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81-COUNT GRAND JURY INDICTMENT

A Denver Grand Jury has returned an 81-count indictment against eight people accused of identity theft and forgery throughout the Denver metro area. The indictment is the result of an extensive year-long investigation by the United States Postal Inspection Service in Denver, with assistance from Denver and Aurora police departments.

Quinetta Hunter (07-17-82) and **Tasha Phillips** (01-31-77) are charged by indictment with violating the Colorado Organized Crime Control Act (F2), conspiracy to commit identity theft (F5), conspiracy to commit forgery (F6), and numerous other felony crimes.

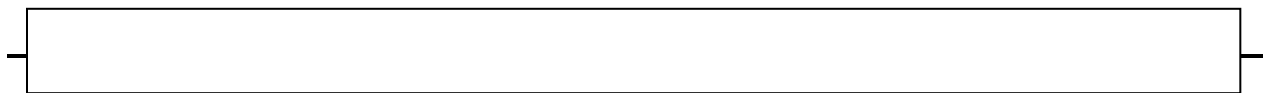
Six co-defendants are also charged with multiple felony counts including conspiracy to commit identity theft (F5), conspiracy to commit forgery (F6), and theft (F6) –

Ernest Daniels (08-18-70), **Matrice Ford** (02-27-81), **Shaqweila Phillips** (11-07-89), **Tony Phillips** (11-10-85), **Tashena Reid** (03-18-91), and **Destinee Segura** (05-29-93).

The charges allege that Hunter and Phillips, with the help of others, stole tens of thousands of dollars from grocery stores, credit unions and banks, as well as co-workers, relatives and an at-risk adult. The charges allege that they stole checks from mailboxes, passed counterfeit and forged checks, and in numerous instances committed identity theft. The indictment lists 35 victims of identity theft, losses of \$49,000, and attempted theft of an additional \$11,000.

Hunter and Phillips have been taken into custody today; their court dates have not yet been set.

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