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FOUR MEN CHARGED IN RENTAL CAR THEFTS

Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey has formally charged four men accused of renting cars under phone names and never returning them. The charges are the result of a Denver Police Department investigation conducted by Denver police detectives at DIA that has been on-going for several months.

Ismael Marrufo (dob: 01-02-88) is charged with three counts of *theft* (F3), two counts of *conspiracy to commit theft* (F4), *attempted theft* (F4), *forgery* (F5), *criminal impersonation* (F6) and *possession of a forged instrument* (F6).

Ramiro Escarsega (dob: 01-02-88) is charged with *theft* (F3), three counts of *conspiracy to commit theft* (F4), *attempted theft* (F4), *forgery* (F5), *criminal impersonation* (F6) and *possession of a forged instrument* (F6).

Zerafin Munoz-Lozano (dob: 10-10-75) is charged with *theft* (F3), *conspiracy to commit theft* (F4), *criminal impersonation* (F6) and *possession of a forged instrument* (F6).

Marco Nunez-Peralta (dob: 05-30-74) is charged with *theft* (F3) and *attempted theft* (F4).

Denver police have been working with various rental car agencies for several months investigating the theft of rental cars in which people would use phony identification to rent a vehicle that was never returned. The charges allege that all four were involved in the thefts. According to the probable cause statement, some of the vehicles were recovered by Border Patrol Agents trying to enter Mexico, at least two were later found abandoned. Others have not been recovered and are believed to be out of the country.

All four defendants remain in custody in the Denver County Jail with bond set at \$15,000. They are scheduled to appear in Denver County Court, room 12T, on October 10, 2007 at 9 a.m. to be formally advised of the charges.