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GRAND JURY INDICTS FOUR IN AUTO THEFT/DRUG RING

A Denver Grand Jury has returned a 66-count indictment naming four people in a major car theft and drug distribution operation that targeted victims throughout the Denver area. The indictment is the result of a 5 month investigation by the Metropolitan Auto Theft Task Force, Denver Police Department and East Metro Auto Theft Task Force.

Eric Uriah Holmes is charged by indictment with violating the Colorado Organized Crime Control Act (COCCA) (F2) and numerous other counts including *forgery, first-degree aggravated motor vehicle theft, forgery, fraud by check, conspiracy-controlled substances, conspiracy to commit theft, attempt to influence a public servant and violation of the Pawnbroker's Act.*

The charges allege that Holmes and three others engaged in numerous schemes to obtain money and property to use for living expenses and to obtain controlled substances, namely heroin and methamphetamine. As part of the enterprise, Holmes allegedly opened bank accounts with little or no funds, and then used those accounts to write checks to purchase vehicles, pay rent, purchase merchandise, and pay for education and living expenses. There were at least 30 motor vehicle thefts or attempts to steal motor vehicles, totaling almost one million dollars. Holmes also allegedly submitted false information to the Department of Human Services and insurance companies to obtain money through fraud and deceit. The other participants assisted Mr. Holmes in obtaining money, services and property, and then sharing the funds to pay for daily living expense and to obtain controlled substances.

Cathrina Ann Woodvine (dob: 06-25-81) is also charged by indictment for violating the *Colorado Organized Crimes Control Act (COCCA) (F2), multiple counts of aggravated motor vehicle theft, and drug possession with intent to distribute.*

Nathaniel Everett Gene Menning (dob: 05-09-84) and **James Andrew Deichsel** (dob: 06-26-90) are also charged by indictment with forgery (F5) and theft (M1).

Holmes is charged with 56 counts, Woodvine is charged with 11 counts, Deichsel is charged with 3 counts and Menning is charged with 2 counts. They are all scheduled to appear in Denver District Court on September 16, 2013 at 8:30 a.m. in courtroom 4H for arraignment.