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News Release

Suspicious Activity Call Leads to Recovery of Stolen Vehicles, Three Arrests

Pueblo, CO: Suspicious activity reported at a residence in Salt Creek Wednesday afternoon led Pueblo County Sheriff's deputies to the discovery of three stolen vehicles and the arrest of two people in connection with the thefts. A third person was arrested on an outstanding warrant.

Sheriff's deputies responded to the 1400 block of Valencia St. after receiving a call from an individual who reported seeing two men working on vehicles that appeared to have been spray painted. When deputies arrived, they did see a man, identified as Doug Gibson, 41, working on a motorcycle that appeared to be stripped and was recently spray painted. Gibson told deputies he is a mechanic and was doing work on the motorcycle but said he didn't know who owned the bike. Deputies learned the 2021 Royal Enfield Himalayan motorcycle had been reported stolen earlier this month. The motorcycle was valued at $6,800

Deputies also discovered that a 2000 Ford Econoline truck that Gibson was working out of was reported stolen out of Aurora. The truck, which had numerous tools and parts that were visible from an open door, was valued at $21,000. Deputies also located a 2008 Chevy Camaro on the property that had been spray-painted black. The vehicle, valued at $8,000, had been reported stolen out of the City of Pueblo. A woman, identified as Brittany Martinez, 25, was sitting inside the vehicle. Several license plates were located inside the vehicle. Items belonging to Gibson also were found in the car.

Gibson was arrested on three counts of aggravated motor vehicle theft. Martinez was arrested on one count of aggravated motor vehicle theft and on an outstanding warrant. A third man, Jared Valdez, 22, was arrested on an outstanding warrant. All three individuals have been booked into the Pueblo County Jail.

"I want to commend the person who called us after seeing what they thought was suspicious activity. Their willingness to make a report led to the apprehension of these individuals and the recovery of stolen property," said Pueblo County Sheriff Kirk M. Taylor. "I want remind everyone that if you see something that doesn't seem right, don't be afraid to call law enforcement and report it. We will respond and check it out."

To report suspicious activity that appears to be an immediate threat call 9-1-1, or if it's non-emergent, call (719) 583-6250.

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