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CRIME RING INDICTED ON 36 COUNTS

Denver District Attorney Bill Ritter, Jr. announced today the arrest and indictment of a 46-year-old Denver area woman and ten others in connection with organized crime activity that included fraud, theft, criminal impersonation and forgery.

Golda Harvey (DOB: 7-4-57) is charged by indictment with:

- Violating the Colorado Organized Crime Control Act (racketeering) F2 (one count)
- Conspiracy F4 (one count)
- Securities fraud F3 (nine counts)
- Theft F3 (two counts)
- Forgery F5 (eight counts)
- Criminal impersonation F6 (seven counts)
- Theft from an at-risk adult F3 (two counts)
- Attempted theft F4 (one count)
- First-degree aggravated motor vehicle theft F3 (five counts)

The indictment, which was unsealed today, alleges that Harvey headed up a criminal enterprise that engaged in a variety of illegal schemes and criminal activity. It alleges that the group acted with a common goal of stealing money, real property and motor vehicles through security fraud scams, equity skimming, forged documents and identity theft from December, 2000 up until her arrest on December 18, 2003.

Harvey remains in the Denver County Jail. Her bond has been set at \$1,000,000. She has been out on bond in a current federal case in which she was indicted on 89 counts.

Indicted with Harvey on similar charges were ten co-defendants: Albert Lujan (5-8-55), Bridget Kelley (5-11-77), Natalie Soria (5-7-69), Donnie Pierce (12-12-72), Mary Torres (7-30-75), Melanie Seely (7-5-79), Sylvia Meraz (12-29-74), Frank "Pete" Elliot, Jr. (8-5-65), and Robert Sanchez (4-18-80).

The investigation is on-going and additional charges are possible.