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## ***NEWS RELEASE***

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### **BOOK BANDIT SENTENCED TO LENGTHY PRISON TERM**

A man accused of checking out and trying to sell hundreds of library books from around the metro area has been sentenced to prison today.

**Thomas Pilaar** (dob: 02-21-74) was sentenced to 10 years in the Colorado Department of Corrections for theft. He was also ordered to pay \$53,549 in restitution.

Pilaar was accused of using his own and other's library cards from Denver, Douglas County, Aurora and Littleton and using those cards to check out books and DVDs that he later sold.

The investigation by Denver Public Library's Security Unit eventually led to including the other jurisdictions in the investigation and ultimately the prosecution. The restitution includes losses from each of the jurisdictions. An estimated 1400 books and DVDs were taken; about 500 were recovered.