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NEW INDICTMENT CHARGES THREE IN REVENUE THEFT

A Denver Grand Jury has returned a 97-count indictment in the theft of millions of dollars from the Colorado Department of Revenue. The indictment is the result of a joint investigation by the Department of Revenue and the Denver DA's Office.

Michelle Cawthra (dob: 08-27-76) is charged by indictment with one count of violating the Colorado Organized Crime Control Act (COCCA) (F2) and 66 other counts including 54 counts of forgery.

Hysear Randell (dob: 03-03-67) is charged by indictment with one count of violating the Colorado Organized Crime Control Act (COCCA) (F2) and 54 other counts including 17 counts of forgery and 27 counts of theft by receiving.

Trudy Randell (dob: 05-15-70) is charged by indictment with one count of violating the Colorado Organized Crime Control Act (COCCA) (F2) and 18 other counts including 9 counts of theft by receiving.

(The list of charges is attached below.)

The charges allege that all three participated in an illegal enterprise designed to steal money from the Colorado Department of Revenue between August 2005 and July 2007. The indictment alleges that Cawthra, through her position as a tax examiner, was able to divert large sums of money to businesses and bank accounts created by the enterprise to receive the stolen money.

Cawthra and Hysear Randell remain in custody in the Denver County Jail. Their bond is set at \$10,000,000 each. An arrest warrant for Trudy Randell has been issued; she is believed to be out of state. Her bond is set at \$1,000,000.

Cawthra and Hysear Randell will be formally advised of the new charges in Denver District Court possibly as early as next week.

The criminal charges filed earlier by Complaint and Information will be dismissed.

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

MICHELLE LYNN CAWTHRA (DOB: 8/27/76)Counts 1-64, 95-97 (67 counts)

VIOLATION OF COLORADO ORGANIZED CRIME CONTROL ACT, (F2) (1 count)

CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT COMPUTER CRIME, (F4) (2 counts)

CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT THEFT, (F4) (1 count)

CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT FORGERY, (F6) (1 count)

THEFT, (F3) (1 count)

COMPUTER CRIME, (F3) (2 counts)

CRIMINAL ATTEMPT TO COMMIT THEFT, (F4) (2 counts)

FORGERY, (F5) (54 counts)

CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT THEFT BY RECEIVING, (F4) (1 count)

EMBEZZLEMENT OF PUBLIC PROPERTY, (F5) (1 count)

CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT EMBEZZLEMENT OF PUBLIC PROPERTY, (F6) (1 count)

HYSEAR DON RANDELL DOB: 3/3/67(55 counts)

VIOLATION OF COLORADO ORGANIZED CRIME CONTROL ACT, (F2) (1 count)

CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT COMPUTER CRIME, (F4) (2 counts)

CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT THEFT, (F4) (1 count)

CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT FORGERY, (F6) (1 count)

THEFT, (F3) (1 count)

COMPUTER CRIME, (F3) (2 counts)

CRIMINAL ATTEMPT TO COMMIT THEFT, (F4) (1 count)

FORGERY, (F5) (17 counts)

THEFT BY RECEIVING, (F3) (27 counts)

CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT THEFT BY RECEIVING, (F4) (1 count)

CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT EMBEZZLEMENT OF PUBLIC PROPERTY, (F6) (1 count)

TRUDY RANDELL DOB: 5/15/70 (19 counts)

VIOLATION OF COLORADO ORGANIZED CRIME CONTROL ACT, (F2) (1 count)

CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT COMPUTER CRIME, (F4) (2 counts)

CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT THEFT, (F4) (1 count)

CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT FORGERY, (F6) (1 count)

THEFT, (F3) (1 count)

COMPUTER CRIME, (F3) (2 counts)

THEFT BY RECEIVING, (F3) (9 counts)

CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT THEFT BY RECEIVING, (F4) (1 count)

CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT EMBEZZLEMENT OF PUBLIC PROPERTY, (F6) (1 count)
