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Inmate Trustee Escapes from Pueblo County Jail; Quickly Apprehended

Pueblo, CO: A low-risk inmate at the Pueblo County Jail was quickly apprehended Thursday night after he ran from the facility while working as a kitchen trustee. There was no danger to the public.

Lucas Brown, 26, was working in the kitchen and was with other kitchen trustees throwing out the trash at about 8:20 p.m. when he suddenly ran away. Detention deputies supervising the trustees saw Brown run west on 9th Street. A deputy ran after Brown but lost sight of him. Other deputies secured the remaining trustees in the jail and called the communication center to report the escape.

Sheriff's patrol deputies, including two K9s, and Pueblo Police officers quickly joined the search, and less than 35 minutes later, Brown was located near 7th and Greenwood Streets and taken into custody without incident. He was returned to the Pueblo County Jail, where he now has a new escape charge.

Brown, who is from Colorado Springs, has been in the Pueblo County Jail since March 7, serving a 90-day sentence for misdemeanor criminal mischief. Brown was due to be released Saturday, April 26, with good time acquired from his work as a kitchen trustee.

As a low-risk adjudicated inmate, Brown was privileged to work as a trustee in exchange for reducing his time served. He had no previous issues during his time working as a trustee.

"It is very unusual for a trustee to just walk away like this, especially when you have only two days until you are released," said Pueblo County Sheriff's Captain Dawn Ballas. "We train for incidents like these, and I can say last night, that training kicked in.

"Our detention deputies did a great job of quickly securing the other trustees in the jail and notifying the communications center. Their swift actions allowed our patrol deputies and Pueblo Police to respond quickly, set up a perimeter, and apprehend this suspect without incident. We want to thank the Pueblo PD for their response and help in locating this inmate."

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