

Pueblo police shoot suspect who brandished gun; - Pueblo Chieftain, The (CO) - March 7, 2018

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Two Pueblo Police officers are on paid administrative leave after shooting and killing a man who allegedly produced a handgun during a brief chase Tuesday evening.

Police came in contact with the suspect, who was later identified by Pueblo County Coroner Brian Cotter as 55-year-old **Steven Peters**, while responding to a report of a restraining violation order on the 900 block of East Ninth Street.

A female caller had told police that Peters was refusing to leave her home and was in possession of a firearm.

Peters reportedly left the woman's residence traveling on a bicycle and when officers approached him at the nearby intersection of East Ninth Street and North Lola Avenue, refused to comply with their commands and reportedly reached for his waistband.

Police say the officers deployed a stun gun on Peters but were unable to subdue him, due to the fact he was wearing a thick jacket that the instrument's barbs were unable to penetrate.

Peters resisted the stun gun and began running. After a short foot chase through the yards of neighboring homes, the officers found him in the backyard of a home on the 900 block of East Eighth Street.

It was at this point Peters allegedly produced a handgun, prompting the two officers to fire their service weapons.

Peters was pronounced dead at the scene and no officers or citizens were reported injured during the incident.

According to Pueblo Police Department spokesman Kenny Rider, the body cameras of both officers were recording at the time of the incident and an initial viewing of the footage collected showed the officers repeatedly commanding Peters to drop the gun before they eventually fired.

The names of the officers involved will be released at a later time.

The 10th Judicial District Critical Incident Team has begun its investigation into the shooting, which is standard protocol when a law enforcement official engages a criminal suspect with deadly force.

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