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## Long Beach Man Sentenced to 17 Years for Attempted Residential Burglary

VENTURA, Calif. – District Attorney Erik Nasarenko announced today that Shawn Hernandez (DOB 04/26/92), of Long Beach, was sentenced to 17 years prison. Hernandez was previously convicted by a jury on August 1, 2023, of felony attempted first-degree residential burglary and felony conspiracy to commit first-degree residential burglary. A judge also found true all prior convictions and special allegations.

On January 9, 2023, at approximately 2:15 a.m. Hernandez and other unidentified co-conspirators attempted to burglarize a home on Township Avenue in Simi Valley by shattering a rear glass sliding door. The homeowner called 9-1-1, and as Simi Valley Police officers arrived at the house, a Dodge Charger fled the neighborhood leaving Hernandez and others at the scene. The driver of the getaway car led police on a short, high-speed pursuit which ended in a single-car traffic collision. The driver, later identified as co-defendant Karenga Williams, was the only suspect in the car.

During a search of the car, officers located personal identifying information belonging to Hernandez. Evidence was also found at several residences surrounding the victim's home, including a black ski mask, sweatshirt, gloves, and a bag in a neighbor's backyard.

Detectives were able to identify Hernandez as a possible participant, and DNA connected him to the Simi Valley scene. His DNA was matched to DNA found on a glove left behind in the neighbor's yard. Uber records show that Hernandez used the rideshare app to get from the Simi Valley neighborhood to South Los Angeles.

For his role in the crime, Williams pled guilty in June to attempted first-degree residential burglary and evading an officer. He was sentenced to 1 year 8 months prison.

Deputy District Attorney Matthew Hovsepien, a member of the Ventura County District Attorney's Office Serious-Violent Felonies Unit, prosecuted the case.

"Ventura County residents have the right to feel safe and secure in their homes without fear of someone breaking in during the middle of the night," Hovsepien said. "Thanks to the dedicated work by Simi Valley Police detectives, this conviction can start to restore the victim's sense of security in her home."

**Case: 2023000637**

**Defendant Information:**

Shawn Otis Hernandez (DOB 04/26/92)

Long Beach

**Charges Convicted of:**

- PC 182(a)(1) – Conspiracy to commit a crime
- PC 664/459 – Attempted first-degree residential burglary

**Special Allegations:**

- PC 667S3 – Prior strike
- PC 1170(h)(3) – Prior serious or violent felony
- PC 667(a)(1) – Serious felony prior
- CRC 4.421(a)(8) – The manner in which the crime was carried out indicates planning, sophistication, or professionalism
- CRC 4.421(b)(1) – The defendant has engaged in violent conduct that indicates a serious danger to society
- CRC 4.421(b)(2) – The defendant's prior convictions as an adult or sustained petitions in juvenile delinquency proceedings are numerous or of increasing seriousness
- CRC 4.421(b)(3) – The defendant has served a prior term in prison or county jail under section 1170(h)
- CRC 4.421(b)(4) – The defendant was on probation, mandatory supervision, post release community supervision, or parole when the crime was committed

