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GRAND JURY INDICTS “TOW COMPANY” FOR STEALING CARS

A Denver Grand Jury has handed down a 44-count indictment that charges a Denver man with violating Colorado’s Organized Crime Control Act and accuses him of working with two other people to repeatedly steal cars by posing as a towing company.

Ostell Shawn Miles (dob: 08-06-70) is charged with *violating the Colorado Organized Crime Control Act* (F2) and 38 other counts including *aggravated motor vehicle theft* (F4), *theft* (F4), *forgery* (F5) and *conspiracy to commit identity theft* (F5).

Alyssa Lamb (dob: 02-24-92) and **John Ecoffey** (dob: 10-25-89) are also charged by indictment with numerous felony counts including *aggravated motor vehicle theft* (F4).

The charges allege that Miles used numerous business names to pose as a towing company, including 24 Hour Towing, ASAP Towing, Poundstone Towing, Denver Towing, Pro-Tech Automotive and Lamb Enterprises. He and his co-defendants responded to calls for towing services, hooked up the vehicles, and stole them. The indictment identifies 10 victims and losses of almost \$169,000, but it is possible there are additional victims. Anyone who has had their car towed by one of the above companies and cannot locate their vehicle should contact the Denver DA’s Office at 720-913-9000.

Miles pleaded guilty to theft last year in a similar case, and was charged in a second new case before the Grand Jury began its investigation. He is scheduled to appear in Denver District Courtroom 5D on January 26, 2015, at 8:30 a.m. for his first appearance on the indictment. He has been released from custody on a \$150,000 bond.