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**Press Release**  
**Operation Night Siders**

Following an extensive investigation conducted by the Lafayette Police Department, Adams County Sheriff, and our District Attorney's Office, the District Attorney's Office announced today the indictment of twelve (12) adults for violations of the Colorado Organized Crime Control Act (COCCA) for engaging in a pattern of racketeering activity as an enterprise.

In committing the acts of racketeering, the group would frequently case or scout lumber yards or locations with building materials to locate construction materials to steal. Upon finding target materials, members of the crime ring would return at night to complete the thefts often utilizing a lookout during the commission of the crime. Entry to the locations was often accomplished by cutting a hole in the fence at the property. Members of the enterprise would then load building materials into vehicles, including rented U-Haul trucks, before leaving the site.

The building materials were often taken to various storage units in the metro area after the thefts and posted for sale on social media platforms.

Members of this crime ring are alleged to have committed crimes across the Denver Metro area. Jurisdictions include Adams County, Boulder County, Douglas County, and Denver. These cases will be prosecuted in Boulder County.

The following indicted members of the criminal enterprise have been taken into custody at this time with the following case numbers and bond amounts:

- 1) Abiel Castillo-Medina 24CR337- \$500,000 cash only
- 2) Jesus Castillo-Medina 24CR338- \$500,000 cash only
- 3) Arturo Reza Olivan 24CR339- \$25,000 cash, surety or property (c/s/p)
- 4) Alejandro Pineda-Vergara 24CR340- \$25,000 c/s/p
- 5) Esperanza Hernandez 24CR341- \$25,000 c/s/p
- 6) Wilfredo Martinez-Castejon 24CR342- \$500,000 cash only
- 7) Bryan Macias Espinoza 24CR344- \$25,000 c/s/p

- 8) Samuel Pineda-Vergara 24CR345- \$50,000 c/s/p
- 9) Manuel Cardoza-Peregrino 24CR346- \$35,000 c/s/p
- 10) Rubi Rivera 24CR347- \$25,000 c/s/p
- 11) Jose Pineda-Vergara 24CR348- \$25,000 c/s/p

One defendant remains at large, and the name is not being released at this time. All twelve defendants face a sentence of up to twenty-four years in prison on the F2 COCCA charges as well as additional prison sentences on felony theft charges.

In summary, the Night Siders Enterprise is allegedly responsible for **over 28 construction material thefts. The total value of the material stolen in the thefts is \$310,002.03.** Damage to property associated with the thefts totaled \$15, 022.38.

The District Attorney's Office presented the case to the Grand Jury. On February 23, 2024, the Grand Jury returned indictments on all twelve defendants. The indictments were sealed pending the arrest of the defendants. Indictments of the eleven defendants in custody have now been unsealed. Our office appreciates the work of the grand jurors.

**The District Attorney's Office and Lafayette Police Department would like to thank and recognize the following agencies for participating in the investigation or apprehension of the defendants:** Adams County Sheriff's Office, Colorado Bureau of Investigation, Parker Police Department, Aurora Police Department, Federal Heights Police Department, Denver Police Department, Boulder Police Department, Douglas County Sheriff's Office, Morgan County Sheriff's Office and District Attorney's Offices throughout the metro area.

Lafayette Police Chief Rick Bashor stated, "The Lafayette Police Department values our community's safety and security. The outcome of this large investigation was the result of solid teamwork by area law enforcement agencies, led by the members of the City of Lafayette Police Department. We appreciate the hard work and dedication from everyone involved to make this a success."

District Attorney Michael Dougherty stated, "Crime rings may want to avoid Lafayette. Once again, the Lafayette Police Department led a multi-agency response to pursue leads and bring down a major crime ring operating all throughout the metro area. I greatly appreciate the Lafayette Police Department's ability and effort to chase down crimes impacting victims and communities throughout the metro region. These indictments are a direct result of their hard work and the collaboration with all the agencies involved."

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