

The ATPA funded Attorney General/National Insurance Crime Bureau grant announced on Detroit's west side that 10 people have been charged in an auto insurance fraud ring that is linked to organized crime that generated millions of dollars.

A news conference was held at Somerset Auto Center on John R, near 8 Mile, which is the ring's epicenter.

As many as 12 auto shops in Detroit were used in the enterprise that generated millions of dollars.

The suspects enhanced collision damage, sometimes with willing participants, to defraud various auto companies. Sometimes the suspects damaged cars or stole and later replaced airbags to report claims without awareness of car owners.

The alleged ringleader, Norman Dehko, 35, of Orchard Lake is charged with 40 felonies.

His brother, Dickow Dehko, 31, of West Bloomfield, is charged with 34 felonies.

Their mother, Latifa Dehko, 51, is charged with 17 felonies.

Charges range from racketeering and insurance fraud to forgery and conducting a criminal enterprise.