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## **News Release**

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### **Deputies Arrest Man in Burglary of Pueblo West Home**

**Pueblo, CO:** A 52-year-old man who claimed he was hired to move items from a Pueblo West home was arrested for burglary on Sunday after he was caught taking assorted tools and equipment from the residence.

Pueblo County Sheriff's deputies responded to a home in the 1000 block of Blackstone Drive after the homeowner reported that an unknown man was seen on a security camera loading items into a vehicle.

The property owner, who wasn't at the home at the time, arrived to find the man, later identified as Phillip J. Martinez, putting items into a car. The homeowner confronted Martinez and told him that he had called the Sheriff's Office. Martinez then left, walking northbound to Bear Gulch Lane.

Upon arrival, deputies identified the owner of the vehicle Martinez had left behind and went to that individual's residence. Deputies contacted Martinez at that residence, which was nearby. Martinez told deputies he was hired by the homeowner to help him move. The homeowner, who did not know Martinez, said he had not hired any movers.

Martinez was arrested for second-degree burglary, theft, criminal mischief, and a restraining order violation. Martinez has been booked into the Pueblo County Jail.

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