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“Serial Squatter” Heather Schwab Pleads Guilty to Identity Theft

Heather Schwab pleaded guilty to one count of felony identity theft Wednesday in connection with “serial squatting” in which she fraudulently leases properties and then fails to pay rent, living in the homes until she is evicted.

As part of the plea agreement Schwab (DOB 01-26-75) pleaded guilty to one count of identity theft (F4) and agreed to pay restitution in two charged cases as well as in several cases that are pending charges

A sentencing hearing is set for 2 p.m. on September 17 in Division 7 of Adams County Court. She faces a sentence that could range from probation to six years in prison.

She was charged with theft, forgery and identity theft in two cases in Adams County. Schwab signed an 18-month lease February 15 and paid James Warner, 78, with two checks for \$4,400 in rent and a deposit on a property at 2756 E. 139th Place in Thornton. Both checks bounced. She also was charged in connection with her rental of a property at 12188 Locust Street in unincorporated Adams County in April while posing as a relative.

Schwab is held without bond on an extradition case out of Texas concerning similar charges in that state. She also is held on \$50,000 bond in the first theft and forgery case.

Schwab’s husband, William Eric Schwab (DOB 05/30/70) also is charged with two counts of identity theft (F4), conspiracy to commit identity theft (F5) and theft (F6) in connection with their rental of the property at 12188 Locust Street in unincorporated Adams County. His preliminary hearing is set for 9:30 a.m. August 23 in Division 3 of Adams County Court.

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