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Additional Charges Filed in Burglary and High-Speed Pursuit

VENTURA, California – District Attorney Erik Nasarenko announced today that Byron Manuel Moris Perez (DOB 02/19/97), of Chile, and a juvenile, of Chile, both suspected members of the South American Theft Group (SATG), have been charged in connection with a residential burglary in Camarillo. Perez has been charged with first-degree residential burglary, conspiracy, evading, resisting arrest, and possession of burglary tools. The juvenile has been charged with conspiracy to commit a residential burglary.

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 her home. Sheriff's deputies responded and confirmed a residential burglary had occurred but did not initially locate any suspects. A vehicle believed to be associated with the burglary was seen leaving the area. Deputies attempted a traffic stop and the vehicle fled southbound on U.S. Highway 101. Law enforcement from the Ventura County Sheriff's Office and Los Angeles Police Department pursued the vehicle from Camarillo to Van Nuys. During the pursuit, suspects inside the vehicle threw a duffel bag from the vehicle, which was later found to contain burglary tools. The driver of the suspect vehicle collided with an uninvolved vehicle and eventually came to stop in the 6400 block of Gaviota Place, Los Angeles. Four suspects fled on foot and law enforcement searched the neighborhood. Officers located and arrested Enrico Martinez and Galvez Valdivieso later that night. Perez and the juvenile were able to elude arrest.

On March 9, 2022, deputies from the Ventura County Sheriff's Office Special Enforcement Unit conducted further investigation into the whereabouts of the two outstanding individuals which led them to a hotel in the 1800 block of North Cahuenga Boulevard in Los Angeles. Deputies placed Perez and the juvenile suspect under arrest as they exited the hotel.

Perez appeared for arraignment in the Ventura County Superior Court and entered a plea of not guilty. The case is set for an early disposition conference on March 15, 2022, at 1:30 p.m. in courtroom 12. Perez is currently in custody with bail set at \$250,000. The juvenile is detained at the Juvenile Justice Facility and will be arraigned on March 15, 2022.

“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, all four individuals involved in this incident are now in custody.”

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