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NEW INDICTMENT IN REAL ESTATE SCAM NOW NAMES WIFE

The wife of a man already indicted by a Denver Grand Jury for violating Colorado's racketeering law now faces similar charges in a superseding indictment filed last week in Denver District Court. Two people who faced indictment earlier are now listed as victims in the new indictment.

Maria Carrillo (06-02-62) is now charged with violating the Colorado Organized Crime Control Act (COCCA, F2) and other felony counts of forgery, conspiracy to commit forgery and attempt to influence a public servant.

Alfonso Carrillo (dob: 11-17-61) **Rudy Breda** (dob: 09-12-58) remain charged with violating the Colorado Organized Crime Control Act (F2) and multiple counts of theft (F4), burglary (F3) and criminal trespass (F5). Carrillo is charged with 7 new counts for a total of 25 separate counts; Breda is still charged with 10 separate counts.

The indictment generally alleges that Carrillo found homeowners facing foreclosure and convinced them to relinquish their property for a nominal fee, misrepresenting it as a way to avoid foreclosure. The charges further allege that he and Breda would then "sell" the properties to others using phony documents. The charges further allege that Carrillo and Breda also illegally gained access to empty homes and took thousands of dollars in payments from unsuspecting "buyers" who were later forced to vacate the properties once the mortgage lenders or actual property owners discovered people living there unlawfully. The allegations further allege that they targeted Spanish-speaking home buyers, often undocumented and often reluctant to work with law enforcement out of fear.

Jose Caraveo and **Veronica Fernandez-Beleta** were named co-defendants in the earlier indictment. They no longer face charges and are now listed as victims of theft.

Carrillo remains in custody on a \$300,000 bond; Breda remains at large.