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Charges Filed in South American Theft Group Residential Burglary

VENTURA, California – District Attorney Erik Nasarenko announced today that Columbians, Laura Maria Gaona Espinosa (DOB 11/13/96), Yesid Garzon Herrera (DOB 08/15/87), Kevin Andres Parra Nino (DOB 11/06/97), Brayán Giraldo Taborda (DOB 04/11/85), Johan Martin Rivera Zambrano (DOB 11/14/85), John Jaruvy Zambrano (DOB 07/21/86), all suspected members of a South American Theft Group have been charged with first-degree residential burglary, and conspiracy in connection to multiple residential burglaries.

On May 20, 2022, at approximately 4:40 p.m., a Camarillo resident reported seeing three suspects in dark clothing and face masks running out the front door of a neighbor's residence. Ventura County Sheriff's deputies responded and confirmed a residential burglary had occurred at that location but did not locate any suspects. Deputies reviewed surveillance video that showed three male suspects associated with a Kia Sedona van in the area.

On May 26, 2022, at approximately 9:00 p.m., a Thousand Oaks resident reported that her home alarm had been activated while she was away from her residence. Ventura County Sheriff's deputies responded and reviewed surveillance video that showed Espinosa approach the residence with a Door Dash bag and knock on the door. When no one answered the door, Espinosa returned to the Kia van and two male suspects dressed in black clothing exited the van, jumped a fence and entered the backyard. One suspect acted as a lookout, while the other attempted to open a door with a screwdriver which activated the alarm. The two suspects fled the scene.

On June 28, 2022, at approximately 3:30 p.m., Espinosa knocked on the front door of a Thousand Oaks residence impersonating a floral delivery person. The resident told Espinosa she had the wrong house and watched Espinosa walk away. The resident then called police to report the suspicious circumstances. Deputies in the area conducted an enforcement stop on the Kia van that matched the description from the May 20, and May 26, burglaries, along with a Nissan sport utility vehicle. Located in the Kia van were a bouquet of flowers, a Door Dash bag, and numerous gloves and black face masks.

Espinosa, Herrera, Nino, Taborda, and Johan Zambrano were arrested for their role in the May 20, burglary. Espinosa, Herrera, Nino, Taborda and Johan Zambrano were also arrested for their role in the May 26, burglary. All six suspects were arrested for the June 28, burglary.

On July 7, 2022, all six defendants appeared for arraignment in the Ventura County Superior Court and entered pleas of not guilty. The case was set for an early disposition conference on July 12, 2022, at 1:30 p.m. in courtroom 12. Espinosa, Herrera, Nino, Taborda, and John Zambrano are in custody with bail set at \$50,000, and Johan Zambrano is in custody with bail set at \$30,000.

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