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**PRAGANA PLEADS GUILTY TO MULTIPLE FELONIES**

Salt Lake City, UT | Salt Lake County District Attorney Sim Gill announced that HELAMA JOSE BAR PRAGANA pled guilty today in Third Judicial District Court to multiple felonies, all but one of which carries a potential sentence of up to life in prison. Originally charged with thirty-nine felonies occurring in multiple jurisdictions committed against multiple victims, Defendant Pragana pled guilty to eight First Degree Aggravated Robberies; two Aggravated Felonies; four Aggravated Kidnappings; one Attempted Aggravated Kidnapping; and, two Aggravated Sexual Assaults. Today's convictions are another step towards justice for multiple victims and communities terrorized by Defendant Pragana's crime sprees.

Sentencing is scheduled for June 8, 2012 before the Hon. Robin W. Reese, Third Judicial District Court Judge.

District Attorney Gill expresses his appreciation to the various law enforcement agencies and the District Attorney's Office personnel for their diligence and perseverance and acknowledges the fine work accomplished to bring Defendant Pragana to justice.