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Press Release
Operation Wrecking Ball Indictments

Following an extensive investigation conducted by the Lafayette Police Department, the Colorado Bureau of Investigation, and the District Attorney's Office, the District Attorney's Office announced today the indictment of six (6) adults for violations of the Colorado Organized Crime Control Act (COCCA) for engaging in a pattern of racketeering activity as an enterprise. The investigation included the use of evidence obtained from search warrants for location data, social media, hotels, and phone records. The racketeering activity conducted by this enterprise included multiple Burglary, Theft, and Criminal Mischief offenses. Members of the enterprise committed the crimes at 39 construction sites across the Denver Metro area. The construction sites were located in Monument, Aurora, Broomfield, Northglenn, Denver, Greeley, Fort Collins, Firestone, Arvada, Loveland, Brighton, Lafayette, Commerce City, Boulder County, Jefferson County, Larimer County, Douglas County and Larimer County.

This case will be prosecuted in Boulder County.

The six individuals indicted traveled from California to Colorado. On these trips to Colorado, the group would often scout construction sites during the day and then return to the construction sites to steal specialty tools and construction equipment. Over \$1.1 million in property was stolen in the burglaries. Additionally, the individuals caused significant property damage at some of the construction sites, totaling over \$27,000.

Law enforcement was first alerted to the Enterprise's activities when two burglaries occurred at construction sites in the City of Lafayette on October 29, 2021. The Lafayette Police Department executed multiple search warrants and obtained data indicating members of the Enterprise were present at both burglary sites during the time frames of the burglaries. Additional data and records were then obtained connecting the involved individuals to similar construction site burglaries across Colorado. The indicted members of the criminal enterprise include: Carlos David Campos (DOB: 7/4/91), Samuel Armando Arevalo Aguilar (DOB: 11/26/91), Oscar Orlando Herrera (DOB: 11/29/64), Francisco Garcia Agueta (DOB: 3/13/98), Ricardo Antonio Quevedo Rios (DOB: 11/24/87), and Bayron Arturo Moreno Gomez (DOB: 3/3/99).

The District Attorney's Office presented the case to the Grand Jury. On January 26, 2023, the Grand Jury returned indictments on all six men. The indictments were sealed pending the arrest of the defendants. All six men are now in custody in California and the indictments have been unsealed.

Carlos David Campos was indicted on 76 counts; including Violations of the Colorado Organized Crim Control Act, and multiple Counts of Burglary, Theft, and Criminal Mischief. Bond is set at \$1,000,000.

Samuel Armando Arevalo Aguilar was indicted on 70 charges; including Violations of the Colorado Organized Crim Control Act, and multiple Counts of Burglary, Theft, and Criminal Mischief. Bond is set at \$1,000,000.

Oscar Orlando Herrera was indicted on 37 charges; including Violations of the Colorado Organized Crim Control Act, and multiple Counts of Burglary, Theft, and Criminal Mischief. Bond is set at \$500,000.

Francisco Garcia Agueta was indicted on 27 charges; including Violations of the Colorado Organized Crim Control Act, and multiple Counts of Burglary, Theft, and Criminal Mischief. Bond is set at \$500,000.

Ricardo Antonio Quevedo Rios was indicted on 49 charges; including Violations of the Colorado Organized Crim Control Act, and multiple Counts of Burglary, Theft, and Criminal Mischief. Bond is set at \$300,000.

Bayron Arturo Moreno Gomez was indicted on 54 charges; including Violations of the Colorado Organized Crim Control Act, and multiple Counts of Burglary, Theft, and Criminal Mischief. Bonds is set at \$300,000.

All six defendants face a sentence of up to twenty-four years in prison on the F2 COCCA charges as well as prison sentences on the remaining felony charges ranging from one year to twelve years.

Lafayette Police Chief Rick Bashor stated, "I would like to personally thank everyone for all the hard work that resulted a successful conclusion this case. We appreciate each of the assisting agencies."

District Attorney Michael Dougherty stated, "This crime ring travelled to Colorado for the purpose of breaking into construction sites and stealing equipment. Their actions had an incredibly disruptive impact on the construction companies as well as the owners of the sites. For their conduct, these defendants will face serious consequences. I want to personally thank the detectives and prosecutors who poured a tremendous amount of work into this massive investigation. They, along with our partners, have brought this crime ring to a halt."

As in every criminal case, these charges are merely an accusation and the defendant is presumed innocent unless or until proven guilty.