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**JASON HEMINGWAY SENTENCED IN “SWITCH AND BAIT” CAR THEFT  
SCHEME**

**DENVER** — [Colorado Attorney General John Suthers](#) announced today that habitual offender, Jason Hemingway (D.O.B. 02/23/75) was sentenced to 24 years in the Colorado Department of Corrections [after being found guilty last December](#) of running an elaborate auto-theft ring, stealing money, and deceiving Colorado Department of Revenue personnel. He was convicted in Arapahoe District Court of ten felony counts involving theft, aggravated motor vehicle theft, ID theft and attempting to influence a public servant.

In February 2004, Hemingway began what would become a pattern of auto theft mostly targeting '90s-era Hondas. Hemingway fraudulently obtained vehicle titles from the Colorado Department of Revenue. He then attached those titles to stolen cars by swapping the vehicle identification number (VIN). He then sold the stolen cars to unsuspecting buyers in a “switch and bait” scheme. Hemingway stole cars and money amounting to approximately \$50,000 before his actions were discovered in 2010 by an Aurora Police detective assigned to the Eastern Metro Auto Theft Team (EMATT).

The Attorney General’s Auto Theft Unit worked in conjunction with the Aurora Police Department, the Eastern Metro Auto Theft Team and the Colorado Department of Revenue to investigate the case and secure the convictions. Both the Attorney General’s Auto Theft Unit and EMATT are funded through the Colorado Auto Theft Prevention Authority.

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