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## ***NEWS RELEASE***

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### **MAN CHARGED IN REAL ESTATE AND RENTAL SCAM**

Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey has formally charged a man accused of selling and renting homes he didn't own, victimizing unsuspecting renters and buyers who are primarily Spanish-speaking.

**Alfonso Carrillo** (dob: 11-17-61) is charged with multiple counts of theft (F4), forgery (F5) and offering a false instrument for recording (F5).

He is accused of filing phony deeds on houses vacated through foreclosure, then gaining access and posing as the owner. The charges allege he took thousands of dollars in payments from unsuspecting potential home buyers and then gave them fraudulent deeds to properties. The actual property owners were unaware the property had been "sold." The allegations further allege that he targeted Spanish-speaking home buyers, often undocumented, who may be reluctant to work with law enforcement out of fear.

**Rudy Breda** (09-12-58) is also wanted in connection with the scam, accused of recording phony deeds with the Denver Clerk and Recorder's Office. Breda is currently at large.

Carrillo, who was charged in October, appeared in court today; his case was bound over into District Court. Carrillo has been released from custody on a \$10,000 bond and he is now scheduled to appear in Denver District Courtroom 5D on January 6, 2012, at 8:30 a.m. for arraignment.

The investigation is continuing and there is concern that there may be additional victims.