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## Additional Suspects Charged in Oak Park Residential Burglary

VENTURA, California – District Attorney Erik Nasarenko announced today that Oscar Andres Salazar Perez (DOB 08/11/97), of Chile, and Franco Antonio Vasquez Soto (DOB 05/18/01), of Chile, both suspected members of a South American Theft Group, have been charged with first-degree residential burglary and conspiracy. A special allegation that the burglary is a violent crime was also charged due to the homeowner being in the residence at the time of the alleged offenses.

On April 1, 2022, at approximately 6:30 p.m., an Oak Park resident returned home to find a sports utility vehicle in front of his residence with a driver idling the vehicle. The resident opened his front door and found a burglar in his home. The homeowner struck the burglar before the burglar ran and entered the waiting vehicle, which fled the scene. A second burglar, Alexis Aranguiz, came down the stairs and was detained by the resident until Ventura County Sheriff's deputies arrived and arrested Aranguiz. A search of Aranguiz yielded stolen property on his person and in his pockets.

On April 5, 2022, Aranguiz was charged with first-degree residential burglary, conspiracy for his role in the burglary, and the special allegation that the burglary is a violent crime. Ventura County Sheriff's detectives continued their investigation that led to the apprehension of the remaining two suspects, Perez and Soto, in Los Angeles on April 20, 2022.

On April 22, 2022, Perez and Soto appeared for arraignment in the Ventura County Superior Court and pled not guilty. Perez and Soto are scheduled to appear for a bail review hearing on April 26, 2022, at 1:30 p.m. in courtroom 13. The cases were also set for an early disposition conference on May 3, 2022, at 1:30 p.m. in courtroom 12. Perez and Soto are currently in custody with bail set at \$250,000 each.

The Ventura County District Attorney's Office is the public prosecutor for the county's 850,000 residents. The office employs approximately 290 employees including attorneys, investigators, victim advocates, and professional support staff who strive to seek justice, ensure public safety, and protect the rights of crime victims.