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RE: Mike Harden Sentenced to 6 Years Prison

Michael Harden, DOB: 2/16/58, appeared today in Jefferson County District Court and was sentenced to 6 years in prison, with credit for time served. Harden had been given a six year direct sentence to Community Corrections on July 1, 2002, after having been convicted in two cases of two counts of felony theft series of \$500 - \$15,000 (F4).

Harden's direct sentence to Community Corrections was revoked in April 2003 because he violated the terms and conditions of the direct sentence. He was required by ICCS (Intervention Community Corrections Services, the Community Corrections provider in Jeffco) not to maintain any outside bank accounts and to limit his spending to locations approved by Community Corrections. In March, 2003 he was arrested for having significant deposit and withdrawal activities, including returned checks and overdraft charges on his debit card, in a checking account and spending money at unauthorized places such as Victoria Secrets, the NFL Shop, IHOP and Toys R Us. He had two outside bank accounts. None of which places were on his pass list.

On or between January 10, 2000 and May 11, 2001, Harden borrowed or stole money, forged checks and opened several credit card accounts, in his name or the name of the victims, totaling \$64,500. There were approximately 15 victims.

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