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Owners of Kitchens 4 Less Charged with 30 Counts of Theft and Check Fraud

17th Judicial District Attorney Dave Young today announced the filing of theft and check fraud charges against Herman Melvin Hinojosa, Jr., (DOB 06/24/44) and his wife, Susan Marie Hinojosa (DOB 08/13/57) in connection with a kitchen remodeling business they operated.

The two are charged with 30 counts of theft, check fraud and theft from at-risk elder adults for taking funds for kitchen remodeling projects through their businesses Kitchens 4 Less and Kitchens 2 Go at 1015 E. 70th Avenue in Adams County. The charges involve activity that began in April 2012 and continued through November 20, 2013, when the Hinojosas filed for bankruptcy.

The alleged charges involve 27 victims who lost more than \$140,000 in dealings with the Hinojosas.

The complaint charges each defendant with seven counts of theft from at-risk victims, 16 counts of felony theft, four counts of felony check fraud, two counts of misdemeanor theft and one count of misdemeanor check fraud.

The charges allege that the couple required payment up front and then did little or no work. Deposits from customers were commingled with other funds and used for personal purposes.

Herman Hinojosa is in federal custody in Texas for violating parole in an unrelated case. Susan Hinojosa was arrested today. Her bond is set at \$10,000.

The filing of a criminal charge is merely a formal accusation that an individual committed a crime under Colorado laws. A defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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