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Deputies Make Arrests in Drive-By Shooting Spree in Pueblo West

Pueblo, CO: Pueblo County Sheriff's deputies arrested an 18-year-old man on 22 counts of attempted first-degree murder related to at least four drive-by shootings in Pueblo West. A juvenile male was also detained in connection with the shootings. No injuries were reported in any of the incidents.

Deputies arrested Alexander Thompson on Friday (November 28) after identifying him as a suspect in two separate drive-by shootings on Thanksgiving night (November 27) and two other drive-by shootings on Friday, November 28. Pueblo Police are also investigating Thompson in connection with at least one shooting in the City of Pueblo.

Deputies responded at about 8 p.m. Thursday on a report of shots fired at a home on Tenderfoot Lane and found the front window and door had been shot. Deputies discovered that one of the shots hit the back of a TV, which had several people sitting in front of it.

On Friday, November 28, deputies responded to a home on Matt Drive after the residents discovered their house had been shot. The residents said they heard what they thought could've been gunshots at about 7:30 p.m. Thursday but didn't realize their house had been hit. On Friday, they found that a vehicle in the driveway as well as the garage had been shot.

Then, at about 2:20 p.m. Friday, deputies responded to a home on Beshoar Drive after the residents reported their home had just been shot at, and a window and the side of the house were hit.

During the investigation into the three shootings, deputies were able to identify Thompson as a suspect and quickly obtained a description of the vehicle he was driving. A deputy on patrol in Pueblo West on Friday afternoon located the vehicle in the parking lot of McDonald's. Deputies found Thompson inside the restaurant and took him into custody without incident. A 16-year-old male who was with Thompson was also taken into custody.

Thompson confessed to being involved in the drive-by shootings at four locations in Pueblo West and another in the City of Pueblo. Deputies are still investigating the fourth suspected shooting, as the residents were not home at the time and were unaware of the shooting.

Thompson admitted to having disputes with individuals at each location, including two who were former girlfriends. Thompson said the juvenile drove the vehicle while he did the shooting in the Pueblo West incidents.

Deputies did see a weapon in plain view in Thompson's vehicle. The vehicle was seized and will be searched, pending a warrant.

Thompson was arrested on 22 counts of attempted first-degree murder, illegal discharge of a firearm, possession of a weapon while under the influence, and domestic violence. He has been booked into the Pueblo County Jail and is being held on a \$500,000 cash bond.

The juvenile was arrested for attempted first-degree murder (accomplice to the crime), criminal attempt, and accessory to a crime. He has been booked into the Zebulon Pike Youth Services Center in Colorado Springs.

This investigation is ongoing, and further charges could be forthcoming.

"I want to praise our deputies for the diligent work they did in investigating each of these incidents and tying them all together," said Pueblo County Sheriff David J. Lucero. "As a result of some great police work, they quickly identified a suspect and suspect vehicle. An observant deputy saw the suspect vehicle, and he, along with other deputies, was able to swiftly apprehend and take the suspect and his accomplice into custody."

"We are very thankful that nobody was injured in any of the incidents as there were families in the homes when this individual, with no regard for life, recklessly shot at these houses," Sheriff Lucero said. "I want the community to know that we will continue to investigate these incidents and ensure that those responsible are held accountable."

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