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Suspects Plead Guilty to Residential Burglary and Evading Arrest

VENTURA, California – District Attorney Erik Nasarenko announced today that Byron Manuel Moris Perez (DOB 02/19/97), of Chile, and Galvez Valdivieso (DOB 10/26/88), of Chile, both suspected members of the South American Theft Group, pled guilty to first-degree residential burglary, conspiracy to commit first-degree residential burglary, and resisting arrest. Perez also pled guilty to evading arrest and possession of burglary tools.

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. Valdivieso was arrested after the pursuit. Perez was located and arrested one week later.

Sentencing for Valdivieso is scheduled on May 5, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. in courtroom 23 of the Ventura County Superior Court. Perez is scheduled for sentencing on June 6, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. in courtroom 23. Both Perez and Valdivieso remain in custody on \$250,000 bail each.

"I want to thank the Ventura County Sheriff's Office and the Los Angeles Police Department for their work in this case. All four individuals involved were apprehended," said District Attorney Erik Nasarenko. "Our office will continue to work aggressively with our law enforcement partners to charge and prosecute South American Theft Groups and crews that target residential communities."

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