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Los Angeles County Men Sentenced for Thousand Oaks Mall Robbery

VENTURA, Calif. – Ventura County District Attorney Erik Nasarenko announced today that Corey Thomas (DOB 04/13/06), of Los Angeles, and Jonathan Requejo (DOB 04/26/06) of Inglewood, were each sentenced on October 29, 2024, to two years in state prison. Both men previously pled guilty on September 10, 2024, to multiple felony counts of second-degree robbery, elder abuse, theft from elder, and conspiracy to commit second-degree robbery. Thomas further pled guilty to illegal possession of a firearm, and felony evading from law enforcement. Numerous special allegations against each defendant were also found true, including: the crimes involved great violence, the victim was vulnerable, and great bodily injury to an elder over the age of 70.

On June 27, 2024, Thomas and Requejo traveled with three juveniles from Los Angeles County to the Oaks Mall in Thousand Oaks. Surveillance video captured the group suddenly attacking two elderly patrons in the Macy's store. The group stole a Rolex watch from the male victim and a purse and cell phone from the female victim. Both victims sustained significant physical injuries from the attack. Law enforcement identified the suspect vehicle and attempted to conduct a traffic stop. The vehicle fled from police, engaging in a high-speed pursuit on the U.S. Highway 101-Southbound. During the pursuit, one of the suspects threw a loaded firearm out of the front passenger window which was later recovered by law enforcement. The vehicle eventually stopped, and three of the four members fled on foot. All four suspects were captured and placed under arrest. The stolen property was later recovered from the suspect vehicle. Both Thomas and Requejo were identified as documented Crips gang members by Los Angeles County law enforcement officials.

Deputy District Attorney Hayley Moyer, a member of the Ventura County District Attorney's Office Major Crimes Gangs Unit, prosecuted the case. "Every citizen in Ventura County deserves the right to be safe and secure while going about their day," Ms. Moyer said. "While we cannot reverse the irreparable harm done to these victims, we hope the sentences today sends a message that we will prosecute those responsible for violent crimes to the fullest extent."

Case: 2024017408

Defendant Information:

Corey Thomas (DOB 04/13/06)

Los Angeles

Charges:

- PC 211 – Second Degree Robbery (two counts)
- PC 368(b) – Elder Abuse (two counts)
- PC 368(d) – Theft from Elder (two counts)
- PC 25850(c)(6) – Carrying a Loaded Firearm in a Vehicle/Not Registered Owner
- PC 2800.2 – Evading from Law Enforcement

Special Allegations

- PC 368(b)(2)(B) – Great Bodily Injury to Elder Over Age 70
 - CRC 4.421(a)(1) – The Crime Involved Great Violence or Threat of Violence
- CRC 4.421(a)(3) – The Victim was Vulnerable
- CRC 4.421(c) – Other Statutory Factors, Age of Victims



Case: 2024017408

Defendant Information:

Jonathan Requejo (DOB 04/26/06)

Inglewood

Charges:

- PC 211 – Second Degree Robbery (two counts)
- PC 368(b) – Elder Abuse (two counts)
- PC 368(d) – Theft from Elder (two counts)

Special Allegations

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