

Former Pueblo resident charged in \$1.5M Bellagio heist in Las Vegas - Denver Post

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A man arrested in the robbery of a Las Vegas casino was a longtime resident of Pueblo who moved there as he filed for bankruptcy protection here. The Las Vegas Review Journal reported Thursday that Anthony Michael Carleo, 29, who also went by the name Anthony Assad, had lived in Pueblo before moving to Vegas sometime in 2009.

U.S. Bankruptcy Court records for the Colorado district show that Carleo filed for Chapter 7 bankruptcy in May of 2009. His case listed debts including mortgages on four properties in Pueblo. He listed assets of about \$212,000 and liabilities of about \$356,000 in his petition.

He had just \$30 in his checking account and listed a Las Vegas address as his home.

The Review Journal reported

that Carleo was charged after he agreed to meet with undercover officers in an attempt to sell part of \$1.5 million in chips stolen from the Bellagio casino in December.

The thief in that case walked into the casino wearing a motorcycle helmet at 3:50 a.m., pulled a handgun at a craps table and demanded the chips. He was given the chips in denominations ranging from \$100 to \$25,000.

Carleo was a guest of the hotel at the time.

The Review Journal reported that Carleo had previously worked as a DJ, real estate broker and part-owner of a limo company with his stepfather.

He is the son of a Las Vegas Municipal Court judge.

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