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**3<sup>rd</sup> Member of South American Theft Group Sentenced for April Burglary**

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*VENTURA, Calif.* - District Attorney Erik Nasarenko announced that the third member of a South American Theft Group (SATG) was sentenced today, Thursday, October 6, 2022, to two years in state prison.

Alexis Aranguiz (DOB: 01/31/79) from Chile, was part of the SATG that burglarized an Oak Park residence on April 1, 2022. Co-defendants, Oscar Perez (DOB: 08/11/97) and Franco Soto (DOB: 05/18/01) were sentenced to two-year prison terms earlier this year for their part in the burglary. All were charged with first degree residential burglary and conspiracy to commit first degree residential burglary.

On April 1, 2022, Aranguiz, Perez and Soto were in the process of stealing items from the residence when the homeowner returned. The home had been ransacked and Aranguiz was carrying several items belonging to the homeowner.

“Today’s sentencing is the latest example of our work to stop South American Theft Groups from coming to Ventura County to prey on our residents,” said District Attorney Erik Nasarenko. “We will continue to work with local law enforcement partners to prosecute these cases aggressively.”

This case was handled by Deputy District Attorney Brandon Ross, a member of the Serious and Violent Unit in the Ventura County District Attorney’s Office. |