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## News Release

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### Deputies Arrest Man Wanted on Parole Violation to Include 2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Homicide

**Pueblo, CO:** Pueblo County Sheriff's deputies arrested a 32-year-old man wanted by the Colorado Department of Corrections on a parole violation for homicide. He was recently featured on the FBI's Southern Colorado Safe Streets Task Force's Most Wanted Criminals.

Sheriff's deputies arrested Gilbert Ballejos early this morning at Battle Ground Skilled Gaming, 2025 Santa Fe Drive, after deputies patrolling in the area saw a man they recognized as Ballejos based on the Safe Streets Wanted Criminals post published on March 28.

FBI Safe Streets consists of federal, state and local law enforcement who work in partnership to identify, apprehend and prosecute violent criminals.

Ballejos was wanted for a parole violation for second-degree homicide and possession of a weapon by a previous offender. Deputies took Ballejos into custody without incident.

During a routine pat search of Ballejos, deputies found a little more than 9 grams of suspected methamphetamine in Ballejos' pocket.

Ballejos was arrested for unlawful possession of a controlled substance and on the DOC warrant. He has been booked into the Pueblo County Jail.

"This was great awareness and police work by the deputies who were able to identify this wanted felon, formulate a plan and then take him into custody without any issues," said Pueblo County Sheriff David J. Lucero. "I commend the deputies for their work in getting this previous offender who should not have been out on our streets into custody. Arrests like this help make our community a better and safer place."

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