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## ***NEWS RELEASE –***

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### **Denver DA Announces Five Individuals Indicted in Auto-Theft Ring**

**DENVER**—A Denver Grand Jury indicted five people accused of feeding their heroin and methamphetamine habits by stealing more than \$1,200,000 in automobiles and other property. The Denver DA today announced that between February 2018 and June 2020, it is alleged that Miriam Alvarez (age 28), Alan Lopez-Reyes (age 26), Pedro Marrufo-Garcia (age 32), Robert Mills (age 26), and Uriel Ureno-Garcia (age 31) were members of an enterprise that stole approximately 70 motor vehicles from parking lots and hotels around Denver International Airport and elsewhere around the Denver metro-area concentrating on Ford F-Series trucks and Chevy Silverado trucks.

The enterprise is accused of using identification documents and financial transaction devices stolen from the vehicles to make unauthorized cash withdrawals, purchase gift cards, clothes, food and other items which they would then share.

Coordination between the Colorado Auto Theft Prevention Authority's Metropolitan Auto Theft Task Force (CMATT), Denver Police Department, Lakewood Police Department, Aurora Police Department, Westminster Police Department, Adams County Sheriff's Office, Yuma County Sheriff's Office and Washington County Sheriff's Office was instrumental in securing this indictment.

The five defendants are charged with violating Colorado's Organized Crime Control Act (F2), conspiring to commit aggravated motor-vehicle theft in the first degree (F4), aggravated motor vehicle theft in the first degree (F5), possession with intent to manufacture or distribute a controlled substance (DF3), identity theft (F4), criminal trespass (F5) as well as other charges.

The five are being tried individually and their case numbers are: Miriam Alvarez - 20CR15110, Alan Lopez-Reyes - 20CR15111, Pedro Marrufo-Garcia - 20CR15112, and Robert Mills - 20CR15113. A warrant was issued for the arrest of Uriel Ureno-Garcia who remains at large and whose case number is 20CR15114.