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Deputies Arrest Colorado Springs Auto Theft Suspects

Pueblo, CO: Pueblo County Sheriff's deputies arrested two people Wednesday morning on the Walker Ranch property north of Pueblo after they attempted to steal a tractor while eluding law enforcement looking for them in connection with a stolen vehicle out of El Paso County.

Deputies were notified early this morning that a stolen vehicle from El Paso County was headed southbound on Interstate 25 into Pueblo County. The suspects, later identified as Brandt Boden, 25, and Aleeyah Niknami, 26, both of Colorado Springs, abandoned the vehicle at Exit 110 north of Pueblo and left walking westbound through the prairie.

Pueblo County Sheriff David J. Lucero responded along with deputies and two K9s at about 5 a.m. to search the area of the abandoned vehicle for the suspects. After several hours, the search was discontinued.

At about 10 a.m., the Pueblo County communications center received a call of man matching the description of Boden driving a tractor through a fence on the Walker Ranch property. A member of the Walker family saw Boden driving the tractor and approached him. Boden got off the tractor and he and Niknami took off walking again.

The witness immediately called the Pueblo County Sheriff's Office to report the suspicious individuals, while keeping an eye on their whereabouts. Once again, Sheriff Lucero responded with his deputies to search for the suspects, who with assistance from Walker family members, were able to identify the vicinity of where the two suspects were last seen and establish a perimeter.

Sheriff Lucero, along with deputies on foot, members of the BNSF railway police on a side-by-side, and a PCSO drone, they were able to locate the suspects and take them into custody without incident.

Boden was questioned by Pueblo County Sheriff's deputies and admitted to stealing the vehicle in El Paso County. El Paso County Sheriff's deputies were notified and took custody of Boden. He faces several felony charges in Pueblo County to include second-degree criminal trespass, criminal mischief and first-degree motor vehicle theft.

Niknami was arrested for second-degree motor vehicle theft (complicity) and second-degree criminal trespass. She was also arrested on an outstanding warrant. She has been booked into the Pueblo County Jail.

“We want to thank the Walker family for their quick actions in contacting us while keeping the suspects in their sight which allowed us to locate and arrest them peacefully,” said Pueblo County Sheriff David J. Lucero. “We value these great relationships we have with our community members that allow us to work together to combat crime and hold accountable those responsible.”

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