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TWO CHARGED IN THEFT SCHEME

Denver District Attorney Mitch Morrissey has formally charged an accountant and a man she claimed to be her husband in a large theft scheme that was discovered by the construction company where she worked. The charges were filed earlier this week.

Sinath Chhim (dob: 01-06-80) is charged with *one count of conspiracy to commit theft*, (F4) two counts of *theft* (F3, F4), one *count of conspiracy to commit forgery* (F6) and seventeen counts of *forgery* (F5) and one count of *computer crime* (F3).

Vann Chea (dob: 04-15-75) is charged with one count of *conspiracy to commit theft* (F4), two counts of *theft* (F3 and F4), one *count of conspiracy to commit forgery* (F6) and two counts of *forgery* (F5).

The charges allege that Chhim, while working as a project accountant for The Weitz Company, forged checks and created phony vendors to steal money. The charges further allege that Chea participated in the scheme. Weitz discovered the theft and reported it to the Denver District Attorney's Office last week. Losses are estimated at \$267,900.

Chhim and Chea remain in custody; bond is set at \$50,000 for each of them. They are scheduled to appear in Denver County Courtroom 2100 on December 20, 2010, at 10:30 a.m. to be formally advised of the charges.

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The filing of a criminal charge is merely a formal accusation that an individual(s) committed a crime(s) under Colorado laws. A defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty. See Colo. RPC 3.6

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