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## ***NEWS RELEASE***

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### **INDICTMENT HANDED DOWN IN SEX TRAFFICKING CASE**

A Denver Grand Jury has issued a 34-count indictment against a woman and two men accused of violating Colorado's Organized Crime Control Act by running a prostitution operation. The indictment is the result of an extensive two-year investigation by the Denver Police Department.

**Hong Tang** (dob: 06-22-80), **Baizhuang Pan** (dob: 03-08-76) and **Todd Powell** (dob: 04-02-64) are charged by indictment with multiple counts of racketeering (F2), conspiracy to commit pimping (F4), conspiracy to commit soliciting for child prostitution (F4), conspiracy to commit pandering of a child (F4), conspiracy to commit keeping a place of child prostitution (F4), conspiracy to commit keeping a place of prostitution (M1), pimping of a child (F3), pandering of a child (F3), procurement of a child (F3), inducement of child prostitution (F3), pimping (F3) and pandering (M3).

The indictment alleges that Tang ran a criminal enterprise in which she and other women and children employed by her enterprise engaged in thousands of acts of prostitution between October 2004 and August 2008, resulting in an annual income in excess of \$1 million dollars. The indictment further alleges that Pan and Powell facilitated and worked in concert with Tang in the enterprise and financially benefited from their participation. They also face a criminal forfeiture count seeking seizure of a house, two cars, and more than a million dollars (Approximately \$1,287,000).

All three defendants remain in custody in the Denver County Jail; bond is set at \$500,000 for Tang and Pan and \$50,000 for Powell. Their next court appearance has not yet been scheduled. This was a joint investigation by the Denver Police Department and the Denver District Attorney's Office.

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The filing of a criminal charge is merely a formal accusation that an individual(s) committed a crime(s) under Colorado laws. A defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty. *See Colo. RPC 3.6*