



# ARVADA POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## PRESS RELEASE

April 11, 2024

District Court Number: 2022CR000311  
through 2022CR317:

### **Defendants plead guilty in July 2020 motorcycle gang shooting**

In July 2020, a significant disturbance occurred between the Mongols and Hells Angels outlaw motorcycle gangs in Arvada. These are two of the largest and most violent outlaw motorcycle gangs in the world. This incident involved a blocks-long shootout that resulted in at least three people suffering gunshot wounds and several others physically assaulted, with at least two sustaining serious bodily injury. William Kelly Henderson, a ranking Hells Angel member and Arvada resident, was shot and killed at the scene. Many others were injured, including an Arvada Community member who came out to help the injured. He was beaten and suffered permanent injuries.

Chief Brady of the Arvada Police Department, "This was a case of mere evil, and our community will not tolerate it. I am incredibly proud of our entire department's efforts and perseverance to seek justice, and the assistance from several professional law enforcement agencies."

This was a complex homicide investigation, and the Arvada Police Department worked with local and Federal partners, including Investigators with CBI, ATF, and others. The RAVEN task force also played important analytical roles in the case.

"While some believed this case would never be solved, nine Mongol Motorcycle gang members received felony convictions, providing a sense of justice to our community," stated Senior Deputy District Attorney Adam Hepp. He added, "This success was the result of the relentless work of law enforcement, the Arvada PD Crime Lab, and the leadership of First Judicial District Attorney Alexis King, who ensured that the case was addressed with the necessary resources and expertise."



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Search Warrants were executed at all of the Colorado member's residences, which resulted in the seizure of valuable evidence, a multitude of firearms, and also cell phones.

"The culmination of this 4-year investigation that involved three innocent community members caught up in rival biker gang violence would not go unsolved despite all the challenges this case presented," said CBI Director Chris Schaefer. "We might not have been able to prove who fired the fatal bullet, but in going after the Mongols as a criminal enterprise, we were able to hold nine criminals accountable for engaging in a senseless murder and group violence that put the community at risk."

In addition, search warrants were executed at the Mongols Club House in Arvada and Tampa, Florida, and California and Utah.

"This incident highlights the extreme level of violence and reckless disregard for human life that members of outlaw motorcycle gangs such as the Hells Angels pose to our communities," said ATF Special Agent in Charge Brent Beavers. "It also demonstrates the enormous success of local, state, and federal investigators working together to keep our communities safe. We are especially grateful to the First Judicial District Attorney's Office for their instrumental role in effectively dismantling the web of their criminal operations."

In January 2021, nine defendants were arrested simultaneously in four states through a coordinated effort between State and Federal agencies.



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All defendants were extradited back to Jefferson County to face a multitude of charges, including First Degree Felony Murder and violations of the Colorado Organized Crime Control Act (COCCA).

Since then, these cases have been prosecuted in Jefferson County District Court, culminating in Gregory Moore's guilty plea on April 5th.

Each of the nine charged defendants pled guilty to some Felony crime, which also caused significant disruption to the Mongols' organization. The Mongols have left their Jeffco/Arvada clubhouse and relocated it to Denver.

It is important also to note that each defendant who pleaded guilty to the COCCA counts had to admit to a factual basis that the Mongols OMG is a Criminal Enterprise and engages in a Pattern of Organized Criminal Racketeering Activity that they were, in fact, a part of.

A recap of each defendant is listed below:

**Gregory Lawrence Moore 2022CR311**

Guilty Plea to Colorado Organized Crime Control Act. Sentenced to 27 years DOC.

**Leon Matthew Dennis 2022CR312**

Guilty Plea to Colorado Organized Crime Control Act. Sentenced to 24 years DOC.



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**Jared Chadwick 2022CR313**

Guilty Plea to Tampering with Physical Evidence. He was also charged Federally for being a felon in possession of a firearm and sentenced in Utah Federal Court to 28 months in Federal Prison. The Colorado sentence is running concurrently.

**Saint George Michael Gonzales 2022CR314**

Guilty Plea to Tampering with Physical Evidence.  
Sentenced to 2 Years Probation

**Kenneth Wayne Tischler 2022CR315**

Guilty Plea to Tampering with Physical Evidence.  
Sentenced to 2 Years Probation

**Vincent James Dominguez 2022CR316**

Guilty Plea to Second Degree Assault. Sentenced to 5 years DOC.

**Phillip Raymond Garcia 2022CR317**

Guilty Plea to Tampering with Physical Evidence. Sentenced to 3.5 Years Probation

**Daniel Ruben Goint 2022CR318**

Guilty Plea to Second Degree Assault causing SBI and Crime of Violence. Sentenced to 8 years DOC.

**Rafael Vargas Lozano 2022CR319**

Guilty Plea to Tampering with Physical Evidence. Sentenced to 3 Years Probation

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