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Police Press Release

INCIDENT	Carjacking Suspect Arrested After Vehicle Pursuit
DATE - TIME	May 23, 2024 8:05 a.m.
LOCATION	City of Edgewater City of Denver
VICTIM	Name Withheld
SUSPECT	Roy Zacarias Acosta, 37-year-old Denver resident
PREPARED BY	Eric S. Sonstegard, Chief of Police
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Details

On Tuesday, May 21st, a carjacking was reported to the Edgewater Police Department in which a male adult forcefully removed a pregnant female from the driver's seat of her vehicle and stole her car. This incident occurred in the 2600 block of Ingalls Street. A report with suspect information was taken by officers at that time.

On Thursday, May 23rd, at approx. 8:05 a.m., Edgewater Police Officers were on scene of an unrelated motor vehicle accident in the 2400 block of Sheridan Blvd. when they were approached by the victims of the May 21st carjacking and advised that they had just seen their vehicle in the area and the carjacking suspect was driving. Based on the suspect description, officers had reason to believe he was 37-year-old Roy Zacarias Acosta, a fugitive out of the City of Denver wanted for numerous charges including numerous Aggravated Robberies (w/ a firearm) and Aggravated Motor Vehicle Theft. Acosta has an extensive violent criminal history including arrests for Attempted First Degree Murder, Felony Menacing, and Vehicular Assault.



Officers located the vehicle a short distance away and attempted to initiate a traffic stop but Acosta fled from the officers. A vehicle pursuit was initiated as he fled eastbound into the City of Denver. The pursuit continued for several minutes before officers lost sight of the vehicle in heavy traffic near 20th Street & Chestnut Place in the City of Denver. As officers arrived at that intersection, they observed that Acosta had struck another vehicle before fleeing on foot. Construction workers in the area directed responding officers to where Acosta was attempting to hide behind a parked vehicle and he was taken into custody. There were no injuries sustained in the vehicle collision at the termination of the incident.

Acosta was later transported by the Denver Police Department to be booked and charged on their charges of:

Aggravated Robbery (2x)

FTA-Possession of Controlled Substance with Intent to Distribute

FTA-Possession of a Weapon by a Previous Offender (POWPO)/Aggravated Motor Vehicle Theft

Acosta will also face additional charges from the Edgewater incident to include:

Robbery

1st Degree Motor Vehicle Theft

Vehicular Eluding

Possession of a Controlled Substance (Fentanyl)

Obstructing a Peace Officer



Ray Acosta

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