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## News Release

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### Detectives Arrest Man in Pueblo West Homicide

**Pueblo, CO:** Pueblo County Sheriff's Detectives obtained an arrest warrant Monday for a 38-year-old man in the November 18 homicide in Pueblo West.

Shawn Thomas Brotherton was booked Monday night on a new warrant for first-degree murder in the stabbing death of Scott Valencia, 46, of Pueblo West. Brotherton has been in Pueblo County Jail since he was arrested on November 19 on outstanding warrants, unrelated to the homicide.

On November 18, at about 9:50 p.m., Pueblo County Sheriff's deputies responded to a home in the 300 block of E. Stewart Drive in Pueblo West on a report of stabbing. While on their way to the call, deputies learned that Valencia had been taken by a private vehicle to a local hospital. Valencia was pronounced deceased at the hospital.

Witnesses told deputies that Valencia and Brotherton were arguing when it escalated into a physical altercation that led to the stabbing. Valencia was then driven to the hospital by a resident of the home. Brotherton left the area and was unable to be located that night. Detectives did recover a knife believed to be used in the stabbing.

Detectives contacted Brotherton on November 19, and he spoke with them, claiming the incident was an act of self-defense. After speaking with Brotherton, detectives learned that he was wanted on three outstanding warrants. Brotherton was arrested on those warrants and booked into the Pueblo County Jail.

On Monday, November 24, detectives obtained the arrest warrant for Brotherton in connection with the homicide. He is being held on a \$1 million cash-only bond.

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