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**Thornton Jeweler to Pay Back Customers for Theft**

David Aaron Kushnir pleaded guilty to theft and was ordered to pay restitution for more than \$80,000 in theft of gold and jewelry from customers at his Thornton jewelry store.

Kushnir was charged with defrauding customers after they brought their diamonds, watches and other jewelry to him for repair or consignment sale at his business, D & D Jewelers, at 3839 East 120<sup>th</sup> Avenue. He also sold fake diamonds to customers.

Kushnir (DOB 07/25/81) pleaded guilty August 5 to one count of theft (F4) concerning theft of up to \$100,000 from nine named victims.

Adams County District Judge Priscilla Loew sentenced Kushnir to four years' economic crime supervised probation under a plea agreement that requires him to pay approximately \$85,000 in restitution. The final amount has not been determined. Kushnir has paid \$25,000 and another \$15,000 is due in 60 days, with the rest to be repaid during his probation. Under the deferred sentence agreement, if he successfully completes probation and repays the money, the charge will be dismissed.

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