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SEPARATE RACKETEERING CASES END WITH PRISON

Two separate racketeering cases indicted last year as a result of work by the Metro Auto Theft Task Force are now concluded with lengthy prison sentences.

Scott Diehl (dob: 08-03-70) has pleaded guilty to violating Colorado's Organized Crime Control Act, COCCA (F2) and has been sentenced to 16 years in prison. He was accused of breaking into gym storage lockers throughout the metro area to retrieve car keys and personal information, then using that information to break into the victims' cars and apartments.

A co-defendant, **Zachary Bowman** (dob: 03-27-73, pleaded guilty earlier to the same charge and was sentenced to 8 years in a community corrections program. Bowman disposed of the stolen goods as well as falsely posed as a Navy veteran. Bowman and Diehl also had metal plates for making counterfeit currency.

In a separate case, **Nathan Johnson** (dob: 02-13-85) has pleaded guilty to violating the Colorado Crime Control Act, COCCA, (F2) and has been sentenced to 20 years in prison.

Johnson and co-defendant **Shelby Coombes** (dob: 07-04-92) broke into vehicles and stole property including tools, electronics, credit cards, and personal identification. They stole older model vehicles, and sold them to scrap yards often before victims even knew their vehicle had been stolen. There were more than 90 known victims. Coombes pleaded guilty earlier to the same charge and was sentenced to a 12 year prison term that was suspended upon successfully serving 150 days in jail and 5 years of probation.

The cases were prosecuted by Denver Deputy DA Kenneth Boyd.

