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FOUR MEN CHARGED WITH CRIMES INVOLVING SIX ROBBERIES

Denver District Attorney Beth McCann has formally charged four men in connection with a string of robberies and an attempted robbery earlier this year.

Alfredo Ray Garcia (dob: 10-15-1978) is charged with 44 criminal counts: one count of *violation of the Colorado Organized Crime Control Act (COCCA)* (F2), one count of *second degree kidnapping* (F2), one count of *first degree burglary* (F3), twelve counts of *aggravated robbery* (F3), one count of *escape* (F3), two counts of *criminal attempt to commit aggravated robbery* (F4), ten counts of *menacing* (F5), and 16 counts of *crime of violence* (sentence enhancer). Charges against Garcia were filed on July 27, 2017. Garcia is in custody in New Mexico where he was arrested earlier this month on a Colorado Department of Corrections warrant.

Celestino Mendoza (dob: 07-02-1989) is charged with 40 criminal counts: one count of *violation of the Colorado Organized Crime Control Act (COCCA)* (F2), one count of *second degree kidnapping* (F2), one count of *first degree burglary* (F3), ten counts of *aggravated robbery* (F3), one count of *escape* (F3) two counts of *criminal attempt to commit aggravated robbery* (F4), ten counts of *menacing* (F5), and 14 counts of *crime of violence* (sentence enhancer). Mendoza was charged on July 27, 2017. Mendoza is in the Department of Corrections—Crowley County.

Angelito Arechiga (dob: 03-25-1996) and cousin **Louis Arechiga** (dob: 07-08-1998) are each charged with two counts of *aggravated robbery* (F3), and two counts of *crime of violence* (sentence enhancer). Angelito Arechiga was arrested on July 12, 2017, and charges filed on July 19; Louis Arechiga was arrested on July 17, 2017, and charges filed on July 19. Both are in custody in the Denver city jail.

The defendants are variously alleged to have been involved in a string of robberies and an attempted robbery that occurred in May and June this year:

- May 23 robbery of a Community Banks of Colorado branch in the 3400 block of W. 32nd Avenue (the Arechigas and Garcia);
- June 6 robbery of the Premier Insurance Group in the 200 block of S. Sheridan Boulevard (Garcia and Mendoza);
- June 9 attempted robbery of a KFC store in the 1600 block of N. Federal Boulevard (Garcia and Mendoza);

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- June 12 robbery of a Cricket store in the 2700 block of W. Alameda Avenue (Garcia and Mendoza);
- June 13 robbery of a Pleasures store in the 3200 block of W. Alameda Avenue (Garcia and Mendoza);
- June 14 robbery of a BBVA Compass Bank branch in the 3800 block of W. 32nd Avenue (Garcia and Mendoza).

Additionally, Garcia and Mendoza allegedly left a halfway house they were residing without authorization, resulting in the escape charges filed against the two.

Louis Arechiga is scheduled to appear in Denver County courtroom 2100 on August 2 at 9:00 a.m. for 2nd advisement; Angelito Arechiga is scheduled to appear in courtroom 2100 on August 9 at 8:00 a.m. for a preliminary hearing; and Mendoza is scheduled to appear in courtroom 2100 on August 15 at 9:00 a.m. for 2nd advisement.

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The filing of a criminal charge is merely a formal accusation that an individual(s) committed a crime(s) under Colorado laws. A defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty. See Colo. RPC 3.6