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Funeral Home co-owner Jon Hallford set for February trial

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COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. – Today, Jon Hallford entered a “Not Guilty” plea in the case stemming from a 2023 investigation into a Return to Nature Funeral Home-owned facility in Penrose, Colorado.

Law enforcement officers determined Jon Hallford and his wife, Carie Halford, owned the building where they discovered 189 bodies in various states of decomposition. The bodies had been improperly stored – many for several years – and lacked identifying information.

Mr. Hallford’s case is now set for trial beginning February 9, 2026, at 8:30 a.m. in Division 8.

He is facing the following charges:

191 counts – Abuse of a Corpse; CRS 18-13-101, a Class 6 Felony

85 counts – Forgery; CRS 18-5-102(1)(e), a Class 5 Felony

4 counts – Money Laundering; CRS 18-5-309(1)(a)(II), a Class 3 Felony

31 counts – Theft (various levels of offense, ranging from a Class 2 Misdemeanor to Class 5 Felonies)

The Colorado Sentencing Schedule sets the following parameters on those crimes:

Class 6 Felony: Min. 1 year/Max 18 months

Class 5 Felony: Min. 1 year/Max 3 years

Class 3 Felony: Min. 4 years/Max 12 years

Class 3 Misdemeanor: \$50 fine/Max 6 months



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The charges filed are nearly all lower-level felony crimes - none include mandatory prison sentences, and each is eligible for probation.

Carie Hallford's federal and state cases are pending, and we will not provide comment at this time. As with all defendants, Jon and Carie Hallford remain considered innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

Note to Media: All updates will only come from Communications when available.