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### **EIGHT INDICTED IN RACKETEERING SCHEME**

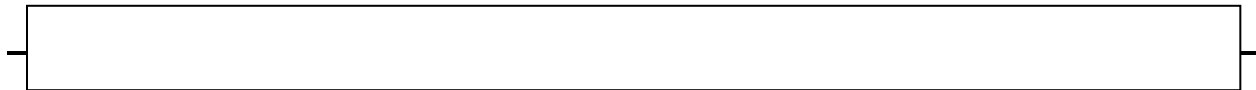
A Denver Grand Jury has handed down a 137-count indictment accusing eight people, mostly from the same family, of taking part in a racketeering scheme that allegedly resulted in more than \$900,000 in losses from various businesses and financial institutions.

**Andres Torres** (dob: 11-05-67), **Robert Torres** (dob: 02-25-58), **Elena Romero** (dob: 05-07-40), and **Monica Quintero Cota** (dob: 10-22-92) were each charged with *violating the Colorado Organized Crime Control Act (F2), money laundering (F3), aggravated motor vehicle theft (F3), theft (F3) and forgery (F5)* in addition to other felony charges. Four additional co-defendants were also indicted on related felony charges.

The defendants, which include three brothers, their mother, one of their daughters and other family members, are accused of forging checks and loan applications, and then using the money for personal gain. They are also accused of using false employment information to secure car loans, creating fraudulent documents to remove the liens and then securing the cars' titles to resell the cars.

Andres Torres, Robert Torres and Gabriel Torres remain in custody in the Denver Detention Center; they are scheduled to appear in Denver District Courtroom 5H for their first appearance on Friday, August 1<sup>st</sup>. Elena Romero and the other co-defendants have bonded out and are scheduled to appear in Denver District Courtroom 5H on August 4, 2014 at 8:30 a.m. for their appearance. Monica Quintero-Cota remains at large.

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