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**South American Theft Group Members Sentenced in Camarillo Residential Burglary**

*VENTURA, California* – District Attorney Erik Nasarenko announced today that Enrico Francisco Martinez (DOB 07/04/03), of Chile, and Byron Manuel Moris Perez (DOB 02/19/97), of Chile, both suspected members of a South American Theft Group, were sentenced for committing first-degree residential burglary, conspiracy to commit first-degree residential burglary, and resisting arrest. Perez was also sentenced for 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. Deputies responded and confirmed a residential burglary had occurred but did not locate any suspects at the time; however, 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 another man were arrested after the pursuit. The Ventura County Sheriff's Office Special Enforcement Unit later located and arrested Perez, the driver of the vehicle, and a juvenile suspect on March 9, 2022.

Martinez and Perez pled guilty to all charges. Martinez received 364 days in the Ventura County Jail and 24 months formal probation. Perez received 300 days in the Ventura County Jail and 36 months formal probation. Senior Deputy District Attorney Brandon Ross urged the court to incarcerate each defendant for two years.

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