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ATTORNEY GENERAL ISSUES INDICTMENT IN CHARITY-FRAUD SCHEME

DENVER — [Colorado Attorney General John Suthers](#) announced today that his office has obtained an indictment of Candice Jenkins (44 years old) of Centennial for her role in a charity-fraud scheme that occurred between May, 2010 and August, 2011.

According to the 10-count indictment, alleging violations of the Colorado Charitable Solicitations Act, Theft and Criminal Impersonation, Ms. Jenkins produced and distributed fictitious business cards and promotional flyers with the name and logo of [The Gathering Place](#), a shelter located in Denver that provides services to women and children struggling with homelessness and poverty. Ms. Jenkins falsely represented to victims that she was on the board of directors of The Gathering Place or that she was the “Fundraising Co-Chair.”

In addition to these misrepresentations, Ms. Jenkins falsely represented to victim donors that she worked with the Tim Tebow Foundation, the Daniels Foundation and Pat Bowlen and his wife, Annabel Bowlen, to raise money for The Gathering Place. Ms. Jenkins also sold dozens of copies of a DVD she produced, falsely claiming that all proceeds would benefit The Gathering Place. In January, 2011, Ms. Jenkins operated a booth at a fitness expo, enlisting former Colorado Avalanche player Stephane Yelle. At the expo, and at other times relevant to the indictment, Ms. Jenkins sold her DVDs, as well as gourmet coffee, tea products and jewelry, while claiming that all proceeds from the sales were intended for The Gathering Place. The Gathering Place was not aware of the activities of Ms. Jenkins, did not authorize her to use its name, and did not receive any donations whatsoever from Ms. Jenkins.

Jenkins faces up to 21 years in prison and a \$500,000 fine if convicted.

The Office of the Attorney General worked in conjunction with the Colorado Secretary of State’s Office to investigate the case and secure the indictment. The Office of the Attorney General will prosecute the case in Denver District Court.

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