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‘Panty Bandit’ Sentenced for Series of Adult, Lingerie Store Burglaries

A man dubbed by police as the “Panty Bandit” for burglarizing a number of adult and lingerie stores was sentenced today to two years and eight months in jail, the Los Angeles County District Attorney’s Office announced.

Deputy District Attorney Ranna Jahanshahi said Carlos Oliva (dob 5/23/81) of Canoga Park pleaded no contest on Jan. 6 to three felony counts of second-degree commercial burglary in case LA084421.

Oliva today also agreed to pay restitution to the victims of nine additional burglary and attempted burglary counts which were dismissed as a result of a negotiated plea.

Between January and September 2016, the defendant burglarized or attempted to burglarize 12 adult or lingerie stores in the West San Fernando Valley. Many of the burglaries were committed on the same dates against different victims and some victims were burglarized more than once during this period, the prosecutor said.

Oliva always stole the same type of property, either women’s panties or adult DVDs, costing the victims thousands of dollars, the prosecutor added.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles Police Department, Topanga Station.

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