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Two Individuals Charged in Armed-Robbery Sprees of MetroPCS Stores and Pawn Shops (Lujan, Romero)

DENVER—Denver District Attorney Beth McCann has formally filed charges against two individuals in connection with the alleged armed robberies of five Denver-area Metro PCS stores, two area pawn shops and for a drive by shooting in Pueblo, Colorado. The charges are the result of a multi-jurisdictional investigation by the Littleton Police Department, the Denver Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives Denver Field Division which began in October 2018.

Danny Lujan (19-years old) and Anastasia Romero (19-years old) are each charged with nine counts of aggravated robbery (F3), three counts of first degree kidnapping (F2) and nine counts of menacing (F5) in addition to other charges.

Coined “The Apple Dumpling Gang” by law enforcement because they allegedly stole Apple iPhones from MetroPCS stores, Lujan and his half-sister, Romero also allegedly stole 21 guns from Pawn Bank in Littleton, Colorado. They face charges of kidnapping as part of those incidents.

The robberies occurred as follows:

- 05/29/18 - Metro PCS, 7260 S. Monaco St., Commerce City
- 10/16/18 - Metro PCS, 1934 W. Mississippi Ave., Denver
- 10/17/18 – Pawn Bank, 1360 W. Littleton Blvd., Littleton
- 11/27/18 – Metro PCS, 2960 S. Federal Blvd., Denver
- 12/09/18 – Metro PCS, 5320 W. 38th Ave., Wheat Ridge
- 12/17/18 – First Cash Pawn, 2551 Sheridan Blvd., Edgewater

Charges against both defendants were filed with Denver County Court on December 31, 2018. The preliminary hearing for Lujan and Romero is scheduled for January 24, 2019, at 8:00 am.