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Repeat Offender Sentenced to Nearly 20 Years for Residential Burglaries in Simi Valley

VENTURA, Calif. – Ventura County District Attorney Erik Nasarenko announced today that Matthew Rey Scott (DOB 02/07/85) was sentenced to 19 years 8 months prison. Scott was convicted by a jury on March 26, 2025, 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 previously sustained a felony conviction for attempted first-degree residential burglary, a crime he was on parole for at the time of the current offenses. Scott's sentence was enhanced because of this prior strike conviction.

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.

"Nineteen years and eight months is a substantial sentence and demonstrates that residential burglary is taken seriously in this community." Mr. Gardner said. "It is hoped that this sentence will serve as a deterrent to others and make clear that such conduct will not be tolerated."

The crimes occurred on December 12, 2024, in Simi Valley. Around 7:15 p.m., Scott entered a home where a female resident noticed his shadow in the hallway outside her bedroom. She asked him, "What are you doing here?" and the person she was on the phone with immediately called 911. Scott fled the scene, and nothing was taken. The victim testified that she believed Scott followed her in through an open garage door.

Just two blocks away, Scott unlawfully entered the attached garage of another home, where a young family was present. Home surveillance footage captured Scott in the garage and backyard

area. Officers from the Simi Valley Police Department responded quickly and located Scott approximately three streets away. He was wearing a state parole ankle monitor at the time of his arrest.

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
- PC 667(a)(1) – Serious felony prior

