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## **News Release**

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### **Pueblo West Man Arrested After Threatening to Shoot at Deputies**

**Pueblo, CO:** After hours of intense moments and impassioned negotiations, Pueblo County Sheriff's deputies arrested a 50-year-old man who had threatened to shoot it out with deputies.

Sheriff's deputies responded at about 5:30 p.m. Sunday to a home in the 700 block of Sandusky Drive in Pueblo West on the report of an armed suicidal man sitting in a vehicle in front of the residence. When deputies arrived, they learned the man, identified as Jason Monett, 50, had gone back into the home where he had access to multiple weapons. Two other people were in the house at the time.

Deputies spoke with Monett and attempted to get him to come outside. He refused to leave the home, threatening to shoot it out with the deputies. The other two occupants were able to get out of the residence safely. Deputies tried again to convince Monett to come out, but he continued to refuse. Deputies decided not to escalate the matter and left the home.

A little more than two hours later, Monett called the Pueblo County Sheriff's Communication Center and asked to speak to the lieutenant on duty. Monett told the lieutenant he had firearms, and he was going to look for the lieutenant so he could shoot him in the head. He also threatened to go to the Pueblo West Sheriff's Office substation and shoot it out with deputies there. He told the lieutenant that if any deputies attempted to do a traffic stop, it would "be bad for them." He also said that if deputies came to his house, he would shoot at them.

Deputies learned that Monett drove by the Pueblo West Sheriff's substation several times before returning to his home. With knowledge that Monett had access to firearms, the PCSO SWAT and crisis negotiations team were called out to assist with trying to get him to surrender peacefully.

After hours of negotiating, Monett finally agreed to come out of the home, and was taken into custody without incident. He was taken to a local hospital for medical clearance. Due to his actions and the threats made, Monett was arrested for first-degree assault and has been booked into the Pueblo County Jail.

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Deputies then sought and executed a search warrant at the home and of Monett's vehicle and located 11 firearms, including handguns, long guns, and rifles along with assorted ammunition. The guns and ammunition were taken for safekeeping.

"It's pretty scary when you have someone armed with guns, threatening to shoot at deputies, and then going out to look for them," said Pueblo County Sheriff David J. Lucero. "I'm super proud of my deputies and the lieutenant for how they handled this situation. The composure and professionalism they demonstrated under such tense circumstances is commendable. No one was injured, and all my deputies went home safely."

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