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## News Release

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### Pueblo West Man Arrested for Child Abuse

**Pueblo, CO:** Pueblo County Sheriff's School Resource Officers arrested a 35-year-old man Monday for child abuse in an incident involving his child.

School Resource Officers (SRO) responded to a District 70 elementary school Monday morning on a report of possible child abuse after a school employee was notified of injuries to a 7-year-old child. As a mandatory reporter, the employee notified law enforcement.

The SROs investigated the incident and saw the child had visible injuries, which were reportedly inflicted by the father. The child was taken to a local hospital for medical treatment and was released to a parent.

As a result of the investigation, deputies arrested Ulysses Kropf-Castillo for child abuse. He was booked into the Pueblo County Jail.

This was the third arrest in five days by the Pueblo County Sheriff's Office for a child abuse incident. On March 6, deputies arrested two people in connection with the abuse of a six-year-old child. Staff at another District 70 elementary school also notified the Sheriff's Office of the abuse

"Pueblo County School District 70 takes all reports of child abuse seriously. The safety and well-being of our students are our highest priorities," said District 70 Superintendent Ronda Rein. "As mandated reporters, all employees are required to report suspected abuse or neglect in accordance with Colorado law. The district remains committed to protecting students and working with the proper authorities to ensure their safety."

"These are very disturbing and unfortunate incidents involving the abuse of children in our community," said Pueblo County Sheriff David J. Lucero. "I appreciate and commend the school resource officers and the school staff for their work on these very difficult cases. These types of incidents are never easy."

“Furthermore, I want to remind people if they are stressed or struggling to call for help and reach out to resources in the community to avoid getting into an abusive situation,” added Lucero.

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If you are concerned about a child’s wellbeing, see evidence of abuse or witness a child being harmed, we ask that you report it. If it is a life-threatening situation, call 9-1-1 immediately, otherwise, you can call the following non-emergent numbers: Pueblo County Sheriff’s Office (719) 583-6250; Pueblo Police (719) 553-2502; Pueblo 24 Hour Reporting Line (719) 583-6901; Colorado Abuse Reporting Line 1-844-264-5437.

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