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Inmate Charged for Bringing Drugs into Jail

Pueblo, CO: A 39-year-old inmate in the Pueblo County Jail received several new felony charges after Pueblo County Sheriff's Detention Deputies recovered nearly 40 Fentanyl pills he had swallowed prior to his July 23 arrest.

Deputies received information that Chad Edmonds, 39, had possibly ingested drugs prior to being arrested and booked into the Pueblo County Jail on two outstanding warrants. The day after he arrived in jail, deputies received the tip and immediately questioned Edmonds about the accusations. Edmonds denied having ingested any drugs. Deputies suggested having a body scan done on Edmonds to see if there were any items in his body. Initially Edmonds refused to have a scan but later agreed to do so.

Edmonds was taken to a local hospital on July 24, where the scan was conducted and showed there were from 20 to 30 small, round items in his intestines. Edmonds then admitted to swallowing a bag of Fentanyl pills prior to his arrest.

Edmonds was returned to the jail where he was placed in a dry cell and closely monitored until he passed the bag of pills. When Edmonds did pass the bag, deputies discovered it contained 37 Fentanyl pills.

As a result of bringing drugs into the facility, Edmonds was charged with second-degree introduction of contraband, possession of contraband, unlawful distribution and unlawful possession of a controlled substance. He was issued a \$50,000 bond Friday on those charges. He remains in Pueblo County Jail on bonds now totaling \$65,000.

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