

City Council / Police Community Advisory Board,  
Yesterday Grand Rapids Police Department, along with other area law enforcement, attempted to pick up an active “body only” arrest warrant in the NE part of GR. Adult male was confirmed to have multiple warrants with the most serious being a felony. Through past interactions / arrests, this individual is known to physically resist arrest.

Law enforcement converged on the scene and found evidence that the male party was inside but refused to open the door.

Grand Rapids Police Department was granted a day-time search warrant to enter the residence to make the arrest.

Law enforcement made entry and located the male in a rear bedroom. The individual refused to comply with law enforcement’s reasonable requests / commands. The individual was repeatedly warned of the different options / techniques that would be utilized by law enforcement without his compliance.

On scene staff appropriately assessed the situation and decided to deploy multiple rounds of nonlethal PepperBall irritant. Two minutes and thirty seconds later the individual was taken into custody without further incident. The versatility and effectiveness of PepperBall products were impressive. The ability to deploy a non-lethal tool, gain compliance, accomplish law enforcement goals, with no lasting effects, while improving officer safety makes this tool extremely valuable for today’s police.

Grand Rapids Police Department will be detailing PepperBall technology at an upcoming Police Community Advisory Board (PCAB) meeting. City Council is certainly welcome to attend and participate.

**PCAB**  
**March 20, 2025 at 4pm**  
**Grand Rapids Council Chambers**