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MAN PORTRAYING HIMSELF AS A LAWYER SENTENCED TO 10 YEARS

A man portraying himself as a lawyer and stealing money from his “clients” was sentenced today to 10 years in the Department of Corrections and five years parole.

Tullio Andrew Ragusin (dob: 05-23-57) was charged earlier this year with numerous felony counts of theft and criminal impersonation. He pleaded guilty to two counts of *theft* (F3, F4) representing all victims July 20, 2010.

Ragusin portrayed himself as a licensed attorney and charged 12 victims for legal services that were never performed or were performed incorrectly or incompletely. The court ordered Ragusin to pay \$590,000 in restitution.

Chief Deputy of the Economic Crimes Unit Joe Morales prosecuted the case.

Ragusin, who remained in custody during the court proceedings, was remanded to immediately begin his sentence.

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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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