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OFFICER PLEADS GUILTY/SENTENCED IN THEFT CASE

A Denver police officer charged last November with the October 2016 theft of money from a crime scene car crash he was investigating pleaded guilty last Friday and immediately sentenced.

Julian Archuleta (dob: 03-18-1968) pleaded guilty to one count of *first degree official misconduct* (M2) and one added count of *second degree theft* (M2). He was sentenced to 18 months probation. Archuleta immediately resigned from the Denver Police Department after his plea and sentencing.

On October 7, 2016, Archuleta was on-duty assisting at a crime scene when he stole \$1,200 in cash from a suspect's vehicle at the scene of an accident at W. 50th Ave. and N. Washington Street. The accident occurred when two suspects in a vehicle fired shots in the direction of two parked police vehicles, after which a short pursuit ensued, resulting in the suspect vehicle's single car rollover. The Denver District Attorney's Office subsequently charged Archuleta with *tampering with physical evidence* (F6), *theft* (M1) and two counts of *first-degree official misconduct* (M2).