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**Herman Hinojosa Charged with Check Fraud**

District Attorney Dave Young announced Thursday the filing of additional check fraud charges against Herman Hinojosa, who faces trial in January in Adams County for theft and check fraud charges in connection with a kitchen remodeling business.

The new charges allege that Hinojosa deposited a \$5 million personal check at Alpine Bank in Rifle which was drawn on a Premier Members Credit Union credit union account that was overdrawn at the time. He also wrote a \$38,500 check for earnest money and attempted to wire \$860,000 in payment for real estate he was attempting to buy in Rifle, according to the charging documents.

Hinojosa is charged with attempted theft (F4), forgery (F5), theft (F5), fraud by check (F6) and violation of bail bond conditions (F6). Hinojosa was arrested by Rifle police on Thursday

His trial on the previous theft and check fraud case is set for trial January 23. In that case, he and his wife, Susan Hinojosa, were charged in 2014 with 30 counts of theft and check fraud for taking funds for kitchen remodeling projects through their business Kitchens 4 Less in Adams County. Susan Hinojosa was convicted and sentenced in March to eight years in prison and ordered to pay \$100,848.38 in restitution.

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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