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WOMAN CHARGED IN UNEMPLOYMENT SCHEME

A Denver Grand Jury has returned an indictment charging a 61-year-old woman in connection with an ongoing unemployment scam that resulted in hundreds of thousands of dollars in losses.

Adell Rastutis (dob: 09-05-45) is charged with a total of 51 felony counts:

Computer crime (F3) – sixteen counts

Theft (F3) – eight counts

Forgery (F5) – twenty counts

Criminal impersonation (F6) – seven counts

The indictment alleges that Rastutis registered phony businesses with the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment and then assumed various false identities that enabled her to fraudulently receive unemployment benefits. The indictment alleges that the scheme has been going on since 1994 and resulted in losses of more than \$400,000. The scam was discovered in September 2006 by auditors and investigators for the Department of Labor and Employment who, along with the Colorado Attorney General's Office, have assisted with the ongoing investigation.

The indictment was handed down on March 7, 2007 and was unsealed on March 9, 2007 once Rastutis had been arrested. She remains in custody in the Denver County Jail; her bond is set at \$100,000. She is scheduled to appear in Denver District Court, courtroom 1, on March 15, 2007 at 8:30 a.m. to be formally advised of the charges.