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MAN SENTENCED FOR THEFT

A man with ten prior felony convictions was adjudicated as an habitual criminal earlier this week in a Denver District Court proceeding. The finding follows a December 2009 conviction in Denver for four counts of *theft* (F4) and three counts of *fraud by check* (F6).

Johnny Harlan (dob: 03-25-69), as a result of his conviction and the finding that he is an habitual criminal, has been sentenced to 24 years in the Colorado Department of Corrections. The sentence will run consecutive to his ten-year prison term for a prior conviction in Adams County. Harlan is also set for another habitual criminal trial in Jefferson County on May 14, 2010.

From September 2007 through December 2007, Harlan hired people to work in a venture business he created. The business, functioning under the name Harlan21 LLC, was designed as a community-based sports and events business based in the Denver metro area. Harlan hired a number of employees, retained a company to draft a business plan, and attempted to purchase a building in Denver. Harlan issued checks to the employees and business owners, all of which were returned due to insufficient funds.