

DISTRICT COURT, DENVER COUNTY, COLORADO 520 West Colfax Avenue Denver, CO 80204	
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO, Plaintiff, v. PHILIP LEE DURAN (9/22/1974) LORENZO LEUIS SOJO (7/21/1975) MICHAEL DEREK MENSEN (12/12/1969) HUGO A. VACA (8/28/1978) NICHOLAS MURILLO (8/21/1991) JULIEANN NICOLE LINEBARGER (11/24/1980) ERIKA NAVARRETE (7/18/1989) ZACKARIA BENGHESHIR (10/23/1980) Defendants.	<p style="text-align: center;">▲ COURT USE ONLY ▲</p>
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COLORADO STATE GRAND JURY INDICTMENT	

Of the 2014-2015 term of the Denver District Court in the year 2014; the 2014-2015 Colorado State Grand Jurors, chosen, selected and sworn in the name and by the authority of the People of the State of Colorado, upon their oaths, present the following Indictment:

- COUNT 1:** VIOLATION OF THE COLORADO ORGANIZED CRIME CONTROL ACT – PATTERN OF RACKETEERING – PARTICIPATION IN AN ENTERPRISE,
C.R.S. § 18-17-104(3) (F-2)
Philip Duran, Lorenzo Sojo, Michael Mensen, Hugo Vaca, Nicholas Murillo, Julieann “Nicole” Linebarger, Erika Navarrete, Zackaria Bengheshir
- COUNT 2:** VIOLATION OF THE COLORADO ORGANIZED CRIME CONTROL ACT – CONSPIRACY,
C.R.S. § 18-17-104(4) (F-2)
Philip Duran, Lorenzo Sojo, Michael Mensen, Hugo Vaca, Nicholas Murillo, Julieann “Nicole” Linebarger, Erika Navarrete, Zackaria Bengheshir
- COUNT 3:** CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT MONEY LAUNDERING,
§ 18-2-201(1); 18-5-309(1)(b)(I) C.R.S. - (F-4)
Michael Mensen
- COUNT 4:** MONEY LAUNDERING,
§ 18-5-309(1)(b)(I) C.R.S. - (F-3)
Michael Mensen
- COUNT 5:** CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT MONEY LAUNDERING,
§ 18-2-201(1); 18-5-309(1)(b)(I) C.R.S. - (F-4)
Philip Duran, and/or Lorenzo Sojo, and/or Raul Puente
- COUNT 6:** MONEY LAUNDERING,
§ 18-5-309(1)(b)(I) C.R.S. - (F-3)
Philip Duran, and/or Lorenzo Sojo, and/or Raul Puente
- COUNT 7:** CONSPIRACY TO DISTRIBUTE A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE
Methamphetamine - More than 112 Grams,
§ 18-18-405(1), (2)(a)(I)(B) C.R.S. - (DF1)
Hugo Vaca, and/or Philip Duran, and/or Lorenzo Sojo, and/or Michael Mensen
- COUNT 8:** DISTRIBUTION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE
Methamphetamine – More than 112 Grams,
§ 18-18-405(1), (2)(a)(I)(B) C.R.S. - (DF1)
Hugo Vaca
- COUNT 9:** POSSESSION WITH INTENT TO DISTRIBUTE A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE - Methamphetamine - More than 112 Grams,
§ 18-18-405(1), (2)(a)(I)(B) C.R.S. - (DF1)
Hugo Vaca, and/or Philip Duran, and/or Lorenzo Sojo, and/or Michael Mensen

- COUNT 10:** CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT MONEY LAUNDERING,
§ 18-2-201(1); 18-5-309(1)(a)(I) C.R.S. - (F-4)
Philip Duran, and/or Lorenzo Sojo and/or Hugo Vaca
- COUNT 11:** MONEY LAUNDERING,
§ 18-5-309(1)(a)(I) C.R.S. - (F-3)
Philip Duran, and/or Lorenzo Sojo
- COUNT 12:** MONEY LAUNDERING,
§ 18-5-309(1)(a)(I) C.R.S. - (F-3)
Philip Duran, and/or Lorenzo Sojo
- COUNT 13:** CONSPIRACY TO DISTRIBUTE A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE
Methamphetamine - 7 to 112 Grams,
§ 18-18-405(1), (2)(b)(I)(B) C.R.S. - (DF2)
Michael Mensen, and/or Erika Navarrete
- COUNT 14:** DISTRIBUTION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE
Methamphetamine – 7 to 112 Grams,
§ 18-18-405(1), (2)(b)(I)(B) C.R.S. - (DF2)
Michael Mensen, and/or Erika Navarrete
- COUNT 15:** POSSESSION WITH INTENT TO DISTRIBUTE A CONTROLLED
SUBSTANCE - Methamphetamine – 7 to 112 Grams,
§ 18-18-405(1), (2)(b)(I)(B) C.R.S. - (DF2)
Michael Mensen, and/or Erika Navarrete
- COUNT 16:** CONSPIRACY TO DISTRIBUTE A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE
Methamphetamine - More than 112 Grams,
§ 18-18-405(1), (2)(a)(I)(B) C.R.S. - (DF1)
Lorenzo Sojo, and/or Zackaria Bengheshir
- COUNT 17:** DISTRIBUTION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE
Methamphetamine – More than 112 Grams,
§ 18-18-405(1), (2)(a)(I)(B) C.R.S. - (DF1)
Lorenzo Sojo
- COUNT 18:** POSSESSION WITH INTENT TO DISTRIBUTE A CONTROLLED
SUBSTANCE - Methamphetamine - More than 112 Grams,
§ 18-18-405(1), (2)(a)(I)(B) C.R.S. - (DF1)
Lorenzo Sojo, and/or Zackaria Bengheshir

- COUNT 19:** CONSPIRACY TO DISTRIBUTE A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE
Methamphetamine - More than 112 Grams,
§ 18-18-405(1), (2)(a)(I)(B) C.R.S. - (DF1)
*Philip Duran, and/or Lorenzo Sojo, and/or Michael Mensen,
and/or Nicholas Murillo*
- COUNT 20:** CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT MONEY LAUNDERING,
§ 18-2-201(1); 18-5-309(1)(B)(I) C.R.S. - (F-4)
*Philip Duran, and/or Lorenzo Sojo, and/or Michael Mensen,
and/or Nicholas Murillo*
- COUNT 21:** MONEY LAUNDERING,
§ 18-5-309(1)(B)(I) C.R.S. - (F-3)
*Philip Duran, and/or Lorenzo Sojo, and/or Michael Mensen, and/or
Nicholas Murillo*
- COUNT 22:** CONSPIRACY TO DISTRIBUTE A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE
Methamphetamine - More than 112 Grams,
§ 18-18-405(1), (2)(a)(I)(B) C.R.S. - (DF1)
Philip Duran, and/or Julieann Linebarger
- COUNT 23:** CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT MONEY LAUNDERING,
§ 18-2-201(1); 18-5-309(1)(B)(I) C.R.S. - (F-4)
Philip Duran, and/or Julieann Linebarger
- COUNT 24:** MONEY LAUNDERING,
§ 18-5-309(1)(B)(I) C.R.S. - (F-3)
Philip Duran, and/or Julieann Linebarger
- COUNT 25:** CONSPIRACY TO DISTRIBUTE A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE
Methamphetamine - More than 112 Grams,
§ 18-18-405(1), (2)(a)(I)(B) C.R.S. - (DF1)
Philip Duran, and/or Lorenzo Sojo, and/or Raul Puente
- COUNT 26:** POSSESSION WITH INTENT TO DISTRIBUTE A CONTROLLED
SUBSTANCE - Methamphetamine - More than 112 Grams,
§ 18-18-405(1), (2)(a)(I)(B) C.R.S. - (DF1)
Philip Duran, and/or Lorenzo Sojo
- COUNT 27:** MONEY LAUNDERING,
§ 18-5-309(1)(B)(I) C.R.S. - (F-3)
Philip Duran, and/or Lorenzo Sojo
- COUNT 28:** CONSPIRACY TO TAMPER WITH PHYSICAL EVIDENCE,
§ 18-2-201(1); 18-8-610(1)(A) C.R.S. - (F-6)
Philip Duran

- COUNT 29:** TAMPERING WITH PHYSICAL EVIDENCE,
§ 18-8-610(1)(A) C.R.S. - (F-6)
Philip Duran
- COUNT 30:** POSSESSION OF A WEAPON BY A PREVIOUS OFFENDER,
§ 18-12-108(1) C.R.S. - (F-6)
Michael Mensen
- COUNT 31:** POSSESSION OF A WEAPON BY A PREVIOUS OFFENDER,
§ 18-12-108(1) C.R.S. - (F-6)
Philip Duran
- COUNT 32:** POSSESSION WITH INTENT TO DISTRIBUTE A CONTROLLED
SUBSTANCE - Methamphetamine - 7 Grams - 112 Grams,
§ 18-18-405(1), (2)(a)(I)(B) C.R.S. - (DF2)
Michael Mensen
- COUNT 33:** POSSESSION WITH INTENT TO DISTRIBUTE A CONTROLLED
SUBSTANCE - Marijuana - 12 OZ. - 5 LBS.,
§ 18-18-406(2)(b)(I),(III)(C) C.R.S. - (DF3)
Philip Duran

Defendant	Counts
Philip Duran	1, 2, 3, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 31, 33
Lorenzo Sojo	1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 25, 26, 27
Michael Mensen	1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 9, 13, 14, 15, 19, 20, 21, 30, 32
Hugo Vaca	1, 2, 7, 8, 9, 10
Nicholas Murillo	1, 2, 19, 20, 21
Julieann Linebarger	1, 2, 22, 23, 24
Erika Navarrete	1, 2, 13, 14, 15
Zackaria Bengheshir	1, 2, 16, 18

COUNT 1

VIOLATION OF THE COLORADO ORGANIZED CRIME CONTROL ACT — PATTERN OF RACKETEERING—PARTICIPATION IN AN ENTERPRISE, C.R.S. 18-17-104(3) and 18-17-105 (F2)

On or about and between the dates of September 23, 2014, and December 17, 2014, in the state of Colorado, **Philip Duran, Lorenzo Sojo, Michael Mensen, Hugo Vaca, Nicholas Murillo, Julieann “Nicole” Linebarger, Erika Navarrete, Zackaria Bengheshir**, and others both known and unknown, while employed by or associated with an enterprise, unlawfully, feloniously, and knowingly conducted or participated, directly or indirectly, in the enterprise through a pattern of racketeering activity: in violation of sections 18-17-104(3) and 18-17-105, C.R.S.

COUNT 2

VIOLATION OF THE COLORADO ORGANIZED CRIME CONTROL ACT — CONSPIRACY, C.R.S. 18-17-104(4) (F2)

On or about and between the dates of September 23, 2014, and December 17, 2014, in the state of Colorado, **Philip Duran, Lorenzo Sojo, Michael Mensen, Hugo Vaca, Nicholas Murillo, Julieann “Nicole” Linebarger, Erika Navarrete, Zackaria Bengheshir**, and others both known and unknown, did unlawfully, knowingly, and feloniously conspire to conduct and participate, directly or indirectly, in an enterprise, through a pattern of racketeering activity in violation of C.R.S. § 18-17-104(4) and § 18-17-104(3), C.R.S.

The offenses alleged in Counts One and Two were committed in the following manner:

The Enterprise

The criminal enterprise alleged in counts one and two was primarily a group of individuals, associated in fact, although not a legal entity. The enterprise included, but was not limited to, the following associated in fact individuals and/or legal entities: **Philip Duran, Lorenzo Sojo, Michael Mensen, Hugo Vaca, Nicholas Murillo, Julieann “Nicole” Linebarger, Erika Navarrete, Zackaria Bengheshir** and others both known and unknown to the Grand Jury.

The individuals associated with the enterprise had a primary objective and a common purpose to obtain large quantities of illegal controlled substances, including methamphetamine, a Schedule II controlled substance, and to distribute such illegal controlled substances to various customers throughout the Denver Metro and other areas both within and outside of Colorado. A secondary and related objective and common purpose of the criminal enterprise was to collect and transport the proceeds generated from the sale of these illegal controlled substances to the original sources of supply.

The criminal enterprise consists of, but is not limited to, members and associates of the Denver-based chapters of the Bandidos Motorcycle Club. The leader of this drug trafficking

organization is Philip Duran (a/k/a Bandido Fee), a high-ranking member of the Bandidos Motorcycle Club. Lorenzo Sojo and Michael Mensen (a/k/a/ Bandido Tick) have also been identified as high-ranking members of the Bandidos Motorcycle Club who are involved with the drug trafficking organization by distributing illegal drugs to customers and collecting drug proceeds at the direction of Philip Duran.

Based on their training and experience, Investigators are aware that the Bandidos Motorcycle Club is a self-styled "one percent" "outlaw" motorcycle gang. The term "one-percenter" reflects the ideology that only one percent of motorcycle riders are "outlaws" involved in criminal activity. The Bandidos are generally known as a criminal organization comprised of more than 2,000 members and associates with chapters throughout the United States and approximately 25 other countries throughout the world. One percent motorcycle gangs, including the Bandidos, have been recognized internationally by law enforcement to be criminal organizations, involved in illegal drug distribution, prostitution, and illegal firearms trafficking. Members of these motorcycle gangs are known to use violence and intimidation in furtherance of their endeavors. One percent motorcycle gang members are known to often carry weapons including guns, knives, and clubs.

Throughout the course of this investigation, investigators have determined that the Drug Trafficking Organization primarily distributes methamphetamine to a number of street-level dealers. Investigators have also determined that the Drug Trafficking Organization utilizes numerous drug sources of supply. At this time, those individuals are both known and unknown to the grand jury, but include **Hugo Vaca**, a drug source of supply located in California.

In reference to the enterprise, Duran utilizes several high-ranking associates to work at his express direction and to run the local, day-to-day operations of the enterprise in Denver, Colorado. At various times during the existence of the criminal enterprise, these high-ranking associates included: **Lorenzo Sojo, Michael Mensen, Nicholas Murillo, Julieann "Nicole" Linebarger and Zackaria Bengheshir.**

Each of the members of the criminal enterprise relied upon and utilized a complex system of cellular telephones and other telecommunications facilities to arrange and execute the importation, the transportation, and the distribution of these illegal controlled substances both into the state of Colorado, and throughout the Denver Metro area. Because the members of the criminal enterprise used cellular telephones and other telecommunications facilities so extensively to conduct the business and operations of the enterprise, the members often utilized coded terminology when speaking to each other on the telephone in order to conceal their criminal activities.

Pattern of Racketeering Activity

Philip Duran, Lorenzo Sojo, Michael Mensen, Hugo Vaca, Nicholas Murillo, Julieann “Nicole” Linebarger, Erika Navarrete, and Zackaria Bengheshir directly and in concert, engaged in, attempted to engage in, conspired to engage in, or solicited another to engage in at least two predicate acts, including any lesser offenses, related to the conduct of the enterprise, with at least one of which took place in the state of Colorado after July 1, 1981 and the last of the acts of racketeering activity occurring within ten years after a prior act of racketeering activity and include:

- Conspiracy to Commit Money Laundering (Colorado Revised Statutes)
- Money Laundering (Colorado Revised Statutes)
- Conspiracy to Distribute a Controlled Substance (Colorado Revised Statutes)
- Distribution of a Controlled Substance (Colorado Revised Statutes)
- Possession with Intent to Distribute a Controlled Substance (Colorado Revised Statutes)
- Unlawful Use of a Telecommunications Facility (United States Code)
- Tampering With Physical Evidence (Colorado Revised Statutes)
- Conspiracy to Tamper With Physical Evidence (Colorado Revised Statutes)
- Possession of Weapons by Previous Offenders (Colorado Revised Statutes)

Pursuant to C.R.S. § 18-17-103(5)(a), “**Racketeering Activity**” includes any conduct defined as “racketeering activity” under 18 U.S.C. 1961 (1)(A), (1)(B), (1)(C), and (1)(D), including the act of Unlawful Use of a Telecommunications Facility, in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 843.

Pursuant to C.R.S. § 18-17-103(5)(b), “**Racketeering Activity**” includes any criminal act committed in any jurisdiction of the United States which, if committed in the state of Colorado, would be a crime pursuant to an enumerated Colorado statute. In this matter, in addition to specific violations of enumerated Colorado statutes, some of the Predicate Acts are criminal acts which occurred in the states of California and Texas. If these offenses had occurred in the state of Colorado, they also would be crimes under an enumerated Colorado statute for charging purposes under the Colorado Organized Crime Control Act.

Racketeering Activity

The acts of racketeering activity that the above named persons committed, attempted to commit, conspired to commit, or solicited, coerced, or intimidated another person to commit, consist of the following predicate acts, including any lesser included offenses:

PREDICATE ACT 1

**Conspiracy to Commit Money Laundering
18-2-201(1); 18-5-309(1)(B)(I) C.R.S. - (F4)**

On or about and between September 17, 2014 and October 1, 2014, in the state of Colorado, **Michael Mensen** and/or Stephen Blake, with the intent to promote or facilitate the commission of the crime of money laundering, agreed with each other and others, both known and unknown to the Grand Jury, that one or more of them will engage in conduct which constitutes the crime of money laundering or an attempt to commit the crime of money laundering, and they agreed to aid that person or persons in the planning or commission of the crime or the attempt to commit the crime of money laundering, in violation of section 18-2-201(1); and 18-5-309(1)(B)(I) C.R.S.

PREDICATE ACT 2

**Money Laundering
18-5-309(1)(B)(I) C.R.S. - (F3)**

On or about and between September 17, 2014 and October 1, 2014, in the state of Colorado, **Michael Mensen** unlawfully and feloniously transported, transmitted, or transferred a monetary instrument or moneys, with the intent to promote the commission of a criminal offense, in violation of section 18-5-309(1)(B)(I), C.R.S.

PREDICATE ACT 3

Unlawful Use of a Communication Facility

On or about October 1, 2014, in the state of Colorado, **Michael Mensen** did knowingly or intentionally use a communications facility, namely, a cellular telephone, to facilitate the commission of a felony, namely, Distribution of a Controlled Substance, in violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 841 and 846, such use of a communications facility being unlawful, and in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 843.

The offenses alleged in Predicate Acts 1-3 and Counts 3-4 were committed in the following manner:

On or about September 26, 2014, in the State of Colorado, Mensen conspired with Blake to distribute methamphetamine in the Grand Junction, Colorado area.

As part of the conspiracy, in a series of telephone calls and text messages utilizing cellular telephones, Stephen Blake agreed to send a wire transfers to Michael Mensen, as payment for illegal drugs. Mensen and Blake agreed that Blake would send the funds via Western Union.

On or about September 26, 2014, Stephen Blake and Michael Mensen, using cellular telephones, discussed Blake sending \$600 via wire transfer, as payment for drug debt.

On or about September 26, 2014, Stephen Blake entered a Western Union location in Grand Junction, Colorado and sent \$600 US currency via wire transfer to Michael Mensen. Shortly thereafter, Michael Mensen entered a Western Union location in Denver, Colorado and collected \$600 US currency, from the wire transfer sent by Blake.

On or about October 1, 2014, Stephen Blake and Michael Mensen, using cellular telephones, discussed Blake sending \$1,600 US currency, as payment for a drug debt. Blake indicated the transaction would be in the name of Dawn Murphy.

On or about October 1, 2014, at the direction of Stephen Blake, Dawn Murphy entered a Western Union location in Grand Junction, Colorado and sent \$1,600 US currency via wire transfer to Michael Mensen. Shortly thereafter, Michael Mensen entered a Western Union location in Denver, Colorado and collected \$1,600 US currency, from the wire transfer sent by Blake.

Western Union records indicate that Stephen Blake sent two other wire transfers to Michael Mensen, as payment for drug debt. On September 17, 2014, Blake sent \$894 US currency via wire transfer to Mensen. On September 23, 2014, Blake sent \$2,000 US currency via wire transfer to Mensen.

PREDICATE ACT 4

Conspiracy to Commit Money Laundering 18-2-201(1); 18-5-309(1)(B)(I) C.R.S. - (F4)

On or about September 26, 2014, in the state of Colorado, **Philip Duran, and/or Lorenzo Sojo, and/or Raul Puente**, with the intent to promote or facilitate the commission of the crime of money laundering, agreed with each other and others, both known and unknown to the Grand Jury, that one or more of them will engage in conduct which constitutes the crime of money laundering or an attempt to commit the crime of money laundering, and they agreed to aid that person or persons in the planning or commission of the crime or the attempt to commit the crime of money laundering, in violation of section 18-2-201(1); and 18-5-309(1)(B)(I) C.R.S.

PREDICATE ACT 5

**Money Laundering
18-5-309(1)(B)(I) C.R.S. - (F3)**

On or about September 26, 2014, in the state of Colorado, **Philip Duran, and/or Lorenzo Sojo and/or Raul Puente** unlawfully and feloniously transported, transmitted, or transferred a monetary instrument or moneys, with the intent to promote the commission of a criminal offense, in violation of section 18-5-309(1)(B)(I), C.R.S.

PREDICATE ACT 6

Unlawful Use of a Communication Facility

On or about September 26, 2014, in the state of Colorado, **Philip Duran, Lorenzo Sojo and Raul Puente** did knowingly or intentionally use a communications facility, namely, a cellular telephone, to facilitate the commission of a felony, namely, Distribution of a Controlled Substance, in violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 841 and 846, such use of a communications facility being unlawful, and in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 843.

The offenses alleged in Predicate Acts 4-6 and Counts 5-6 were committed in the following manner:

On or about September 26, 2014, in the State of Colorado, Philip Duran and Lorenzo Sojo conspired with Raul Puente to distribute methamphetamine in the San Antonio, Texas area.

As part of the conspiracy, in a series of telephone calls and text messages utilizing cellular telephones, Raul Puente agreed to send a wire transfer to Lorenzo Sojo and Philip Duran, as payment for illegal drugs. Sojo was acting at Duran's express direction and agreed to transfer the proceeds to Duran.

On or about September 26, 2014, Raul Puente entered an HEB Grocery store in San Antonio, Texas and sent \$1,000 US currency via a Western Union wire transfer, to Lorenzo Sojo. Shortly thereafter, Lorenzo Sojo entered a King Soopers in Commerce City, Colorado and collected \$1,000 US currency from the Western Union wire transfer, sent by Puente. Sojo subsequently transferred the total sum of \$1,000 US currency to Duran.

PREDICATE ACT 7

**Conspiracy to Distribute a Controlled Substance
Methamphetamine - More than 112 Grams, (DF1)**

On or about and between September 30, 2014 and October 16, 2014, in the state of Colorado, **Hugo Vaca, and/or Philip Duran, and/or Lorenzo Sojo and/or Michael Mensen** unlawfully, feloniously, and knowingly conspired with each other and others, both known and unknown to the Grand Jury, to distribute methamphetamine.

Further, the violation involved a material compound, mixture, or preparation that weighed more than one hundred twelve grams; in violation of section 18-18-405(1),(2)(a)(I)(B), C.R.S.

PREDICATE ACT 8

**Distribution of a Controlled Substance
Methamphetamine - More than 112 Grams, (DF1)**

On or about October 13, 2014, in the state of Colorado, **Hugo Vaca** unlawfully, feloniously, and knowingly sold or distributed methamphetamine, a controlled substance.

Further, the violation involved a material compound, mixture, or preparation that weighed more than one hundred twelve grams; in violation of section 18-18-405(1),(2)(a)(I)(B), C.R.S.

PREDICATE ACT 9

**Possession with Intent to Distribute a Controlled Substance
Methamphetamine - More than 112 Grams, (DF1)**

On or about and between September 30, 2014 and October 16, 2014, in the state of Colorado, **Hugo Vaca, and/or Philip Duran, and/or Lorenzo Sojo, and/or Michael Mensen** unlawfully, feloniously, and knowingly possessed with the intent to distribute methamphetamine, a controlled substance.

Further, the violation involved a material compound, mixture, or preparation that weighed more than one hundred twelve grams; in violation of section 18-18-405(1),(2)(a)(I)(B), C.R.S.

PREDICATE ACT 10

Unlawful Use of a Communication Facility

On or about October 13, 2014, in the state of Colorado, **Hugo Vaca, Philip Duran, Lorenzo Sojo and Michael Mensen** did knowingly or intentionally use a communications facility, namely, a cellular telephone, to facilitate the commission of a felony, namely, Distribution of a Controlled Substance, in violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 841 and 846, such use of a communications facility being unlawful, and in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 843.

PREDICATE ACT 11

Conspiracy to Commit Money Laundering 18-2-201(1); 18-5-309(1)(a)(I) C.R.S. - (F4)

On or about and between September 30, 2014 and October 30, 2014, in the state of Colorado, **Philip Duran, Lorenzo Sojo and Hugo Vaca**, with the intent to promote or facilitate the commission of the crime of money laundering, agreed with each other and others, both known and unknown to the Grand Jury, that one or more of them will engage in conduct which constitutes the crime of money laundering or an attempt to commit the crime of money laundering, and they agreed to aid that person or persons in the planning or commission of the crime or the attempt to commit the crime of money laundering, in violation of section 18-2-201(1); and 18-5-309(1)(a)(I) C.R.S.

PREDICATE ACT 12

Money Laundering 18-5-309(1)(a)(I) C.R.S. - (F3)

On or about October 23, 2014, in the state of Colorado, **Philip Duran and/or Lorenzo Sojo** unlawfully and feloniously transported, transmitted, or transferred a monetary instrument or moneys, with the knowledge or belief that the monetary instrument or moneys represented the proceeds of a criminal offense and that the transportation, transmission, or transfer was designed, in whole or in part, to conceal or disguise the nature, location, source, ownership, or control of the proceeds of a criminal offense, in violation of section 18-5-309(1)(a)(I) C.R.S.

PREDICATE ACT 13

Money Laundering 18-5-309(1)(a)(I) C.R.S. - (F3)

On or about October 24, 2014, in the state of Colorado, **Philip Duran and/or Lorenzo Sojo** unlawfully and feloniously transported, transmitted, or transferred a monetary instrument or moneys, with the knowledge or belief that the monetary instrument or moneys represented the proceeds of a criminal offense and that the transportation, transmission, or transfer was designed, in whole or in part, to conceal or disguise the nature, location, source, ownership, or control of the proceeds of a criminal offense, in violation of section 18-5-309(1)(a)(I) C.R.S.

The offenses alleged in Predicate Acts 7-13 and Counts 7-12 were committed in the following manner:

On or about and between September 30, 2014 and October 16, 2014, in the State of Colorado, Philip Duran, Lorenzo Sojo, and Michael Mensen agreed with each other and conspired that Hugo Vaca would supply methamphetamine to Duran, who would in turn supply methamphetamine to Sojo and Mensen.

As part of and in furtherance of this conspiracy, in a series of telephone calls and text messages utilizing cellular telephones, Hugo Vaca agreed to send five pounds of methamphetamine from Fontana, California to Philip Duran in Denver, Colorado.

On or about October 8, 2014, Hugo Vaca directed the shipment of methamphetamine from Fontana, California to the Denver, Colorado area, via UPS Ground shipment. The package was sent to "Str8 Customs" at 5665 Gray Street, Arvada, Colorado.

On or about October 13, 2014, Lorenzo Sojo picked the methamphetamine from "Str8 Customs" at 5665 Gray Street, Arvada, Colorado. After picking up the package, Sojo went directly to Philip Duran's house at 2516 West Hillside Avenue, Denver, Colorado. Upon arrival, Sojo removed a box from his vehicle and carried it over his head into Duran's residence.

As part of the conspiracy, in a series of telephone calls and text messages utilizing cellular telephones, Lorenzo Sojo spoke to both Philip Duran and Michael Mensen about the shipment of methamphetamine from Hugo Vaca.

On or about October 13, 2014, after Sojo arrived at Duran's residence, Duran called Hugo Vaca to confirm that he received the shipment.

Over the following weeks, Duran and Vaca engaged in a series of telephone calls and text messages in which they discussed the method of payment. In an effort to disguise the nature of the transaction, Hugo Vaca sent two bank account numbers to Philip Duran and requested that he deposit money directly into his accounts.

On or about October 23, 2014, at the express direction of Philip Duran, Lorenzo Sojo entered a Chase Bank branch in Lakewood, Colorado and deposited money into Vaca's account, as payment for illegal drugs.

On or about October 24, 2014, at the express direction of Philip Duran, Lorenzo Sojo entered a Chase Bank branch in Aurora, Colorado and deposited money into Vaca's account, as payment for illegal drugs.

PREDICATE ACT 14

Conspiracy to Distribute a Controlled Substance Methamphetamine - 7 to 112 Grams, (DF2)

On or about October 14, 2014, in the state of Colorado, **Michael Mensen and/or Erika Navarrete** unlawfully, feloniously, and knowingly conspired with each other and others, both known and unknown to the Grand Jury, to distribute methamphetamine.

Further, the violation involved a material compound, mixture, or preparation that weighed more than seven but not more than one hundred twelve grams; in violation of section 18-18-405(1),(2)(b)(I)(B), C.R.S.

PREDICATE ACT 15

Distribution of a Controlled Substance Methamphetamine - 7 to 112 Grams, (DF2)

On or about October 14, 2014, in the state of Colorado, **Michael Mensen and/or Erika Navarrete** unlawfully, feloniously, and knowingly sold or distributed methamphetamine, a controlled substance.

Further, the violation involved a material compound, mixture, or preparation that weighed more than seven but not more than one hundred twelve grams; in violation of section 18-18-405(1),(2)(b)(I)(B), C.R.S.

PREDICATE ACT 16

Possession with Intent to Distribute a Controlled Substance Methamphetamine - 7 to 112 Grams, (DF2)

On or about October 14, 2014, in the state of Colorado, **Michael Mensen and/or Erika Navarrete** unlawfully, feloniously, and knowingly possessed with the intent to distribute methamphetamine, a controlled substance.

Further, the violation involved a material compound, mixture, or preparation that weighed more than seven but not more than one hundred twelve grams; in violation of section 18-18-405(1),(2)(b)(I)(B), C.R.S.

PREDICATE ACT 17

Unlawful Use of a Communication Facility

On or about October 14, 2014, in the state of Colorado, **Michael Mensen and Erika Navarrete** did knowingly or intentionally use a communications facility, namely, a cellular telephone, to facilitate the commission of a felony, namely, Distribution of a Controlled Substance, in violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 841 and 846, such use of a communications facility being unlawful, and in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 843.

The offenses alleged in Predicate Acts 14-17 and Counts 13-15 were committed in the following manner:

On or about October 14, 2014, in the State of Colorado, Michael Mensen, Erika Navarrete and Misty Mills made an agreement and conspired with each other to distribute methamphetamine.

On or about October 14, 2014, after a text message exchange in furtherance of this agreement, Misty Mills drove to Michael Mensen's house at 1675 S. Raritain Street.

While Mills was at the house, Mensen left the residence and left his girlfriend Erika Navarrete to distribute drugs to Misty Mills. In a subsequent series of text messages and telephone calls using cellular telephones, and in furtherance of the conspiracy, Michael Mensen gave explicit instructions for Erika Navarrete to distribute drugs to Misty Mills.

During the course of a series of calls and text messages, Erika Navarrete delivered over twelve grams of methamphetamine to Misty Mills, at the direction of Michael Mensen and in furtherance of the criminal conspiracy.

PREDICATE ACT 18

**Conspiracy to Distribute a Controlled Substance
Methamphetamine - More than 112 Grams, (DF1)**

On or about and between October 14, 2014 and October 16, 2014, in the state of Colorado, **Lorenzo Sojo and/or Zackaria Bengheshir** unlawfully, feloniously, and knowingly conspired with each other and others, both known and unknown to the Grand Jury, to distribute methamphetamine.

Further, the violation involved a material compound, mixture, or preparation that weighed more than one hundred twelve grams; in violation of section 18-18-405(1),(2)(a)(I)(B), C.R.S.

PREDICATE ACT 19

**Distribution of a Controlled Substance
Methamphetamine - More than 112 Grams, (DF1)**

On or about October 16, 2014, in the state of Colorado, **Lorenzo Sojo** unlawfully, feloniously, and knowingly sold or distributed methamphetamine, a controlled substance.

Further, the violation involved a material compound, mixture, or preparation that weighed more than one hundred twelve grams; in violation of section 18-18-405(1),(2)(a)(I)(B), C.R.S.

PREDICATE ACT 20

**Possession with Intent to Distribute a Controlled Substance
Methamphetamine – More than 112 Grams, (DF1)**

On or about October 16, 2014, in the state of Colorado, **Lorenzo Sojo and/or Zackaria Bengheshir** unlawfully, feloniously, and knowingly possessed with the intent to distribute methamphetamine, a controlled substance.

Further, the violation involved a material compound, mixture, or preparation that weighed more than one hundred twelve grams; in violation of section 18-18-405(1),(2)(a)(I)(B), C.R.S.

PREDICATE ACT 21

Unlawful Use of a Communication Facility

On or about and October 16, 2014, in the state of Colorado, **Lorenzo Sojo and/or Zackaria Bengheshir** did knowingly or intentionally use a communications facility, namely, a cellular telephone, to facilitate the commission of a felony, namely, Distribution of a Controlled Substance, in violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 841 and 846, such use of a communications facility being unlawful, and in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 843.

The offenses alleged in Predicate Acts 18-21 and Counts 16-18 were committed in the following manner:

On or about and between October 14, 2014 and October 16, 2014, in the State of Colorado, Lorenzo Sojo conspired with Zackaria Bengheshir to distribute methamphetamine in the Denver, Colorado area.

As part of the conspiracy, in a series of telephone calls and text messages utilizing cellular telephones, Lorenzo Sojo agreed to supply Zackaria Bengheshir with methamphetamine.

On or about October 16, 2014, Lorenzo Sojo arrived at the La Quinta Inn parking lot, located at 9041 Brighton Boulevard, Denver, Colorado. Sojo subsequently met with Bengheshir and transferred over four ounces of methamphetamine to Bengheshir.

PREDICATE ACT 22

Conspiracy to Distribute a Controlled Substance Methamphetamine - More than 112 Grams, (DF1)

On or about and between September 23, 2014 and December 17, 2014, in the state of Colorado, **Philip Duran, and/or Lorenzo Sojo, and/or Michael Mensen, and/or Nicholas Murillo** unlawfully, feloniously, and knowingly conspired with each other and others, both known and unknown to the Grand Jury, to distribute methamphetamine.

Further, the violation involved a material compound, mixture, or preparation that weighed more than one hundred twelve grams; in violation of section 18-18-405(1),(2)(a)(I)(B), C.R.S.

PREDICATE ACT 23

**Conspiracy to Commit Money Laundering
18-2-201(1); 18-5-309(1)(B)(I) C.R.S. - (F4)**

On or about and between September 23, 2014 and December 17, 2014, in the state of Colorado, **Philip Duran, and/or Lorenzo Sojo, and/or Michael Mensen, and/or Nicholas Murillo**, with the intent to promote or facilitate the commission of the crime of money laundering, agreed with each other and others, both known and unknown to the Grand Jury, that one or more of them will engage in conduct which constitutes the crime of money laundering or an attempt to commit the crime of money laundering, and they agreed to aid that person or persons in the planning or commission of the crime or the attempt to commit the crime of money laundering, in violation of section 18-2-201(1); and 18-5-309(1)(B)(I) C.R.S.

PREDICATE ACT 24

**Money Laundering
18-5-309(1)(B)(I) C.R.S. - (F3)**

On or about October 30, 2014, in the state of Colorado, **Philip Duran, and/or Lorenzo Sojo, and/or Michael Mensen, and/or Nicholas Murillo** unlawfully and feloniously transported, transmitted, or transferred a monetary instrument or moneys, with the intent to promote the commission of a criminal offense, in violation of section 18-5-309(1)(B)(I), C.R.S.

PREDICATE ACT 25

Unlawful Use of a Communication Facility

On or about and November 9, 2014, in the state of Colorado, **Nicholas Murillo and/or Michael Mensen** did knowingly or intentionally use a communications facility, namely, a cellular telephone, to facilitate the commission of a felony, namely, Distribution of a Controlled Substance, in violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 841 and 846, such use of a communications facility being unlawful, and in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 843.

The offenses alleged in Predicate Acts 22-25 and Counts 19-21 were committed in the following manner:

On or about and between October 30, 2014 and November 9, 2014, in the State of Colorado, Philip Duran, Lorenzo Sojo, and Michael Mensen conspired with Nicholas Murillo to distribute methamphetamine in the Denver, Colorado area.

As part of and in furtherance of this conspiracy, in a series of telephone calls and text messages utilizing cellular telephones, Philip Duran conspired with Lorenzo Sojo and Michael Mensen, to collect drug proceeds from Nicholas Murillo.

On or about October 30, 2014, Lorenzo Sojo, Michael Mensen and Aaron Davies went to the home of Nicholas Murillo to collect money from a drug debt. Upon making contact with Murillo, the group escorted him to Sojo's vehicle and left the area. Sojo then drove to another location, where Murillo retrieved \$6,500 in US currency and transferred it to Sojo.

Shortly thereafter, during a cellular telephone call, Sojo told Duran that he collected \$6,500 from Murillo and Duran asked about the rest of the money. Duran further stated that he was upset with Murillo, but wanted to keep him working, in furtherance of the conspiracy.

On or about November 9, 2014, during a cellular telephone call between Michael Mensen and Nicholas Murillo, where the two discussed Murillo's illegal drug debt. Murillo then complained about the quality of the methamphetamine provided by Mensen.

PREDICATE ACT 26

Conspiracy to Distribute a Controlled Substance Methamphetamine - More than 112 Grams, (DF1)

On or about and between September 23, 2014 and December 17, 2014, in the state of Colorado, **Philip Duran and Julieann Linebarger** unlawfully, feloniously, and knowingly conspired with each other and others, both known and unknown to the Grand Jury, to distribute methamphetamine.

Further, the violation involved a material compound, mixture, or preparation that weighed more than one hundred twelve grams; in violation of section 18-18-405(1),(2)(a)(I)(B), C.R.S.

PREDICATE ACT 27

Conspiracy to Commit Money Laundering 18-2-201(1); 18-5-309(1)(B)(I) C.R.S. - (F4)

On or about and between September 23, 2014 and December 17, 2014, in the state of Colorado, **Philip Duran and/or Julieann Linebarger**, with the intent to promote or facilitate the commission of the crime of money laundering, agreed with each other and others, both known and unknown to the Grand Jury, that one or more of them will engage in conduct which constitutes the crime of money laundering or an attempt to commit the crime of money laundering, and they agreed to aid that person or persons in the planning or commission of the crime or the attempt to commit the crime of money laundering, in violation of section 18-2-201(1); and 18-5-309(1)(B)(I) C.R.S.

PREDICATE ACT 28

**Money Laundering
18-5-309(1)(B)(I) C.R.S. - (F3)**

On or about October 30, 2014, in the state of Colorado, **Philip Duran and/or Julieann Linebarger** unlawfully and feloniously transported, transmitted, or transferred a monetary instrument or moneys, with the intent to promote the commission of a criminal offense, in violation of section 18-5-309(1)(B)(I), C.R.S.

PREDICATE ACT 29

Unlawful Use of a Communication Facility

On or about and November 29, 2014, in the state of Colorado, **Philip Duran and/or Julieann Linebarger** did knowingly or intentionally use a communications facility, namely, a cellular telephone, to facilitate the commission of a felony, namely, Distribution of a Controlled Substance, in violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 841 and 846, such use of a communications facility being unlawful, and in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 843.

The offenses alleged in Predicate Acts 26-29 and Counts 22-24 were committed in the following manner:

On or about and between September 23, 2014 and December 17, 2014, in the State of Colorado, Duran, Sojo, and Mensen conspire with Linebarger to distribute methamphetamine in the Denver, Colorado area.

As part of and in furtherance of this conspiracy, in a series of telephone calls and text messages utilizing cellular telephones, Philip Duran and Julieann "Nicole" Linebarger frequently discussed issues related to methamphetamine distribution.

PREDICATE ACT 30

Conspiracy to Distribute a Controlled Substance Methamphetamine - More than 112 Grams, (DF1)

On or about and between November 1, 2014 and November 5, 2014, in the state of Colorado, **Philip Duran, and/or Lorenzo Sojo, and/or Raul Puente** unlawfully, feloniously, and knowingly conspired with each other and others, both known and unknown to the Grand Jury, to distribute methamphetamine.

Further, the violation involved a material compound, mixture, or preparation that weighed more than one hundred twelve grams; in violation of section 18-18-405(1),(2)(a)(I)(B), C.R.S.

PREDICATE ACT 31

Possession with Intent to Distribute a Controlled Substance Methamphetamine - More than 112 Grams, (DF1)

On or about November 5, 2014, in the state of Colorado, **Philip Duran and/or Lorenzo Sojo** unlawfully, feloniously, and knowingly possessed with the intent to distribute methamphetamine, a controlled substance.

Further, the violation involved a material compound, mixture, or preparation that weighed more than one hundred twelve grams; in violation of section 18-18-405(1),(2)(a)(I)(B), C.R.S.

PREDICATE ACT 32

Money Laundering 18-5-309(1)(B)(I) C.R.S. - (F3)

On or about November 3, 2014, in the state of Colorado, **Philip Duran and/or Lorenzo Sojo** unlawfully and feloniously transported, transmitted, or transferred a monetary instrument or moneys, with the intent to promote the commission of a criminal offense, in violation of section 18-5-309(1)(B)(I), C.R.S.

PREDICATE ACT 33

Unlawful Use of a Communication Facility

On or about and between November 2, 2014, in the state of Colorado, **Philip Duran and/or Lorenzo Sojo** did knowingly or intentionally use a communications facility, namely, a cellular telephone, to facilitate the commission of a felony, namely, Distribution of a controlled Substance, in violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 841 and 846, such use of a communications facility being unlawful, and in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 843.

The offenses alleged in Predicate Acts 30-33 and Counts 25-27 were committed in the following manner:

On or about and between November 1, 2014 and November 5, 2014, in the State of Colorado, Duran and Sojo conspired to distribute methamphetamine to Puente in the San Antonio, Texas area.

As part of the conspiracy, in a series of telephone calls and text messages utilizing cellular telephones, Philip Duran further conspired with Lorenzo Sojo to transfer drug proceeds to Duran via wire transfer.

On or about November 2, 2014, during an intercepted cellular telephone conversation, Raul Puente called Lorenzo Sojo and used coded language to discuss methamphetamine shipment when they talked about "support shirts." Sojo told Puente that he was leaving for Texas on Wednesday, November 5, 2014, and was waiting for the methamphetamine to be ready.

On or about November 5, 2014, in furtherance of the criminal conspiracy, Lorenzo Sojo and Philip Duran discussed Sojo collecting drug proceeds from a drug customer. Sojo told Duran that he collected \$3,000 in drug proceeds for Duran.

On or about Wednesday, November 5, 2014, Sojo went to a Walmart store in Pueblo where he conducted a wire transfer at a service counter. Lorenzo Sojo sent \$2,500 in US currency to Philip Duran, via wire transfer.

Shortly thereafter, investigators contacted Sojo on I-25 southbound near Pueblo. During the traffic stop of Sojo.

Officers searched the vehicle and located a large amount of suspected methamphetamine in a bag behind the front seats. The methamphetamine was secured and a preliminary test was conducted. The preliminary test indicated the substance was methamphetamine. Officers weighed the methamphetamine and found it to be approximately 2.1 pounds gross weight. Sojo was arrested and booked into the Pueblo County Jail for the warrants and methamphetamine related charges.

PREDICATE ACT 34

**Conspiracy to Tamper With Physical Evidence
18-2-201(1); 18-8-610(1)(a) C.R.S. - (F6)**

On or about November 5, 2014, in the state of Colorado, **Philip Duran** and/or Tony Muniz with the intent to promote or facilitate the commission of the crime of Tampering with Physical Evidence, agreed with each other and others, both known and unknown to the Grand Jury, that one or more of them will engage in conduct which constitutes the crime of Tampering with Physical Evidence or an attempt to commit the crime of Tampering with Physical Evidence, and they agreed to aid that person or persons in the planning or commission of the crime or the attempt to commit the crime of Tampering with Physical Evidence, in violation of section 18-2-201(1); and 18-8-610(1)(a) C.R.S.

PREDICATE ACT 35

**Tampering With Physical Evidence
18-8-610(1)(a) C.R.S. - (F6)**

On or about November 5, 2014, in the state of Colorado, **Philip Duran** and/or Tony Muniz believing that an official proceeding was pending or about to be instituted, and acting without legal right or authority, unlawfully and feloniously destroyed, mutilated, concealed, removed, or altered physical evidence with intent to impair its verity or availability in the pending or prospective official proceeding; in violation of section 18-8-610(1)(a), C.R.S.

PREDICATE ACT 36

Unlawful Use of a Communication Facility

On or about November 5, 2014, in the state of Colorado, **Philip Duran** did knowingly or intentionally use a communications facility, namely, a cellular telephone, to facilitate the commission of a felony, namely, Distribution of a Controlled Substance, in violation of 21 U.S.C. §§ 841 and 846, such use of a communications facility being unlawful, and in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 843.

The offenses alleged in Predicate Acts 34-36 and Counts 28-29 were committed in the following manner:

On or about November 5, 2014, in furtherance of the criminal conspiracy and after learning of Lorenzo Sojo's arrest, Philip Duran made a series of cellular telephone calls. Duran informed "Steven" that Sojo had been arrested and instructed him to go get the 'support shirts' out of Duran's house. Investigators believe that Duran was providing instructions to remove any drugs and/or weapons from the house. Duran further told "Steven" to take the items to Todd's house.

In furtherance of this agreement, Muniz called Duran to inform him that they moved the items out of the residence but that they could not deliver them to Todd Garnell as requested. Tony Muniz informed Duran that before they arrived at Todd's residence the police tried to stop them and they had to elude the officers. Later in the call investigators believe that Duran instructed Muniz to dispose of the illegal items if he had to.

PREDICATE ACT 37

Possession of a Weapon by Previous Offenders C.R.S. § 18-12-108(1) - (F6)

On or about November 3, 2014, in the State of Colorado, **Michael Mensen** unlawfully, feloniously, and knowingly possessed, used, or carried upon his person a firearm or other weapon, namely: a handgun, and **Michael Mensen** was previously convicted of a felony, namely: Burglary, as defined by the State of Colorado, on November 9, 1992; in violation of section 18-12-108(1), C.R.S.

PREDICATE ACT 38

Possession of a Weapon by Previous Offenders C.R.S. § 18-12-108(1) - (F6)

On or about November 3, 2014, in the State of Colorado, **Philip Duran** unlawfully, feloniously, and knowingly possessed, used, or carried upon his person a firearm or other weapon, namely: a handgun, and **Philip Duran** was previously convicted of a felony, namely: Kidnapping, as defined by the State of Colorado, on November 13, 2007; in violation of section 18-12-108(1), C.R.S.

The offenses alleged in Predicate Acts 37-38 and Counts 30-31 were committed in the following manner:

On or about November 3, 2014, Philip Duran and Michael Mensen agreed that Mensen would send a box filled with guns, to Las Vegas via UPS.

As part of the conspiracy, in a series of telephone calls and text messages utilizing cellular telephones, Philip Duran directed Michael Mensen to pick up his gun and send it to Las Vegas in the package. Mensen subsequently obtained Duran's firearm and secured it in the package.

On or about November 3, 2014, after gathering packing materials and four handguns, Michael Mensen entered the UPS Store located at 303 South Broadway, Denver, Colorado. Mensen carried the box into the store and attempted to ship it to Las Vegas.

On or about November 4, 2014, Investigators searched the package and found multiple Ziploc plastic containers wrapped in clear cellophane, covered with tin foil, and secured with a spray-foam filling. Investigators opened the Ziploc containers and located a total of four handguns which were all wrapped in bubble wrap.

Both Philip Duran and Michael Mensen have prior convictions which prohibit them from possessing firearms.

PREDICATE ACT 39

Possession with Intent to Distribute a Controlled Substance Methamphetamine - 7 to 112 Grams, (DF2)

On or about December 10, 2014, in the state of Colorado, **Michael Mensen** unlawfully, feloniously, and knowingly possessed with the intent to distribute methamphetamine, a controlled substance.

Further, the violation involved a material compound, mixture, or preparation that weighed more than seven but not more than one hundred twelve grams; in violation of section 18-18-405(1),(2)(b)(I)(B), C.R.S.

PREDICATE ACT 40

Possession with Intent to Distribute a Controlled Substance Marijuana 12 OZ - 5 LBS, (DF3)

On or about December 10, 2014, in the state of Colorado, **Philip Duran** unlawfully, feloniously, and knowingly possessed, or attempted to possess, with intent to sell or distribute marijuana.

Further, the amount of marijuana was more than twelve ounces but not more than five pounds, in violation of 18-18-406(2)(b)(I),(III)(C), C.R.S.

The offenses alleged in Predicate Acts 39 and 40 and Counts 32-33 were committed in the following manner:

On or about December 10, 2014, Investigators with the FBI Denver Metro Gang Safe Streets Task Force and the Denver Police Department executed two search warrants in Denver, Colorado.

One warrant was executed at the home of Philip Duran, 2516 West Hillside Street. During the search, Investigators found Duran to be in possession of 1370 grams (over three pounds) of

marijuana. Duran further was found to be in possession of numerous cellular telephones, several digital scales, and baggies.

The other warrant was executed at the home of Michael Mensen, 1675 South Raritan Street. Investigators found Mensen to be in possession of 89 grams of methamphetamine.

COUNT 3

**Conspiracy to Commit Money Laundering
18-2-201(1); 18-5-309(1)(B)(I) C.R.S. - (F4)**

On or about and between September 1, 2014 and October 1, 2014, in the state of Colorado, **Michael Mensen** and/or Steven Blake, with the intent to promote or facilitate the commission of the crime of money laundering, agreed with each other and others, both known and unknown to the Grand Jury, that one or more of them will engage in conduct which constitutes the crime of money laundering or an attempt to commit the crime of money laundering, and they agreed to aid that person or persons in the planning or commission of the crime or the attempt to commit the crime of money laundering, in violation of section 18-2-201(1); and 18-5-309(1)(B)(I) C.R.S.

COUNT 4

**Money Laundering
18-5-309(1)(B)(I) C.R.S. - (F3)**

On or about and between September 26, 2014 and October 1, 2014, in the state of Colorado, **Michael Mensen** unlawfully and feloniously transported, transmitted, or transferred a monetary instrument or moneys, with the intent to promote the commission of a criminal offense, in violation of section 18-5-309(1)(B)(I), C.R.S.

COUNT 5

**Conspiracy to Commit Money Laundering
18-2-201(1); 18-5-309(1)(B)(I) C.R.S. - (F4)**

On or about September 26, 2014, in the state of Colorado, **Philip Duran, and/or Lorenzo Sojo,** and/or Raul Puente, with the intent to promote or facilitate the commission of the crime of money laundering, agreed with each other and others, both known and unknown to the Grand Jury, that one or more of them will engage in conduct which constitutes the crime of money laundering or an attempt to commit the crime of money laundering, and they agreed to aid that person or persons in the planning or commission of the crime or the attempt to commit the crime of money laundering, in violation of section 18-2-201(1); and 18-5-309(1)(B)(I) C.R.S.

COUNT 6

**Money Laundering
18-5-309(1)(B)(I) C.R.S. - (F3)**

On or about September 26, 2014, in the state of Colorado, **Philip Duran, and/or Lorenzo Sojo and/or Raul Puente** unlawfully and feloniously transported, transmitted, or transferred a monetary instrument or moneys, with the intent to promote the commission of a criminal offense, in violation of section 18-5-309(1)(B)(I), C.R.S.

COUNT 7

**Conspiracy to Distribute a Controlled Substance
Methamphetamine - More than 112 Grams, (DF1)**

On or about and between September 30, 2014 and October 16, 2014, in the state of Colorado, **Hugo Vaca, and/or Philip Duran, and/or Lorenzo Sojo, and/or Michael Mensen** unlawfully, feloniously, and knowingly conspired with each other and others, both known and unknown to the Grand Jury, to distribute methamphetamine.

Further, the violation involved a material compound, mixture, or preparation that weighed more than one hundred twelve grams; in violation of section 18-18-405(1),(2)(a)(I)(B), C.R.S.

COUNT 8

**Distribution of a Controlled Substance
Methamphetamine - More than 112 Grams, (DF1)**

On or about October 13, 2014, in the state of Colorado, **Hugo Vaca** unlawfully, feloniously, and knowingly sold or distributed methamphetamine, a controlled substance.

Further, the violation involved a material compound, mixture, or preparation that weighed more than one hundred twelve grams; in violation of section 18-18-405(1),(2)(a)(I)(B), C.R.S.

COUNT 9

**Possession with Intent to Distribute a Controlled Substance
Methamphetamine - More than 112 Grams, (DF1)**

On or about and between September 30, 2014 and October 16, 2014, in the state of Colorado, **Hugo Vaca, and/or Philip Duran, and/or Lorenzo Sojo, and/or Michael Mensen** unlawfully, feloniously, and knowingly possessed with the intent to distribute methamphetamine, a controlled substance.

Further, the violation involved a material compound, mixture, or preparation that weighed more than one hundred twelve grams; in violation of section 18-18-405(1),(2)(a)(I)(B), C.R.S.

COUNT 10

**Conspiracy to Commit Money Laundering
18-2-201(1); 18-5-309(1)(a)(I) C.R.S. - (F4)**

On or about and between September 30, 2014 and October 30, 2014, in the state of Colorado, **Philip Duran, and/or Lorenzo Sojo and/or Hugo Vaca**, with the intent to promote or facilitate the commission of the crime of money laundering, agreed with each other and others, both known and unknown to the Grand Jury, that one or more of them will engage in conduct which constitutes the crime of money laundering or an attempt to commit the crime of money laundering, and they agreed to aid that person or persons in the planning or commission of the crime or the attempt to commit the crime of money laundering, in violation of section 18-2-201(1); and 18-5-309(1)(a)(I) C.R.S.

COUNT 11

**Money Laundering
18-5-309(1)(a)(I) C.R.S. - (F3)**

On or about October 23, 2014, in the state of Colorado, **Philip Duran and/or Lorenzo Sojo** unlawfully and feloniously transported, transmitted, or transferred a monetary instrument or moneys, with the knowledge or belief that the monetary instrument or moneys represented the proceeds of a criminal offense and that the transportation, transmission, or transfer was designed, in whole or in part, to conceal or disguise the nature, location, source, ownership, or control of the proceeds of a criminal offense, in violation of section 18-5-309(1)(a)(I) C.R.S.

COUNT 12

**Money Laundering
18-5-309(1)(a)(I) C.R.S. - (F3)**

On or about October 24, 2014, in the state of Colorado, **Philip Duran and/or Lorenzo Sojo** unlawfully and feloniously transported, transmitted, or transferred a monetary instrument or moneys, with the knowledge or belief that the monetary instrument or moneys represented the proceeds of a criminal offense and that the transportation, transmission, or transfer was designed, in whole or in part, to conceal or disguise the nature, location, source, ownership, or control of the proceeds of a criminal offense, in violation of section 18-5-309(1)(a)(I) C.R.S.

COUNT 13

**Conspiracy to Distribute a Controlled Substance
Methamphetamine - 7 to 112 Grams, (DF2)**

On or about October 14, 2014, in the state of Colorado, **Michael Mensen and/or Erika Navarrete** unlawfully, feloniously, and knowingly conspired with each other and others, both known and unknown to the Grand Jury, to distribute methamphetamine.

Further, the violation involved a material compound, mixture, or preparation that weighed more than seven but not more than one hundred twelve grams; in violation of section 18-18-405(1),(2)(b)(I)(B), C.R.S.

COUNT 14

**Distribution of a Controlled Substance
Methamphetamine - 7 to 112 Grams, (DF2)**

On or about October 14, 2014, in the state of Colorado, **Michael Mensen and/or Erika Navarrete** unlawfully, feloniously, and knowingly sold or distributed methamphetamine, a controlled substance.

Further, the violation involved a material compound, mixture, or preparation that weighed more than seven but not more than one hundred twelve grams; in violation of section 18-18-405(1),(2)(b)(I)(B), C.R.S.

COUNT 15

**Possession with Intent to Distribute a Controlled Substance
Methamphetamine - 7 to 112 Grams, (DF2)**

On or about October 14, 2014, in the state of Colorado, **Michael Mensen and/or Erika Navarrete** unlawfully, feloniously, and knowingly possessed with the intent to distribute methamphetamine, a controlled substance.

Further, the violation involved a material compound, mixture, or preparation that weighed more than seven but not more than one hundred twelve grams; in violation of section 18-18-405(1),(2)(b)(I)(B), C.R.S.

COUNT 16

**Conspiracy to Distribute a Controlled Substance - Methamphetamine
More than 112 Grams, (DF1)**

On or about and between October 14, 2014 and October 16, 2014, in the state of Colorado, **Lorenzo Sojo and/or Zackaria Bengheshir** unlawfully, feloniously, and knowingly conspired with each other and others, both known and unknown to the Grand Jury, to distribute methamphetamine.

Further, the violation involved a material compound, mixture, or preparation that weighed more than one hundred twelve grams; in violation of section 18-18-405(1),(2)(a)(I)(B), C.R.S.

COUNT 17

**Distribution of a Controlled Substance
Methamphetamine - More than 112 Grams, (DF1)**

On or about October 16, 2014, in the state of Colorado, **Lorenzo Sojo** unlawfully, feloniously, and knowingly sold or distributed methamphetamine, a controlled substance.

Further, the violation involved a material compound, mixture, or preparation that weighed more than one hundred twelve grams; in violation of section 18-18-405(1),(2)(a)(I)(B), C.R.S.

COUNT 18

Possession with Intent to Distribute a Controlled Substance Methamphetamine – More than 112 Grams, (DF1)

On or about October 16, 2014, in the state of Colorado, **Lorenzo Sojo and/or Zackaria Bengheshir** unlawfully, feloniously, and knowingly possessed with the intent to distribute methamphetamine, a controlled substance.

Further, the violation involved a material compound, mixture, or preparation that weighed more than one hundred twelve grams; in violation of section 18-18-405(1),(2)(a)(I)(B), C.R.S.

COUNT 19

Conspiracy to Distribute a Controlled Substance Methamphetamine - More than 112 Grams, (DF1)

On or about and between September 23, 2014 and December 17, 2014, in the state of Colorado, **Philip Duran, and/or Lorenzo Sojo, and/or Michael Mensen, and/or Nicholas Murillo** unlawfully, feloniously, and knowingly conspired with each other and others, both known and unknown to the Grand Jury, to distribute methamphetamine.

Further, the violation involved a material compound, mixture, or preparation that weighed more than one hundred twelve grams; in violation of section 18-18-405(1),(2)(a)(I)(B), C.R.S.

COUNT 20

Conspiracy to Commit Money Laundering 18-2-201(1); 18-5-309(1)(B)(I) C.R.S. - (F4)

On or about and between September 23, 2014 and December 17, 2014, in the state of Colorado, **Philip Duran, and/or Lorenzo Sojo, and/or Michael Mensen, and/or Nicholas Murillo**, with the intent to promote or facilitate the commission of the crime of money laundering, agreed with each other and others, both known and unknown to the Grand Jury, that one or more of them will engage in conduct which constitutes the crime of money laundering or an attempt to commit the crime of money laundering, and they agreed to aid that person or persons in the planning or commission of the crime or the attempt to commit the crime of money laundering, in violation of section 18-2-201(1); and 18-5-309(1)(B)(I) C.R.S.

COUNT 21

**Money Laundering
18-5-309(1)(B)(I) C.R.S. - (F3)**

On or about October 30, 2014, in the state of Colorado, **Philip Duran, and/or Lorenzo Sojo, and/or Michael Mensen, and/or Nicholas Murillo** unlawfully and feloniously transported, transmitted, or transferred a monetary instrument or moneys, with the intent to promote the commission of a criminal offense, in violation of section 18-5-309(1)(B)(I), C.R.S.

COUNT 22

**Conspiracy to Distribute a Controlled Substance
Methamphetamine - More than 112 Grams, (DF1)**

On or about and between September 23, 2014 and December 17, 2014, in the state of Colorado, **Philip Duran and/or Julieann Linebarger** unlawfully, feloniously, and knowingly conspired with each other and others, both known and unknown to the Grand Jury, to distribute methamphetamine.

Further, the violation involved a material compound, mixture, or preparation that weighed more than one hundred twelve grams; in violation of section 18-18-405(1),(2)(a)(I)(B), C.R.S.

COUNT 23

**Conspiracy to Commit Money Laundering
18-2-201(1); 18-5-309(1)(B)(I) C.R.S. - (F4)**

On or about and between September 23, 2014 and December 17, 2014, in the state of Colorado, **Philip Duran and/or Julieann Linebarger**, with the intent to promote or facilitate the commission of the crime of money laundering, agreed with each other and others, both known and unknown to the Grand Jury, that one or more of them will engage in conduct which constitutes the crime of money laundering or an attempt to commit the crime of money laundering, and they agreed to aid that person or persons in the planning or commission of the crime or the attempt to commit the crime of money laundering, in violation of section 18-2-201(1); and 18-5-309(1)(B)(I) C.R.S.

COUNT 24

**Money Laundering
18-5-309(1)(B)(I) C.R.S. - (F3)**

On or about October 30, 2014, in the state of Colorado, **Philip Duran and/or Julieann Linebarger** unlawfully and feloniously transported, transmitted, or transferred a monetary instrument or moneys, with the intent to promote the commission of a criminal offense, in violation of section 18-5-309(1)(B)(I), C.R.S.

COUNT 25

**Conspiracy to Distribute a Controlled Substance
Methamphetamine - More than 112 Grams, (DF1)**

On or about and between November 1, 2014 and November 5, 2014, in the state of Colorado, **Philip Duran, and/or Lorenzo Sojo and/or Raul Puente** unlawfully, feloniously, and knowingly conspired with each other and others, both known and unknown to the Grand Jury, to distribute methamphetamine.

Further, the violation involved a material compound, mixture, or preparation that weighed more than one hundred twelve grams; in violation of section 18-18-405(1),(2)(a)(I)(B), C.R.S.

COUNT 26

**Possession with Intent to Distribute a Controlled Substance
Methamphetamine - More than 112 Grams, (DF1)**

On or about November 5, 2014, in the state of Colorado, **Philip Duran and/or Lorenzo Sojo** unlawfully, feloniously, and knowingly possessed with the intent to distribute methamphetamine, a controlled substance.

Further, the violation involved a material compound, mixture, or preparation that weighed more than one hundred twelve grams; in violation of section 18-18-405(1),(2)(a)(I)(B), C.R.S.

COUNT 27

**Money Laundering
18-5-309(1)(B)(I) C.R.S. - (F3)**

On or about November 3, 2014, in the state of Colorado, **Philip Duran and/or Lorenzo Sojo** unlawfully and feloniously transported, transmitted, or transferred a monetary instrument or moneys, with the intent to promote the commission of a criminal offense, in violation of section 18-5-309(1)(B)(I), C.R.S.

COUNT 28

**Conspiracy to Tamper With Physical Evidence
18-2-201(1); 18-8-610(1)(a) C.R.S. - (F6)**

On or about November 5, 2014, in the state of Colorado, **Philip Duran**, and/or Tony Muniz with the intent to promote or facilitate the commission of the crime of Tampering with Physical Evidence, agreed with each other and others, both known and unknown to the Grand Jury, that one or more of them will engage in conduct which constitutes the crime of Tampering with Physical Evidence or an attempt to commit the crime of Tampering with Physical Evidence, and they agreed to aid that person or persons in the planning or commission of the crime or the attempt to commit the crime of Tampering with Physical Evidence, in violation of section 18-2-201(1); and 18-8-610(1)(a) C.R.S.

COUNT 29

**Tampering With Physical Evidence
18-8-610(1)(a) C.R.S. - (F6)**

On or about November 5, 2014, in the state of Colorado, **Philip Duran** believing that an official proceeding was pending or about to be instituted, and acting without legal right or authority, unlawfully and feloniously destroyed, mutilated, concealed, removed, or altered physical evidence with intent to impair its verity or availability in the pending or prospective official proceeding; in violation of section 18-8-610(1)(a), C.R.S.

COUNT 30

**Possession of a Weapon by Previous Offenders
C.R.S. § 18-12-108(1) - (F6)**

On or about November 3, 2014, in the State of Colorado, **Michael Mensen** unlawfully, feloniously, and knowingly possessed, used, or carried upon his person a firearm or other weapon, namely: a handgun, and **Michael Mensen** was previously convicted of a felony, namely: Burglary, as defined by the State of Colorado, on November 9, 1992; in violation of section 18-12-108(1), C.R.S.

COUNT 31

**Possession of a Weapon by Previous Offenders
C.R.S. § 18-12-108(1) - (F6)**

On or about November 3, 2014, in the State of Colorado, **Philip Duran** unlawfully, feloniously, and knowingly possessed, used, or carried upon his person a firearm or other weapon, namely: a handgun, and **Philip Duran** was previously convicted of a felony, namely: Kidnapping, as defined by the State of Colorado, on November 13, 2007; in violation of section 18-12-108(1), C.R.S.

COUNT 32

**Possession with Intent to Distribute a Controlled Substance
Methamphetamine - 7 to 112 Grams, (DF2)**

On or about December 10, 2014, in the state of Colorado, **Michael Mensen** unlawfully, feloniously, and knowingly possessed with the intent to distribute methamphetamine, a controlled substance.

Further, the violation involved a material compound, mixture, or preparation that weighed more than seven but not more than one hundred twelve grams; in violation of section 18-18-405(1),(2)(b)(I)(B), C.R.S.

COUNT 33

**Possession with Intent to Distribute a Controlled Substance
Marijuana 12 OZ - 5 LBS, (DF3)**

On or about December 10, 2014, in the state of Colorado, **Philip Duran** unlawfully, feloniously, and knowingly possessed, or attempted to possess, with intent to sell or distribute marijuana.

Further, the amount of marijuana was more than twelve ounces but not more than five pounds, in violation of 18-18-406(2)(b)(I),(III)(C), C.R.S.

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The 2014-2015 Colorado Statewide Grand Jury presents the within Indictment, and the same is hereby ORDERED FILED this 19th day of December 2014.

Pursuant to § 13-73-107, C.R.S., the Court designates Denver, Colorado as the county of venue for the purposes of trial.

Warrant to issue:

- BOND SET AT \$ 250,000.00 *cash only* we C/S/P FOR PHILIP LEE DURAN *
- BOND SET AT \$ 150,000.00 *cash only* we C/S/P FOR LORENZO SOJO *
- BOND SET AT \$ 200,000.00 *cash only* we C/S/P FOR MICHAEL MENSEN *
- BOND SET AT \$ 50,000.00 *cash* we C/S/P FOR HUGO VACA *
- BOND SET AT \$ 100,000.00 C/S/P FOR NICHOLAS MURILLO
- BOND SET AT \$ 5,000.00 C/S/P FOR JULIEANN NICOLE LINEBARGER
- BOND SET AT \$ 5,000.00 C/S/P FOR ERIKA NAVARRETE
- BOND SET AT \$ 10,000.00 C/S/P FOR ZACHARIA BENGHESHIR

Conditions imposed pursuant to §18-1-1001: This court hereby orders that the defendants shall refrain from harassing, molesting, intimidating, retaliating against, or tampering with any witnesses to or victim of the acts charged. A copy of this order shall be provided to the protected parties.

** Defendant shall surrender all passports in their possession or control as a condition of bond.*

So ORDERED, this 19th day of December, 2014.


MICHAEL A. MARTINEZ
Chief District Court Judge