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**ATTORNEY GENERAL ANNOUNCES INDICTMENT
OF FOUR MEN INVOLVED IN FRONT RANGE IDENTITY THEFT RING**

DENVER — Colorado Attorney General John Suthers announced today that the Statewide Grand Jury has handed down an indictment of four Colorado men suspected of entering vehicles in public parking lots at churches, parks and other public areas in Adams, Arapahoe, Boulder, Broomfield, Douglas, El Paso and Jefferson counties and stealing people's identities.

According to the 101-count indictment, Victor Gabler (DOB: 5/8/1972), Travis Sheppard (DOB: 12/21/1972), Troy Degrote (DOB: 5/12/1973) and Jack Beierle (DOB: 11/13/1948) are suspected of using the stolen personal information to make fraudulent purchases of goods or gift cards at area stores, gas stations or restaurants.

The indictment, handed down in December 2009, covers a series of auto-trespasses linked to the suspected identity theft ring from October 2008 through April 2009.

Investigators from the Boulder County Sheriff's Office assisted the Office of the Attorney General in obtaining the indictment against Gabler, Sheppard, Degrote and Beierle. Prosecutors from the Office of the Attorney General's Special Prosecutions Unit and the Boulder County District Attorney's Office will present the cases against the defendants in Boulder County District Court.

Three of the four suspects, with the exception of Degrote, have either been arrested or issued a summons. If you have information on the whereabouts of Troy Degrote, please contact your local police department or sheriff's office.