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South American Theft Group Members Convicted and Sentenced in Camarillo Residential Burglary

VENTURA, California – District Attorney Erik Nasarenko announced today convictions in the March 2, 2022, residential burglary in Camarillo that involved four members of a suspected South American Theft Group. Galvez Valdivieso (DOB 10/26/88), of Chile, was sentenced after pleading guilty to first-degree residential burglary, conspiracy to commit first-degree residential burglary, and resisting arrest. Enrico Francesco Martinez (DOB 07/04/03), of Chile, and Byron Manuel Perez (DOB 02/19/97), of Chile, pled guilty to first-degree residential burglary, conspiracy to commit first-degree residential burglary, and resisting arrest. Martinez and Perez admitted a special allegation that the burglary was a violent crime due to the homeowner being in the residence at the time of the offense. Perez pled guilty to felony evading arrest and possession of burglary tools. A juvenile, of Chile, admitted his involvement in the incident. The hearings for all four were held today in separate proceedings.

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. Deputies responded and confirmed a residential burglary had occurred but did not locate any suspects. The suspects' vehicle 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. Martinez and Valdivieso were arrested after the pursuit. Ventura County Sheriff's Office Special Enforcement Unit later located and arrested Perez, the driver of the vehicle, and the juvenile on March 9, 2022.

“Through coordinated efforts with law enforcement, my office will continue to bring South American Theft Groups to justice,” said District Attorney Erik Nasarenko. “These sophisticated theft crews that target residential communities are a top priority.”

Valdivieso was sentenced to 300 days in the Ventura County Jail and probation for 36 months. Senior Deputy District Attorney Brandon Ross urged the court to impose two years prison for Valdivieso. Martinez is scheduled to be sentenced on June 2, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. in courtroom 23 of the Ventura County Superior Court. Perez is scheduled to be sentenced on June 6, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. in courtroom 23. Martinez and Perez remain in custody on \$250,000 bail each. The juvenile is scheduled to be sentenced on May 11, 2022, at 8:30 a.m. at the Juvenile Justice Facility.

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