



PRESS RELEASE

City of Pueblo Police Department
**Officer-Involved Shooting on
Lamar Avenue**

October 23, 2018 [FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE]



On October 23, 2018 at approximately 4:25 a.m., Pueblo police officers responded to a residence in the 100 block of Lamar Avenue regarding a disturbance with shots fired.

Upon arrival, officers encountered an armed male on the front porch of the residence. Two officers fired at the male after a brief interaction. The male, identified as 34-year-old Michael Francisco, was struck by the officers and transported to a local hospital with apparent non-life-threatening injuries. Francisco underwent surgery and his current condition is unknown. Two females were on scene at the time of the shooting, neither of whom were injured. No officers were injured in the shooting.

The circumstances which led to the shooting are currently under investigation. The incident is being investigated by the Tenth Judicial District Critical Incident Team, which consists of the Colorado State Patrol, Colorado Bureau of Investigation, Pueblo County Sheriff's Office, Pueblo Police Department and the Tenth Judicial District Attorney's Office. Both officers have been placed on administrative leave per standard protocol.

Today's incident marks the Pueblo Police Department's sixth officer-involved shooting of 2018.

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