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MOTHER AND SON SCAMMERS CHARGED AGAIN

Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey has formally charged a man and his mother in another new scam, allegedly committed while they were completing sentences for earlier similar crimes.

Andres Torres (dob: 11-05-67) is charged with six counts of *identity theft* (F4) and six counts of *forgery* (F5).

Elena Romero (dob: 05-07-40) is charged with one count of *tampering with a victim* (F4).

The charges allege that Torres stole the identity of an acquaintance, then advertised a single family residence for rent on Craigslist, identifying himself and claiming to be the victim of the identity theft to the unsuspecting renter. Torres then allegedly forged lease agreements and checks made payable to the identity theft victim and enlisted the help of Romero's boyfriend to negotiate the checks. Romero is accused of contacting the identity theft victim and asking him to lie to investigators.

Torres and Romero were indicted in 2014 for violating the Colorado Organized Crime Control Act. Torres is still currently serving a 25-year Community Corrections sentence; Romero is still serving 4 years of probation.

Torres was taken into custody on the new charges last Friday and remains in custody in Denver; his bond is set at \$2,500. He is scheduled to appear in Denver County Courtroom 2100 tomorrow, November 23, 2016, at 8:30 to be formally advised of the charges. Romero was arrested in Adams County where she is being held in lieu of \$5,000 bond. Her next court date has not yet been set.