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Tow Truck Driver Sentenced to 16 Years in Massive Douglas County Auto Theft Operation

Castle Rock, CO –A Castle Rock tow truck driver has been sentenced to 16 years in prison for orchestrating a widespread auto theft scheme that targeted nearly 50 unsuspecting vehicle owners across the Denver metro area.

34-year-old Brian Chacon operated Eagle Wing Towing out of Aurora. He pleaded guilty to multiple felony charges including motor vehicle theft, forgery, and operating a chop shop.

In court Chacon told judge Ryan Stuart that he had found God and was “repentant and humbled.” Judge Stuart said, “I don’t believe you.”

Between April 2023 and February 2024 Chacon used his tow truck to steal unoccupied vehicles, then forged ownership documents to sell them to salvage yards from Douglas County to Denver to Aurora. Investigators confirmed at least 48 vehicles were stolen and an additional 29 vehicles could not be confirmed due to missing or unreachable owners. In total, Chacon sold over 80 vehicles to salvage yards during the scheme. Investigators say Chacon exploited a loophole in Colorado law that allowed him to complete the transactions without raising immediate suspicion.

“I want to commend the relentless work of our Auto Theft Detectives, whose determination and attention to detail were critical in breaking this case wide open,” said Douglas County Sheriff Darren Weekly. “These detectives uncovered a large-scale criminal operation involving dozens of stolen vehicles. Because of their exceptional work, along with strong

support from our deputies and dedicated prosecutors, the suspect has been sentenced to a lengthy prison term. Let this be a clear message: if you come to Douglas County to steal from hardworking people, we will find you, will prosecute you, and you will go to prison.”

“Chacon thought he was untouchable,” said Chief Deputy District Attorney Jake Adkins. “He stole from people just trying to get by and showed no regret. This sentence reflects the seriousness of his crimes and ensures he won’t harm others for a long time.” Deputy DA Chase Helseth echoed those sentiments. “Chacon preyed on the working class- people who couldn’t afford to lose their only means of transportation. Today, justice caught up with him.”

District Attorney George Brauchler also praised the judge’s sentence, emphasizing the seriousness of the crime and the importance of accountability. “Chacon is no more than a common thief who used an uncommon method to steal,” said Brauchler. “I will continue to say it until either our jail is full, or thieves stay out of our jurisdiction: come here to victimize us and expect incarceration. I commend the court for giving the kind of sentence that will let other thieves know...stay out of Douglas County or lose your freedom for a long time.”

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