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Fictitious Vehicle Registration Leads to Arrest of Two for Drug Possession

Pueblo, CO: An alert Pueblo County Sheriff's deputy who contacted a man and woman after finding fictitious license plates on their vehicle, ended up arresting both individuals after discovering they were in possession of drugs.

The deputy was on routine patrol when he noticed a 2001 Chevy 2500 truck parked at Dollar General, 31001 U.S. Highway 50 East, had a temporary registration that did not match the vehicle. The deputy contacted a woman in the passenger seat, identified as Tamara Rodriguez, 30, and learned that she had two outstanding warrants. As deputies took Rodriguez into custody and conducted a routine pat search, they found nearly 8.5 grams of methamphetamine on her. Deputies also found assorted drug paraphernalia and a loaded handgun in a backpack belonging to Rodriguez.

A man, identified as Richard Rigg, 55, came out of the store told deputies the truck belonged to him. However, Rigg did not have proof of ownership and deputies elected to have the vehicle towed until ownership could be determined. Prior to the truck being towed, deputies conducted a preliminary inventory search of the vehicle and located a loaded handgun and two loaded magazines on the front seat, a M-4 style rifle, assorted body armor and assorted tools. Deputies also located a lunch bag that contained several bags of methamphetamine, approximately 40 Fentanyl pills and drug paraphernalia.

Rodriguez was arrested and booked into the Pueblo County Jail for unlawful possession of a controlled substance, unlawful distribution, manufacturing, dispensing of a controlled substance; possession of drug paraphernalia, special offender and the two outstanding warrants.

Rigg was arrested and booked into the Pueblo County Jail for unlawful possession of a controlled substance, unlawful distribution manufacturing, dispensing of a controlled substance, possession of burglary tools, possession of drug paraphernalia and special offender.

The investigation is ongoing, and additional charges may be forthcoming pending the outcome of the execution of a search warrant on the truck.

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