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La Puente Man Sentenced to Jail for Thefts from Kohl's

VENTURA, California – District Attorney Gregory D. Totten announced today that James Robert Camacho (DOB 03/22/84), of La Puente, was sentenced by Judge Bruce Young to 12 months in the Ventura County jail, immediately followed by 36 months of supervised release. In June, Camacho pled guilty to two counts of felony identity theft, one count of felony grand theft, and one count of felony theft of a motor vehicle.

In August and September of 2018, Camacho used mobile phone apps to predict Kohl's credit card numbers. He then loaded these fraudulent credit card numbers on the Kohl's mobile app and made purchases at Kohl's stores of gift cards from other retailers, including stores such as The Home Depot. Additionally, Camacho used the information from a victim's lost wallet to re-encode a credit card and rent a car. He used the rental car to perpetrate his thefts in Ventura County, then abandoned the car. During his fraudulent scheme, Camacho stole more than \$15,000 from Kohl's stores located in Moorpark, Thousand Oaks, Simi Valley, and Ventura.

Camacho was arrested in Arizona on a Ventura County warrant and fought extradition. After a Governor's Warrant was obtained, he was transported to Ventura County. This case was investigated by the Moorpark Police Department and prosecuted by the District Attorney's Office Fraud and Technology Crimes Unit.

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