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Chilean Suspect Sentenced in Oak Park Residential Burglary

VENTURA, California – District Attorney Erik Nasarenko announced today that Franco Antonio Vasquez Soto (DOB 05/18/01), of Chile, a suspected member of a South American Theft Group, was sentenced for first-degree residential burglary and conspiracy. Alexis Provoste Aranguiz (DOB 01/31/79) and Oscar Andres Salazar Perez (DOB 08/11/97), both of Chile and suspected members of a South American Theft Group, have also been charged in connection with this crime.

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 Perez idling the vehicle. The resident opened his front door and found Soto in his home. The homeowner struck Soto before Soto ran and entered the waiting vehicle, which fled the scene. Aranguiz then came down the stairs and was detained by the resident until Ventura County Sheriff's deputies arrived.

Soto pled guilty to all charges and admitted a special allegation that the homeowner was in the residence at the time of the crime, making the burglary a violent felony. Soto was sentenced to two years prison. Senior Deputy District Attorney Brandon Ross urged the court to incarcerate Soto for four years. Aranguiz and Perez are scheduled to appear for pretrial conference on July 19, 2022, at 1:30 p.m. in courtroom 12.

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