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**Herman Hinojosa Charged with More Check Fraud Charges**

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 on Dec. 21, Hinojosa deposited a \$5 million personal check at Western Rockies Federal Credit Union in Rifle which was drawn against a Premier Members Credit Union account that was overdrawn. The charges allege that Hinojosa used his debit card and wrote checks against the account for approximately \$5,000 before the fraudulent activity was discovered. He was arrested Jan. 4 in Denver.

He is charged with attempted theft of \$1 million or more (F3), theft (F5), three counts of forgery (F5) and three counts of fraud by check (F6).

Hinojosa already faces additional charges in connection with another \$5 million check he deposited on December 9 at Alpine Bank in Rifle which also was drawn on the Premier Members Credit Union account that was overdrawn that the time.

Hinojosa was charged in that case on December 20 with attempted theft (F4), forgery (F5), theft (F5), fraud by check (F6) and violation of bail bond conditions (F6) in that case. He was arrested by Rifle police on Dec. 22 and released on \$5,000 bond in Garfield County on Dec. 24. He is due in Adams County Court on Feb. 9 in Division 6 on that case.

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.