera's vehicle. Edo made a positive hit for suspected drugs on the vehicle. The vehicle was seized and detectives are seeking a warrant to search that vehicle.

Herrera was arrested on the federal warrant and has been booked into the Pueblo County Jail. Detectives continue to investigate today's incident to determine if additional charges are forthcoming.

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