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Used Car Dealers Charged with Theft and Forgery in Odometer Fraud Scheme

17th Judicial District Attorney Dave Young announced Tuesday that Sedeq Kargar and Naim Kargar have been charged with theft and forgery in connection with an odometer rollback scheme at their used car business in Federal Heights.

The brothers are charged with rolling back 2,683,751 miles in 29 vehicles that were sold to unsuspecting customers at their business, AFG Auto Sales at 9270 Federal Boulevard, between April 2015 and August 2018. Odometers in the vehicles were either replaced or rolled back to reflect greatly reduced mileage.

Naim Kargar (DOB 04/09/64) and Sedeq Kargar (DOB 11/23/71) each are charged with one count of theft (F4) of up to \$100,000 from 34 named victims and six counts of forgery (F5). They were arrested Thursday and are due in court at 8:30 a.m. February 26 in Division 7 of Adams County Court for advisement.

The charges resulted from a joint investigation by the Colorado Department of Revenue Auto Industry Division and the Economic Crime Unit of the District Attorney's Office. Investigators reviewed hundreds of individual car sales records before executing a search warrant on the business in August.

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

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