

Eight indicted in alleged carrier impersonation scheme; prosecutors allege \$4.49 million in cargo losses

Eight individuals have been indicted in New York in connection with what prosecutors allege was a multi-state cargo theft operation. Prosecutors allege the scheme involved the unauthorized use of shipment information and the impersonation of legitimate trucking carriers to divert freight shipments valued at approximately \$4.49 million, according to the indictment and a public announcement from the Manhattan District Attorney's Office. The underlying allegations have not been proven in court.

According to court filings and an [announcement from the Manhattan District Attorney's Office](#), the defendants are accused of participating in a scheme that targeted shipments moving through logistics facilities in New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Virginia between October 2025 and April 2026. Prosecutors allege the group stole approximately \$4.49 million worth of products, including lamb, cheese, beef, copper and cigarettes, through six separate cargo theft incidents.

The defendants named in the [indictment](#) are Murodullo Khasanov, Nodir Kobilov, Shavkatbek Mamadjanov, Rakhmiddin Abdullaev, Aleksey Vorobyev, Nizom Ismoilov, Doston Mardoev and Dilshod Nabiev. Each is charged with one count of conspiracy in the fourth degree and varying counts of grand larceny. The identities of the eight defendants in this article are drawn from the publicly filed indictment and accompanying court filings.

The indictment identifies legitimate trucking carriers whose names and registration information prosecutors allege were used without authorization during the scheme. Those carriers are identified in the indictment as victims of the alleged conduct. This article does not suggest that any legitimate carrier, its employees or its customers participated in, authorized or bear responsibility for the conduct alleged in the indictment.

FreightWaves contacted counsel for Aleksey Vorobyev, Nodir Kobilov and Murodullo Khasanov on June 4, 2026, seeking comment regarding the allegations described in the indictment. Counsel were asked to respond by 8:00 a.m. ET on June 5, 2026. No response was received before publication.

FreightWaves was unable to independently identify counsel for Shavkatbek Mamadjanov, Rakhmiddin Abdullaev, Nizom Ismoilov, Doston Mardoev and Dilshod Nabiev despite reviewing court records, contacting the New York County Supreme Court Criminal Term Clerk's Office and contacting the Manhattan District Attorney's Office. On June 5, 2026, the Manhattan District Attorney's Office indicated that counsel information for those defendants existed and would be provided. As of publication, that information had not yet

been received. FreightWaves continues efforts to identify and contact counsel for those defendants and will update this article if responses are received.

The identities of the eight defendants named in this article are drawn exclusively from the publicly filed indictment and the Manhattan District Attorney's Office announcement of June 3, 2026. FreightWaves has not independently verified these identities against booking records, court appearance records, or other sources outside the prosecutorial filing.

The central claims in this article are drawn from the publicly filed indictment, the accompanying Statement of Facts filed in New York County Supreme Court under case number IND-71638-26 and public statements issued by the Manhattan District Attorney's Office. FreightWaves has not independently verified the underlying allegations contained in those filings.

All eight defendants are presumed innocent unless proven guilty in court. The charges described in this article are allegations made by prosecutors. FreightWaves has not independently verified the underlying criminal allegations contained in the indictment.

Prosecutors allege thefts relied on carrier impersonation

According to the indictment, manufacturers and shippers [contracted freight](#) brokers to arrange transportation of cargo through online load-matching platforms. The indictment identifies the legitimate carriers whose names and registration information were allegedly used as victims of the scheme, not participants. This article does not suggest that any legitimate carrier, its employees or its customers participated in or bear responsibility for the alleged conduct described in the indictment.

According to the [Statement of Facts](#) filed in the case, prosecutors allege members of the group obtained shipment information associated with legitimate motor carriers and used that information to impersonate those carriers during the pickup process. Prosecutors allege participants displayed carrier names, MC numbers and DOT numbers on tractor-trailers and presented themselves as legitimate transportation providers when arriving at pickup locations.

Court filings further allege shipment details, pickup information and carrier identities were distributed among participants through encrypted messaging applications, including WhatsApp and Telegram. Prosecutors allege stolen freight was then transported into New York City, transferred to secondary vehicles, stored and sold or otherwise disposed of, according to prosecutors.

According to the indictment, prosecutors allege the defendants arrived at logistics facilities, took possession of cargo and transported it to New York City. Prosecutors further

allege the cargo was sold or otherwise disposed of. FreightWaves has not independently verified these allegations.

According to the indictment, prosecutors allege the following six cargo theft incidents occurred during the scheme. The dollar amounts listed represent figures alleged in the indictment. FreightWaves has not independently verified the value of any shipment or confirmed these figures through shippers, insurers or any source outside the prosecution.

- Approximately \$165,000 in frozen lamb allegedly stolen in November 2025.
- Approximately \$432,000 in cheese allegedly stolen in December 2025.
- Approximately \$295,000 in frozen beef allegedly stolen in December 2025.
- Approximately \$266,000 in copper allegedly stolen in February 2026.
- Approximately \$709,000 in cigarettes allegedly stolen in March 2026.
- Approximately \$2.6 million in cigarettes allegedly stolen in a second March 2026 incident.

Prosecutors allege the combined value of the shipments exceeded \$4.49 million.

Indictment details alleged scheme

According to prosecutors, the alleged operation involved obtaining shipment information associated with legitimate carriers and using that information to impersonate those carriers at freight pickup locations.