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ONE RINGLEADER SENTENCED IN PROLIFIC BURGLARY RING

4 More Key Defendants Await Sentencing

The first of seven leaders among 28 people named in a May 2016, 139-count Denver Grand Jury indictment accused of taking part in a prolific burglary ring that victimized more than 50 people over a period of more than two years was sentenced last Friday.

Mamadou Diallo (dob: 05-14-1996) was sentenced April 28 to 15 years in the Department of Corrections and ordered to pay \$74,525 in restitution. Diallo pled guilty on February 2, 2017, to the major count against him and six others, violating the *Colorado Organized Crime Control Act-COCCA* (F2), and to one count of *second degree burglary* (F3).

On Thursday, May 4 the following *COCCA* defendants are to be sentenced: **Mohamed Tagir** (dob: 06-12-1995) and **Emanuel Makoi** (dob: 08-03-1996), who each previously pleaded guilty to the *COCCA* felony and to one count of *second degree burglary*, and another defendant charged with the *COCCA* felony, **Baidy Dia** (dob: 09-03-1994) who previously pleaded guilty to *second degree burglary*.

Mohammed Arbab (dob: 05-28-1990) has also pleaded guilty to the *COCCA* felony and to one count of *second degree burglary* and is to be sentenced on June 16.

The two other *COCCA* defendants, **Najib Mahamoud** (dob: 07-04-1994) and **Gallo Dia** (dob: 05-02-1985), have upcoming arraignment hearings in district court.

The seven *COCCA* defendants and the other 21 co-defendants were additionally charged with numerous other felonies and misdemeanors, including theft, motor vehicle theft, burglary, criminal mischief and conspiracy.

The 2016 indictment charged Diallo and the 27 other defendants with burglarizing homes and stealing cars between 2014 and May 2016, causing more than \$400,000 in losses to victims, more than \$23,000 in property damage and more than \$70,000 in car theft losses. The indictment alleged that members of the criminal enterprise would locate homes in which the owner was not at home, and would often break a glass window or door to get inside and steal valuables including jewelry, electronics, weapons, alcohol, clothing and credit cards. The stolen items were shared, used, or disposed of through a variety of different methods such as pawnbrokers, internet advertisements, second-hand stores, face-to-face meetings on the street

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and through dealers in stolen merchandise (fences). The burglary ring operated primarily in Denver Districts Two and Three, in northeast and southeast Denver, from roughly east of Broadway and from just north of I-70 all the way south.

Of the other 21 defendants named in the indictment, arrest warrants remain active for three, cases against three were dismissed, and the other 15 cases are in various stages of the criminal justice process, from already sentenced to upcoming arraignments, sentencing and trials.

The indictment was the result of work by Denver Police detectives in District Three and District Two who first noticed a pattern of criminal activity and worked with the Denver DA's Economic Crime Unit and its investigator to take the case to the Grand Jury. The Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office and U.S. Homeland Security Investigations were also instrumental in assisting the investigation.

The indictment and prosecution of the cases against Diallo and the other defendants is led by Chief Deputy District Attorney Zach McCabe.

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