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### **DUELING PIANOS ROADSHOW FOUNDER SENTENCED TO PRISON**

The founder of a local entertainment company who pleaded guilty earlier to racketeering has been sentenced to 20 years in the Colorado Department of Corrections.

**James Casimir “Caz” Bzdek** (04-01-73) pleaded guilty in May to violating the *Colorado Crime Control Act (COCCA)*, (F2). In exchange for his guilty plea, other counts of money laundering, identity theft, and forgery.

Bzdek used Dueling Pianos Roadshow, a legitimate business, to illegally obtain credit card numbers and bank account information from clients and employees, and then used that information to steal money. Bzdek billed clients multiple times and kept the extra amount, and also opened credit card processing accounts in victims’ names to commit credit card fraud. Bzdek was already on probation for an earlier theft case, and was prohibited from opening bank accounts and entering into financial contracts. Losses to victims totaled more than \$200,000.

The case was prosecuted by Denver Deputy DA Darryl Shockley.