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Pomona Man Convicted of 27 Felonies in Multimillion-Dollar Home Depot Organized Retail Theft Conspiracy

VENTURA, Calif. – Ventura County District Attorney Erik Nasarenko announced today that Eber Bonilla Lopez (DOB 02/20/86), of Pomona, CA, was convicted by a jury on November 6, 2026, of all 27 felony counts he faced for his involvement in a multimillion-dollar organized retail theft conspiracy. The jury found Bonilla Lopez guilty of 13 counts of organized retail theft, three counts of grand theft, three counts of receiving stolen property valued over $950, and eight counts of conspiracy to commit a crime. Jurors also found true special allegations that the thefts were committed in concert and that Ventura County had jurisdiction to prosecute the offenses.

“This conviction is a significant step toward holding accountable those responsible for a sophisticated criminal enterprise that caused millions of dollars in losses to businesses across Southern California,” said District Attorney Nasarenko. “Organized retail theft is not a victimless crime. These operations hurt businesses, impact employees and ultimately drive-up costs for consumers. We will continue working with our law enforcement partners to dismantle these criminal networks and ensure those responsible face consequences.”

Bonilla Lopez was one of nine defendants charged in August 2025 following an extensive investigation into an organized retail theft operation targeting Home Depot stores throughout Southern California. The investigation identified two organized theft crews responsible for repeatedly stealing high-value electrical merchandise, including dimmer switches, circuit breakers and electrical outlets.

The stolen merchandise was supplied to a network of individuals who resold the products through wholesale businesses and online marketplaces.

Investigators with the Ventura County Organized Retail Theft Task Force tracked the crews to more than 600 thefts across Ventura, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino

counties. Home Depot estimated the criminal enterprise was responsible for at least $10 million in stolen merchandise over several years. Following the arrests, investigators seized at least $3.7 million in stolen Home Depot property.

Senior Deputy District Attorney Brandon Ross, a member of the Ventura County District Attorney's Office Organized Retail Theft Unit, prosecuted the case.

"This verdict sends a clear message that organized retail theft crews will be held accountable for the damage they cause," Mr. Ross said. ""This was an evidence-dense case, and we are grateful to the jurors for their careful consideration of the evidence and their unanimous verdict on all 27 counts and special allegations."

The investigation was conducted by the Ventura County Organized Retail Theft Task Force, with assistance from participating law enforcement agencies and Home Depot's Loss Prevention team. The prosecution was supported by state-funded Organized Retail Theft grants. It was filed in Ventura County under the authority of Assembly Bill 1779, which became law in 2024, allowing prosecutors to consolidate cases involving the same defendants across multiple counties.

Bonilla Lopez is scheduled to be sentenced on December 7, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in courtroom 46 of the Ventura County Superior Court. He remains in custody without bail and faces the possibility of decades in state prison.

Case #: 2025020721

Defendant Information
Eber Bonilla Lopez (DOB 02/20/86)
Pomona

Charges convicted of:

- PC 490.4(a)(1) – Organized retail theft (13 counts)
- PC 487(a) – Grand theft (3 counts)
- PC 496(a) – Receiving stolen property over $950 (3 counts)
- PC 182(a)(1) – Conspiracy to commit a crime (8 counts)

Special allegations found true:

- PC 12022.65(a) – Theft or damage in concert
- PC 786.5(b) – Jurisdiction of criminal action for offenses of theft

