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## ***NEWS RELEASE***

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### **GUILTY PLEAS IN PROSTITUTION RING CASE**

Two of three people indicted by a Denver Grand Jury for violating Colorado's Organized Crime Control Act by running a prostitution operation have pleaded guilty today.

**Hong Tang** (dob: 06-22-80) pleaded guilty to violating COCCA (F2) and pimping (F3).

**Baizhuang Pan** (dob: 03-08-76) pleaded guilty to violating COCCA (F2) and conspiracy to commit pimping (F4).

A third co-defendant, Todd Powell, is scheduled for a motions hearing January 20, 2009.

Tang and Pan are scheduled for a sentencing hearing on February 3, 2009 at 8:30 a.m. in Denver District Courtroom 16. Under the guilty plea agreement, Tang will be sentenced to four years in prison and Pan will be sentenced to two years in prison. For each defendant an additional eight year prison sentence will be imposed, which will be suspended based on the defendants complying with 10 years of probation, with one condition being that they cooperate with deportation proceedings to China. They will also face forfeiture of money and property seized in the case which exceeds \$1,000,000 in value.