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CRIME RING INTERCONNECTING DRUGS, GUNS AND CAR THEFTS IS INDICTED

DENVER-[Attorney General John Suthers](#) announced today that the Statewide Grand Jury has indicted four individuals for running a criminal enterprise that involved stolen cars, guns, methamphetamine and prescription drugs. “Shot caller” Robert Muniz (D.O.B. 01/14/55), Anthony Balderrama ((D.O.B. 08/08/93), Victor Vialpando (D.O.B. 11/13/72) and Lindsay Rae Garry (D.O.B. 08/30/89) were arrested for a pattern of racketeering that began in 2012. All but Garry are now in police custody.

“This is a classic example of the interconnected web of crime and drugs,” warned Suthers. “Meth remains a serious problem in Colorado and in this case, was coupled with Colorado’s prescription drug problem,” said Suthers. “It is in Colorado’s best interest to tackle our drug problems on all fronts given that our state is now number two in the nation for painkiller abuse on a per capita basis,” Suthers cautioned.

In September 2012, employees of an Arby’s in Commerce City noticed an abandoned Honda in their parking lot and reported that a mini-van had sped away when they were inspecting the Honda. Police attached a GPS tracking device to the Honda which ultimately led law enforcement to Balderrama. Balderamma was arrested and began outlining the ring’s operations to police. In one instance, after stealing a Honda in November 2012, Balderamma eluded police by driving into a residential area of Broomfield, abandoning the stolen car and running into a King Soopers store.

As the investigation played out, police were led to Muniz’s home at 5545 Pecos Street in Adams County where several stolen vehicles were recovered. The property consisted of a large fenced-in lot that was cluttered with more than 20 vehicles. Surveillance cameras mounted on the home’s exterior were connected to monitors throughout the house. Law enforcement found drugs, scales, more than 30 guns inside the home. It became clear that the ring operated out of Muniz’s house and that it had established its own currency of stolen vehicles and guns to exchange for meth and narcotics.

The 35 charges contained in the indictment are merely accusations, and the defendants are presumed innocent unless and until proved guilty. This case was investigated by the East Metro Auto Theft Team and will be prosecuted in Adams County Court.

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