

16 surrender on charges of erasing DUI records

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McQuown, 961 S. Osceola St., a former employee of the Colorado Division of Motor Vehicles, faces 29 counts, ranging from bribery and forgery to criminal conspiracy.

Denver attorney Vincent Daniel Franco, 41, whose office is at 1575 W. 32nd Ave., remained silent as investigator Rick Johnson of the Denver district attorney's office frisked him before taking him to jail to be booked. Franco is charged with one count of bribery, two counts of forgery and three counts of criminal conspiracy.

Former motor vehicles employee Debbie Martinez, 28, of 4796 Fillmore St., also turned herself in. She is charged with three counts of forgery, and three counts of criminal conspiracy.

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Denver attorney Vincent Daniel Franco is frisked by Rick Johnson of the Denver district attorney's office.

22 listed in DUI fraud case

Here is a list of the 22 people charged in an alleged scheme to erase drunken-driving records from state motor vehicle files in return for bribes.

The names, addresses and charges come from court records filed in Denver County Court.

Shirley Ann McQuown, also known as Shirley Ann Martinez, 38, of 961 S. Osceola St., 29 counts of bribery, forgery and criminal conspiracy.

Debbie Darlene Martinez, 29, of 4796 Fillmore St., forgery and criminal conspiracy.

George Pacheco, 28, of 8791 Chase Drive, Arvada, criminal conspiracy.

Charles Visage, also known as Billy Visage, 36, of 10460 Jellison Way, Broomfield, criminal conspiracy.

Noy Phillip Martinez, 31, of 4796 Fillmore St., criminal conspiracy.

Edward Donald Martinez, 49, of 895 S. Garrison St., Lakewood, criminal conspiracy.

Vincent Daniel Franco, 41, of 3717 Lipan St., bribery, forgery, criminal conspiracy.

Guadalupe Brizal, also known as Steven Brizal, 30, address unlisted in court documents, criminal conspiracy, abuse of public records.

Cecil James Anderson, 55, of 280 N. 14th Ave., Brighton, criminal

conspiracy.

Richard Zupancic, 48, of 6378 S. Harlan Way, Littleton, criminal conspiracy, abuse of public records.

Jose David Corral, 48, of 4737 S. Cherokee St., Englewood, criminal conspiracy, abuse of public records.

Nick Avila, 34, of 2515 Xavier St., forgery and criminal conspiracy.

Dane William Wilkerson, 31, of 275 University Blvd., forgery criminal conspiracy.

Jeffrey Hutcherson, 26, of 13216 E. Kansas Drive, Aurora, criminal conspiracy.

Robert Eugene Evans, 43, of 2995 Glenwood Drive, Boulder, criminal conspiracy and abuse of public records.

Fred John Espinoza, also known as "Fast Freddy," 36, "address unknown," bribery, forgery, criminal conspiracy.

David Douglas King, 45, of 3375 Chisholm Trail, Boulder, criminal conspiracy and abuse of public records.

Wayne Franklin Shipman, 48, "whereabouts unknown," criminal conspiracy.

Miguel Rodriguez, 44, of 3217 Troy St., bribery and criminal conspiracy.

Paul Christian Higginbotham, 33, of 10977 Elm Drive, Thornton, criminal conspiracy.

Frederick Raymond Scott, 42, of 1 S. Emerson St., criminal conspiracy.

Richard Dwayne Brazell, 37, of 3195 W. Virginia Ave., criminal conspiracy.

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