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Attorney General James Uthmeier Secures Conviction of Illegal Alien Involved in Central Florida Theft Ring

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—Attorney General James Uthmeier's Office of Statewide Prosecution secured a conviction for an illegal alien who held a critical role within a criminal enterprise of illegal aliens. Jonny Pinzon Rios was convicted of Conspiracy to Commit Racketeering and two counts of Dealing in Stolen Property.

"This criminal illegal alien conspired with a theft ring to sell stolen Rolex watches that were taken during burglaries of Floridians' homes," said **Attorney General James Uthmeier**. "Thanks to our brave law enforcement and Assistant Statewide Prosecutors Eric Ross and Briana Zupko, he was convicted of his crimes and faces serious criminal penalties. We do not tolerate theft in Florida, and we will continue to work with the Trump administration to get these criminals out of our state and nation."

Pinzon held an essential role within a criminal enterprise of illegal aliens who victimized business owners and their families by committing high-end residential burglaries and selling the stolen property that was taken from the victim's homes. According to the Polk County Sheriff's Office, the criminal enterprise stole over \$1,600,000 worth of personal property from the victim's homes.

Rios is a Columbian national here in the U.S. illegally and is pending deportation. The joint law enforcement investigation, including the Polk County Sheriff's Office, Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office, and HSI Tampa, revealed that Pinzon held a critical role within a criminal enterprise of illegal aliens. The residential burglaries committed by this criminal enterprise impacted the following Florida counties: Hillsborough, Polk, Pasco, Pinellas, and Collier.

Rios was found guilty of Conspiracy to Commit RICO, which is 1st Degree Felony, and two counts of Dealing in Stolen Property, which is 2nd Degree Felonies. Pinzon faces up to 60 years in prison.

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