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RE: McRobber Sentenced to 40 Years Prison

First Judicial District Attorney Dave Thomas announced today that the man dubbed by the media as the “McRobber”, Alex Orlando Manigo, DOB: 10-5-59, Denver, was sentenced to 40 years in prison for robbing two McDonalds restaurants in Jefferson County. District Court Judge Thomas Woodford sentenced Manigo on July 7, 2004 on 13 felony counts (including aggravated robbery, kidnapping and felony menacing). Manigo also has charges pending in three other counties, where he robbed four other McDonalds (two in Denver and two in Thornton).

Racking up his seventh felony conviction, Manigo pled guilty to the two robberies (which were consolidated into one case) in Jeffco on May 11, 2004.

A previous employee of McDonalds (over 10 years ago, in California), Manigo knew they tended to hire young, often ethnically diverse, employees (in the two Jeffco robberies, all but one of the six named victims were teenagers and they were Asian, Hispanic and Russian) and that they took in a lot of cash – no checks or credit cards. He told police that he targeted these young people because they were the least likely to fight back, or to “try to be a hero”. He also carefully planned his clothing, black pants and shoes, dark

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shirt (from a police uniform supply store) and a hat with a star shaped security patch on it. He used a black BB or pellet gun that resembled a 9mm semi-automatic handgun. In each case, he went in late, near closing time, and held the gun to the heads of his victims, forcing them to kneel or lie face down while another opened the safe. He got approximately \$2,000 from each of the two fast food restaurants.

In Jefferson County, Manigo robbed the McDonalds at 32nd and Youngfield on January 25, 2003 and one in Arvada, at 6590 Wadsworth on February 9, 2003.

He is scheduled to be sentenced in Denver and Adams Counties' cases later in July and also has charges of theft receiving and criminal impersonation pending in Larimer County, with a preliminary hearing scheduled in August.

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