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TWO MEN SENTENCED FOR CRIMES INVOLVING SIX ROBBERIES
Cases Pending for Two Other Defendants

Two of four men charged last summer in connection with a string of robberies have pleaded guilty and sentenced to prison.

Alfredo Ray Garcia (dob: 10-15-1978) pleaded guilty April 9 to one count of *robbery* (F4) and four counts of *habitual criminal* (sentence enhancers) and was immediately sentenced to 24 years in prison. Garcia was originally charged last July with multiple criminal counts, including *violation of the Colorado Organized Crime Control Act (COCCA)* (F2), *second degree kidnapping* (F2), *first degree burglary* (F3), *aggravated robbery* (F3), and *menacing* (F5).

Angelito Arechiga (dob: 03-25-1996) pleaded guilty to one count of *robbery* (F4) in February and sentenced in March to five years in prison. He was originally charged last July with *aggravated robbery* (F3).

Co-defendant **Celestino Mendoza** (dob: 07-02-1989) is scheduled for arraignment on May 7.

Co-defendant **Louis Arechiga** (dob: 07-08-1998) is scheduled for a disposition hearing on April 23.

The defendants are variously alleged to have been involved in a string of robberies and an attempted robbery that occurred in May and June 2017:

- 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);
- 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).