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INSURANCE THEFT RING LEADER MIKE TEE WILL SPEND 18-YEARS BEHIND BARS

DENVER — [Colorado Attorney General Cynthia H. Coffman](#) announced today that Mike Tee was sentenced to serve 18 years in the Department of Corrections for masterminding a criminal ring that stole insurance money by staging automobile accidents. In April 2013, [the Colorado Attorney General's Office indicted Tee](#) on 31 felony counts and in January 2015, an Arapahoe County jury found him guilty.

“The Insurance Fraud Unit of the Attorney General’s Office continues to see a large number of staged accidents of motor vehicles. When a crime ring is involved, as in this case, we find that insurance crimes may go unnoticed by individual insurance companies because the claim losses are spread out among many different companies. By collaborating with the National Insurance Crime Bureau and other law enforcement partners, the Attorney General’s Office has been able to leverage its unique expertise to initiate investigations based on the analysis of crime patterns and the assimilation of insurance data,” said Attorney General Coffman. “The conviction and sentencing of Mike Tee sends a clear message to rip-off artists that we have sophisticated means for tracking their activity. It’s important that serial thieves like Tee pay for their crimes given that stealing from insurance companies inflates everyone’s rates.”

Tee and his associates would claim both vehicle damages and bodily injury in fake accidents to collect insurance payouts. As part of some of the thefts, Tee and the others claimed the vehicles they owned were stolen, when in fact they were not and insurance companies ultimately paid more than \$80,000.

An investigation by the Attorney General’s Office also proved that Tee committed identity-theft by illegally possessing the credit card information of more than 100 cardholders which was used to buy \$21,000 worth of auto parts, retail equipment and furniture.

The jury found Tee guilty of Theft, Conspiracy, Computer Crime, Identity Theft, Attempting to Influence a Public Official, Criminal Impersonation, and Attempted Theft. Tee also plead guilty to two counts of Violation of Bail Bond Conditions.

The Attorney General's Office worked closely with The Greenwood Village Police Department and the Adams County Sheriff's Office as well as with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the United States Secret Service, Department of Homeland Security/Immigration and Customs Enforcement, National Insurance Crime Bureau, Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office, Aurora Police Department and the Denver Police Department.

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