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**Second Man Charged in String of Robberies of Marijuana Grow Businesses**

17<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Attorney Dave Young announced Friday that John Sandhoff has been charged in a string of armed robberies of marijuana grow operations over the past five months.

Sandhoff (DOB 10/25/72) is charged with five counts of aggravated robbery (F4), five counts of conspiracy (F4), one count of attempted aggravated robbery (F4) and one count of theft (F5).

Rocky Pedersen (DOB 10/13/85) was charged earlier this week with 35 counts in connection with the robberies. The charges include attempted first-degree murder, aggravated robbery, attempted aggravated robbery, menacing and theft.

Sandhoff, of Longmont, was advised of the charges in Adams County Court Friday afternoon. His preliminary hearing is set for 9 a.m. April 27 in Division 6. He is free on \$20,000 bond.

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. See Colo. RPC 3.6.

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