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## **Temple City Man, Daughter Plead in Illegal Firearms Case**

A Temple City man and his daughter, charged in 2018 with illegal possession of firearms and ammunition, pleaded no contest today, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Presciliano Duran of the Alhambra Branch Office said Steven David Ponder (dob 7/14/60) pleaded to one felony count each of possession of a firearm by a felon and unlawful assault weapon/.50 rifle activity.

Ponder is expected to be sentenced to six years and eight months in state prison on April 8 in Department 1 of the Los Angeles County Superior Court, Alhambra Branch.

His daughter and codefendant, Riley Elizabeth Ponder (dob 9/19/90), also entered a no contest plea to one misdemeanor count of accessory after the fact.

She is expected to be sentenced to one year of summary probation and ordered to complete 100 hours of community service. She may not own, possess or purchase firearms during her probationary term.

In February 2018, a search of the defendants' Temple City home by law enforcement authorities yielded a discovery of stockpiled illegal weapons and ammunition.

The case was investigated by the California Department of Justice's Bureau of Firearms.

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Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to protecting our community through the fair and ethical pursuit of justice and the safeguarding of crime victims' rights.