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For Immediate Release:

3rd Illegal Immigrant Pleads Guilty in Large -Scale Retail Theft Ring

Jaison Contreras-Rangel sentenced to 17 Years in Prison for Role in \$238,00 Retail Theft Scheme

Castle Rock, CO – March 10, 2025. Jaison Contreras-Rangel has been sentenced to seventeen years in the Department of Corrections for his role in a large-scale retail theft ring that stole more than \$238,000 worth of merchandise across the Denver Metro area. Contreras-Rangel participated in twelve separate theft incidents, targeting retailers such as Sunglass Hut, jewelry stores, and others.

Contreras-Rangel is one of multiple individuals involved in the criminal operation. He pleaded guilty to two counts of theft and violating the Colorado Organized Crime Control Act.

Contreras-Rangel, an illegal immigrant from Venezuela, is the third individual to plead guilty for his role in the thefts. Co-conspirator, Jacson Rojas-Montilla also pleaded guilty for his role in the thefts and has been sentenced to prison. Another co-conspirator, Bruno Gutierrez-Zorilla, was convicted at trial and is awaiting sentencing.

District Attorney George Brauchler said, "In this community, thieves will be pursued, prosecuted, and imprisoned, regardless of where they are from. Another reminder for the

lawless: if you refuse to follow the law, go break it somewhere else more permissive and tolerant of lawless behavior. This is not the community for you.” Castle Rock Police Chief Jack Cauley and the Douglas County Board of Commissioners echoed those sentiments.

Deputy DA Sherri Giger, who led the prosecution, along with Chief Deputy DA Colleen Greer, thanked law enforcement partners for “their dedicated work in identifying the defendant and bringing the operation to a halt.”

All defendants must be presumed innocent until and unless they are convicted in a court of law...like Contreras-Rangel was.

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