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Defendants Sentenced in Organized Retail Theft

VENTURA, California – District Attorney Erik Nasarenko announced today that Cornell Williams (DOB 02/13/99), of Los Angeles, and Emonnie Walden (DOB 08/08/03), of Los Angeles, have been sentenced for their roles in an organized retail theft from ULTA Beauty. Williams previously pled guilty to one felony count of second-degree commercial burglary and Walden to one felony count of second-degree commercial burglary and three felony counts of organized retail theft.

The crimes occurred between August 29, 2001 and February 26, 2022 at the ULTA Beauty store in Thousand Oaks. On August 29, 2021, Williams and Walden entered the ULTA Beauty store on 205 North Moorpark Road and stole fragrances valued between \$3,000 and \$5,000.

On February 10, and February 12, 2022, Walden and a juvenile entered the same ULTA Beauty store and stole fragrances valued over \$12,000.

On February 26, 2022, Williams and Walden again entered the same ULTA Beauty store and stole fragrances valued at \$5,335. They then fled the scene in a waiting vehicle driven by co-defendant, Carolyn Crawley (DOB 02/04/90). Crawley previously pled guilty and was sentenced for her role in the theft. Merchandise taken during the heist contained a tracking device that led Ventura County Sheriff's Office deputies to their location.

Williams was sentenced to one year in custody and one year of mandatory supervision. He was also ordered to pay restitution to ULTA Beauty in the amount of \$8,335. Walden was sentenced to 3 years in Ventura County Jail and 2 years mandatory supervision. She was also ordered to pay restitution to ULTA Beauty in the amount of \$35,911.

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