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### **South American Theft Group Charged in Organized Retail Theft**

*VENTURA, California* – District Attorney Erik Nasarenko announced today that Chileans, Maximo Bravo (DOB 04/05/04), Francisco Osorio (DOB 11/20/92), Roberto Rojas Solis (DOB 12/17/99), suspected members of a South American Theft Group, have been charged with conspiracy to commit organized retail theft, grand theft, commercial burglary, and possession of burglary tools. Additionally, Bravo and Osorio were charged with possession of a forged government seal.

On July 7, 2022, at approximately 1:30 p.m., deputies from the Ventura County Sheriff's Office conducted a traffic stop and contacted three suspects who triggered the alarm at the Nordstrom Rack, located at 145 W. Hillcrest Drive. Inside the vehicle, deputies located Nordstrom Rack jewelry valued at approximately \$5,300, and burglary tools often used in an attempt to defeat retail store security measures. Bravo and Osorio also had in their possession fraudulent government documents.

On July 11, 2022, Bravo, Osorio and Solis appeared for arraignment in Ventura County Superior Court and entered pleas of not guilty. The cases are set for an early disposition conference on July 20, 2022, at 1:30 p.m. in courtroom 12. All three defendants are currently in custody with bail set at \$50,000.

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The Ventura County District Attorney's Office is the public prosecutor for the county's 850,000 residents. The office employs approximately 290 employees including attorneys, investigators, victim advocates, and professional support staff who strive to seek justice, ensure public safety, and protect the rights of crime victims.