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CLASS 3 FELONY THEFT TO BE FILED AGAINST FORMER MINE MANAGERS

District Attorney John Newsome announces that two felony charges will be filed against three former employees of the Cripple Creek and Victor Gold Mine located in Victor, Colorado. One count of theft, a class 3 felony, will be filed. This count will cover all the actions of each defendant from January 2003 to February of 2006. An additional count of Conspiracy to Commit Theft, a class four felony will be filed.

Charges will be filed against Peter Lloyd Quammen, DOB 6-5-71; Daniel Blake Parsons, DOB 4-16-69; and John Hurtt, DOB 6-25-61.

This investigation was begun by the Teller County Sheriff's Office in November 29, 2005. In June, 2006, the Office of the District Attorney Special Investigations Unit was contacted to assist the Teller County Sheriff's Office. Under the supervision of Chief Investigator Larry Martin, the investigation was continued. After numerous interviews, a tour of the gold and silver mine, and investigation across the country, arrest warrants were issued for Quammen, Parsons and Hurtt.

D.A. Investigator David Guest worked with the Calaveras County Prosecutor's Office and the San Andreas County Police Department in California. The arrest of Quammen by Investigator Guest was made on Wednesday night, September 20, 2006.

DA Investigator Gene Ferrin worked with the Natrona County Sheriff's Office and made the arrest of John Hurtt in Casper Wyoming on Tuesday afternoon, September 19, 2006.

The third arrest of Parsons was made in Colorado Springs on Wednesday morning by Chief Investigator Larry Martin and Investigator Randy Stevenson.

Parsons and Hurtt will be advised today at 1:30. The prosecution will occur in Teller County. Quammen is facing extradition proceedings in California. The Office of the District Attorney will pursue the extradition.

****Remember, all Defendants are presumed innocent until and unless they are found guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.**