



News Release

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Detectives make arrests of carjacking suspects

Adams County, Colo. (March 26, 2021):

The Adams County Sheriff's Office report the arrest of two men subsequent a "Carjacking" and attempted Kidnapping incident on I-25.

On March 23rd, 2021 at approximately 6:00 p.m., deputies attempted to stop a vehicle operating erratically in the area of 70th Avenue and Broadway. The vehicle failed to stop, and deputies pursued the vehicle south on I-25. The suspect vehicle subsequently crashed after entering I-25 and two male suspects exited the vehicle on foot. The suspects began attempting to "carjack" passing vehicles on the interstate. One of the suspects, Dominic Perea, was able to stop a passing motorist, took the driver hostage, and attempted to flee in the vehicle. A deputy was able to break the glass of the vehicle and with the help of a passing Denver Police Officer and a citizen, subdue the suspect and rescue the hostage.

The second suspect, Joseph Wiley, escaped by jumping into the bed of a passing pick-up truck. The suspect exited the truck at the Conoco store in the 7400 block of Pecos Street and discarded a handgun. The suspect was apprehended by deputies after being found hiding in the bathroom of the store. The ACSO has requested the following charges or will:

Dominic Alex Perea, 30, of Broomfield

- 2nd Degree Kidnapping, class 2 felony
- Aggravated Robbery, a class 3 felony (several counts)
- 1st degree Criminal Trespass, a class 5 felony
- Vehicular Eluding, a class 5 felony
- Obstructing a Peace Officer
- Resisting Arrest
- Reckless Driving
- Careless Driving
- Leaving the Scene of an Accident
- Protection Order Violation

Joseph Gregory Wiley, of Denver

- Robbery, a class 4 felony
- Possession of a Weapon by a Previous Offender, a class 5 felony

Detectives were assisted by the 17th Judicial District Critical Incident Team and the Denver Police Department. Defendant Joseph Gregory Wiley is held in the Adams County Detention Facility pending further court proceedings. Defendant Dominic Alex Perea is in custody at an area hospital pending treatment for injuries sustained during the incident. The investigation is ongoing, and the defendants may face further charges in regard to this and other incidents.

The Adams County Sheriff's Office or North Metro Drug Task Force has determined that there is probable cause to make an arrest. The defendant(s) are presumed innocent until convicted in court. The 17th Judicial District (District Attorney) may decline to prosecute or refuse to file charges in this proceeding. Consequently, charges are often reduced, dropped, or dismissed.

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