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Swift ICE raid suspects appear in court

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Appearing Friday in before Weld District Court Judge Francis Hartmann were: Carlos Guerra-Serrano, Luz Canales-Cortez, Jose Alonso Gonzalez-Barrera, Cruz Tajpop-Torres and Amelia Andres-Pedro.

Each of these former Swift employees could face three or four charges. Most pending charges in these cases involve forgery of government-issued documents, criminal impersonation and identification theft.

These five defendants bring the total number of Swift detainees who have been through Weld's court to 10.

Total arrest warrants

More arrest affidavits have been filed in connection to Tuesday's Immigration and Customs Enforcement raid at Greeley's Swift & Co. plant.

According to District Attorney Ken Buck, 37 arrest affidavits have been filed so far. On the morning of the raid, 25 of those were filed.

The arrest affidavits provide the court with specific evidence that can be used against the defendants. The affidavits filed in the Swift raid cases identify people -- many from out of state -- who had their identity stolen. In most cases, the person arrested is accused of unlawfully using that person's identification on employment applications, drivers licenses and sometimes tax returns.

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