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ID THEFT RINGLEADER SENTENCED TO PRISON

A man who led a group of identity thieves in the Denver area has been sentenced to 16 years in prison today by a Denver District Court judge.

Shadwick Weaver (04-01-73) pleaded guilty earlier this spring to violating the Colorado Organized Crime Control Act (F2). In addition to the 16-year prison term, Weaver was ordered to pay \$11,250.60 in restitution.

He and four other co-defendants stole and used more than 80 victim names and created hundreds of phony IDs, counterfeit checks and credit cards. The group's goal was to buy methamphetamine.

The group worked together under Weaver to pass phony credit cards that appeared to be real but didn't have a magnetic strip. They explained to business clerks that it was a "temporary" card and asked them to enter the card number manually. The card numbers were stolen from valid and active accounts.

Weaver's four co-defendants have all pleaded guilty and are each serving sentences ranging from 2 years of probation to 6 years in Community Corrections.

The investigation that led to the original indictment was a joint effort between the Aurora Police Department's Economic Crime Unit and the Denver District Attorney's Economic Crime Unit.