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Attorney General James Uthmeier Charges Six Criminal Alien Members of Organized Group Operating Car Burglary Ring

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—Today, Attorney General James Uthmeier announced that the Office of Statewide Prosecution is charging six members of an organized crime ring that operated throughout the state of Florida. Hector Gonzalez Tamayo, Yainier Pinillo Toro, Inti Gomez Alonso, Yoan Oriol Gonzalez Solorzano, Maria Beatriz Rodriguez Larosa, and Felipe Benitez Alonso are charged with racketeering and conspiracy to commit racketeering. Inti Gomez Alonso is still at large. None of the defendants are citizens of the United States.

"Thanks to the help of our law enforcement partners, six criminal aliens who stole upward of 80 cars will be brought to justice by our Statewide Prosecutors," said **Attorney General James Uthmeier**. "Florida is a law-and-order state; we will pursue justice and work with the Trump administration to send these criminals back to where they came from."

"This case is a testament to the power of law enforcement teamwork, and I'm proud of the work we were able to accomplish on this investigation," said **FDLE Commissioner Mark Glass**. "This is a textbook example of law enforcement collaboration at its finest, bringing down a sophisticated crime ring from an operation that stretched across the west coast of Florida."

"The effects of illegal immigration go far beyond what meets the eye," said **FLHSMV Director Dave Kerner**. "I'm proud of our Florida Highway Patrol Criminal Interdiction Unit Troopers for their great investigative work. The outcome of this case demonstrates the power of partnerships and Florida's focus on criminal and illegal immigration enforcement."

According to the law enforcement investigation, the defendants were involved in a long-term criminal enterprise operating throughout the state of Florida, stealing vehicles that were then assigned fraudulent VINs, titles, and tags. The group then transferred or sold the stolen cars. Frequently, the group stole the vehicles from rental companies, either at the rental location or after someone had rented them. On multiple occasions, authorities found Apple AirTags in these vehicles, enabling the criminal group to track the car's location after leaving the rental location.

All defendants are charged with one count each of racketeering and conspiracy to commit racketeering, both first-degree felonies; they face up to 30 years in prison. Attorney General Uthmeier's OSP will handle the case.

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