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## News Release

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### Sheriff's Deputies Arrest Man in Kidnapping of Aurora Woman

**Pueblo, CO:** Pueblo County Sheriff's deputies arrested a 28-year-old Fort Collins man early Monday morning in connection with a carjacking and kidnapping late Sunday night in Aurora. The arrest came following a nearly 30-mile-long vehicle pursuit on Interstate 25 that ended when deputies conducted a Pursuit Intervention Technique or PIT maneuver. The kidnapping victim was safely rescued.

Deputies were responding to a robbery at the Circle K store, 8950 S. Interstate 25 in Colorado City, when they learned the suspect had left the store in a 2020 grey Ford Escape. At about that same time, the carjacking victim's mother called the Pueblo County Sheriff's Communication Center to report her daughter had been kidnapped and her phone was pinging near the Circle K. The vehicle from the Circle K robbery also matched the vehicle of the victim in the kidnapping.

A deputy patrolling Interstate 25 saw the suspect vehicle going northbound on the interstate near the Pueblo Boulevard exit. The deputy attempted to stop the vehicle, but the driver fled southbound on Interstate 25, leading deputies on a dangerous, high-speed pursuit through south Pueblo County and into Huerfano County. The driver, who was later identified as Shane McSwane, refused to stop, crossing the interstate median multiple times, endangering other drivers on the interstate.

Huerfano County deputies successfully deployed stop sticks at mile marker 67, north of Walsenburg. The vehicle's tires deflated, but McSwane continued driving several more miles before Pueblo County Sheriff's Deputies did a PIT maneuver and, with assistance from Huerfano County deputies, were able to box the vehicle in near mile marker 64.

McSwane was taken into custody at gunpoint. The woman was rescued from the back of the vehicle. While visibly shaken and emotionally distraught, she was uninjured.

Deputies learned the woman was carjacked at about 11 p.m. Sunday, as she was stopped near Interstate 225 and Interstate 70 in Aurora due to a traffic accident. The victim said McSwane approached her vehicle and forced his way into her car. He threatened her and took control of the vehicle. He drove her against her will for nearly four hours, going as far south as the Town of Aguilar.

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While he drove around, McSwane made repeated sexual comments to the victim, touched her inappropriately, and forced her to touch him.

After stopping in Aguilar for gas, the victim said McSwane drove northbound on Interstate 25, stopping at Circle K in Colorado City. That's where he went inside and threatened to shoot the clerk if she didn't give him a lighter. The clerk was not injured.

McSwane was arrested for second-degree kidnapping, two counts of aggravated robbery, unlawful sexual contact, second-degree motor vehicle theft, two counts of menacing with a deadly weapon, felony vehicular eluding, reckless driving and driving under restraint. He was booked into the Pueblo County Jail.

McSwane could face additional charges as, during his arrest, the victim's debit card was found on him as well as drug paraphernalia. The victim's vehicle was seized, pending a search warrant. This is an active and ongoing investigation.

"I want to commend our deputies as well as the Huerfano County Sheriff's Office for their swift, professional, and courageous actions during this highly dangerous situation. Their decisive response saved this victim's life," said Pueblo County Sheriff David J. Lucero. "We are thankful this ended without harm to the victim and the public."

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