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Charges Filed in Burglary and High-Speed Pursuit

VENTURA, California – District Attorney Erik Nasarenko announced today that Enrico Martinez (DOB 07/04/03), of Chile, and Galvez Valdivieso (DOB 10/26/88), of Chile, both suspected members of the South American Theft Group (SATG), have been charged with first-degree residential burglary, conspiracy, and resisting arrest.

On March 2, 2022, at approximately 7:00 p.m., a Camarillo resident reported to Ventura County Sheriff’s dispatch that there were multiple unknown subjects in the home. Sheriff’s deputies responded and confirmed a residential burglary had occurred but did not locate any suspects. A vehicle believed to be associated with the burglary was seen leaving the area. When deputies attempted a traffic stop, the vehicle fled southbound on U.S. Highway 101. Suspects inside the vehicle threw a duffle bag from the vehicle, which was later found to contain burglary tools. Law enforcement from the Ventura County Sheriff’s Office and Los Angeles Police Department pursued the vehicle from Camarillo to Van Nuys. After the suspect vehicle collided with an uninvolved vehicle it came to stop in the 6400 block of Gaviota Place, where four suspects fled on foot into the neighborhood. Law enforcement located and arrested Martinez and Valdivieso, while two suspects remain outstanding.

On March 4, 2022, Valdivieso and Martinez appeared for arraignment in the Ventura County Superior Court and entered pleas of not guilty. The cases are set for an early disposition conference on March 15, 2022, at 1:30 p.m. in courtroom 12. Valdivieso and Martinez are currently in custody with bail set at \$250,000.

“I want to thank our law enforcement partners for their dedicated efforts to locate and arrest the alleged defendants,” said District Attorney Erik Nasarenko. “Because of the work of the Ventura County Sheriff’s Office and the Los Angeles Police Department, these two individuals are now in custody.”

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