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**Conspiracy Charge Added to Six-Person  
South American Theft Group Case**

Case #: 2022015991

VENTURA, Calif. - District Attorney Erik Nasarenko announced that additional charges of conspiracy (PC182(a)(1)) have been filed against a six-person crew accused of at least six residential burglaries in May and June 2022.

Defendants Laura Espinosa, Kevin Nino, Johan Zambrano, Yesid Herrera, Braylan Taborda and John Zambrino have all been charged with first-degree residential burglary and conspiracy to commit first-degree residential burglary. The group is suspected in several break-ins in Thousand Oaks, Newbury Park, Simi Valley, and Camarillo.

All but one admitted to coming to the United States from Colombia, according to the Ventura County Sheriff's Office. Herrera did not provide a statement to investigators.

This South American Theft Group (SATG) is the latest to be tracked down and arrested after committing crimes in Ventura County. It's believed this crew is also responsible for crimes in Westlake Village, a city in Los Angeles County.

"These new charges were filed because of the watchful eyes of neighbors looking out for each other and the cooperation of the community in providing surveillance video to law enforcement," said Senior Deputy District Attorney Brandon Ross, a member of the Serious and Violent Felonies Unit who is the prosecutor for this case.

All defendants remain in custody with bail set at \$30,000 for Johan Zambrano and \$50,000 for the other five. The case is scheduled for Early Disposition Conference on November 3, 2022.