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GRAND JURY INDICTS BURGLARY RING

A Denver Grand Jury has returned a 139-count indictment against 28 people accused of taking part in a prolific burglary ring that victimized more than 50 people in the last two years.

Mohamed Tagir (dob: 06-12-95), Najib Mahamoud (dob: 07-04-94), Mamadou Diallo (dob: 05-14-96), Emanuel Makoi (dob: 08-03-96), Gallo Dia (dob: 05-02-85), Mohammed Arbab (dob: 05-28-80) and Baidy Dia (dob: 09-03-94) are each charged with violating Colorado's Organized Crime Control Act – COCCA (F2) in addition to numerous other felonies including theft, burglary, criminal mischief and conspiracy.

The indictment alleges that these defendants and 21 others have been burglarizing homes and stealing cars since late 2013, causing more than \$400,000 in losses to victims, more than \$23,000 in property damage and more than \$70,000 in car theft losses. The indictment alleges that members of the criminal enterprise would locate homes in which the owner was not at home, and would often break a glass window or door to get inside and steal valuables including jewelry, electronics and credit cards.

The seven defendants listed above who are charged with violating the Colorado Organized Crime Control Act are all in custody, as are most of the other 21 defendants.

The indictment is the result of work by Denver Police Department detectives in District Two and District Three who first noticed a pattern of criminal activity and worked with the Denver DA's Economic Crime Unit to take the case into the Grand Jury. The Arapahoe County Sheriff's Office and Homeland Security Investigations were also instrumental in assisting the investigation.