



September 8, 2021: On Wednesday, September 8, 2021 at approximately 6:38 a.m. Broomfield Police Officers responded to a report of a hit-and-run involving a truck and trailer on the shoulder of US 36, near the Wadsworth Blvd exit. It was quickly determined that the truck, trailer, and tools inside were reported stolen out of Westminster.

As officers arrived at the scene they spotted the suspect, later identified as James Ortiz (36), running away on foot. Ortiz entered the Harvest Station Apartments at 11775 Wadsworth Boulevard, kicked in a door to one of the apartment homes, and barricaded himself inside. Thankfully, the resident of the apartment was not home at the time.

A CodeRED was immediately sent out to residents of Harvest Station instructing them to shelter-in-place. Officers also began knocking on doors to alert residents of the situation and prepare them to evacuate. The Broomfield SWAT team was called to assist and took custody of Ortiz within 40 minutes. Ortiz threatened officers and resisted arrest.

After he was taken into custody he was treated for minor injuries at a nearby hospital and was medically cleared to be booked at the Broomfield Detention Center on charges of 1st Degree Burglary, 1st Degree Motor Vehicle Theft, Theft of \$20,000 to \$100,000, Criminal Mischief, Resisting Arrest, Obstruction, Possession of a Weapon by a Previous Offender, Felony Menacing, and two counts of Violation of Bond Conditions. A loaded gun was also recovered at the scene.

The Broomfield Police Department would like to thank the community for their cooperation and patience during this incident. If you would like to receive CodeRED emergency alerts in the future and are not yet registered, you can find information on how to sign up at <https://www.broomfield.org/2793/Emergency-Alerts>.