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Anaheim Man Pleads Guilty to Organized Retail Theft

VENTURA, California – District Attorney Erik Nasarenko announced today that Luis Alberto De La Sancha (DOB 04/08/92), of Anaheim, pled guilty to one count of organized retail theft and one count of grand theft. De La Sancha admitted that the manner in which the crimes were carried out indicated planning, sophistication and professionalism, that he served a prior jail term, and that he was on probation when the crime was committed.

In November 2021, Simi Valley Police detectives were alerted to a theft from the Home Depot store in Simi Valley. A months-long investigation uncovered evidence that De La Sancha had stolen power tools from approximately 30 Home Depot stores across Southern California, and that he intended to sell them to a third party at a discounted price.

De La Sancha is scheduled to be sentenced on May 27, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. in courtroom 23 of the Ventura County Superior Court. It is expected De La Sancha will be sentenced to 1 year 4 months incarceration for the crimes he committed in Ventura County.

“The guilty pleas underscore how retail theft has become increasingly sophisticated and coordinated, which requires a strong and vigorous response from law enforcement and District Attorneys’ Offices throughout the state,” said District Attorney Erik Nasarenko.

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