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Man Convicted of Residential Burglaries, Faces Life Sentence for Third Strike

VENTURA, Calif. – Ventura County District Attorney Erik Nasarenko announced today that Matthew Rey Scott (DOB 02/07/85) was convicted by a jury of two felony counts of first-degree residential burglary, and one misdemeanor count of resisting, obstructing, or delaying a peace officer. The jury also found true the special allegations that Scott committed a violent felony when he entered the home with the residents present.

Scott admitted to several special allegations regarding his strike priors, making him eligible to be sentenced to life in prison for a third strike. He had two prior convictions for first-degree residential burglary in 2007 and 2015. Scott was on parole for an attempted first-degree residential burglary conviction in 2020 when he committed the two residential burglaries.

On December 12, 2024, Scott entered a home in Simi Valley around 7:15 p.m. The female resident was on the phone when she noticed a shadow out of the corner of her eye. Scott was standing in the hallway leading to her bedroom. The victim asked Scott “what are you doing here?” and the person on the other end of the phone helped the victim by calling 911. Scott fled and nothing was taken from the residence. The victim testified that she believed Scott had followed her into her home, through the open garage door. Two blocks away, Scott again entered a residence. This time he entered the attached garage of a young family who were home. Scott was captured on home surveillance video entering the garage and backyard area. Simi Valley police officers searched the area and eventually found Scott approximately three streets away. He was wearing a state parole ankle monitor.

Senior Deputy District Attorney Craig Gardner, a member of the Ventura County District Attorney’s Office General Trials Serious-Violent Felonies Unit prosecuted the case.

“We extend our sincere appreciation to the witnesses who came forward to testify—not only in this case, but also in the three prior incidents dating back to 2007,” Mr. Gardner said. “Their courage

and willingness to participate were vital to securing justice and promoting the safety of our community.”

A court trial to decide the remaining special allegations will be held on March 27, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in courtroom 47 of the Ventura County Superior Court.

Case: 2024032815

Defendant Information:

Matthew Rey Scott (DOB 02/07/85)

Transient

Charges convicted of:

- (2 counts) PC 459 – First-degree residential burglary
- PC 148(a)(1) – Resist, obstruct, delay of peace officer

Special allegations found true and admitted:

- PC 667.5(c)(21) – Violent felony
- PC 667S3 – Prior strike 3
- PC 667(a)(1) – Serious felony prior

