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FINANCIAL CRIMES TASK FORCE ARRESTS 27-YEAR-OLD MAN

Over the past several months, the Northern Colorado Financial Crimes Task Force, with the assistance of the United States Secret Service, has been conducting an extensive investigation into fraudulently produced checks and identification cards that included victims from multiple jurisdictions in northern Colorado, as well as Wyoming. The case was presented to the District Attorney's Office on March 25, 2011. As a result of this investigation, Todd James Kraft has been charged with five counts of Identity Theft (class 4 felony), two counts of Forgery (class 5 felony), and one count each of Theft (class 4 felony), Possession of Identity Theft Tools (class 5 felony), and Fraud by Check (class 6 felony).

The Northern Colorado Financial Crimes Task Force is comprised of individuals from the Eighth Judicial District Attorney's Office, the Larimer County Sheriff's Office, Fort Collins Police Services, and the Loveland Police Department. The task force was formed in 2010 to address the growing trend in financial crimes in Northern Colorado.

Kraft is currently being held at the Larimer County Detention Center on a \$100,000 bond. His first appearance in District Court is April 4, 2011 at 1:30 p.m. in Courtroom 5B.

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The filing of a criminal charge is merely a formal accusation that an individual(s) committed a crime(s) under Colorado laws. A defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty. *See Colo. RPC 3.6*