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DENVER BUSINESSMAN INDICTED ON 59 COUNTS

A Denver Grand Jury has returned a 59-count indictment today charging a Denver businessman with racketeering, securities fraud, theft and forgery. The indictment is the result of a joint investigation between the Denver DA's Economic Crime Unit and the Colorado Division of Securities.

Mark J. Jackson (dob: 09-09-54) is charged by indictment with *violating the Colorado Organized Crime Control Act* (F2), eleven counts of *securities fraud* (F3), seventeen counts of *theft* (F3) and thirty counts of *forgery* (F5).

The charges allege that beginning in 1995 Jackson portrayed himself as a successful day trader and took money from investors with promises of returns from 12 to 36 percent. The charges further allege that instead of investing the money, Jackson used it to pay other investors and also used investor money for his personal benefit. The charges also allege that Jackson prepared phony profit and loss statements and other documents with false statements. Victim losses of both principle and interest are estimated to be in the millions of dollars.

Jackson is expected to surrender later this week; his bond is set at \$50,000.

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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

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