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Hotel Heir Pleads to Taking Vehicle, Contempt of Court

Hotel heir Conrad Hughes Hilton pleaded no contest today to taking a car without permission and violating a protective stay-away court order, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

Hilton (dob 3/3/94) of Los Angeles was convicted of one felony count of driving or taking a vehicle without consent and one misdemeanor count of contempt of court in a negotiated plea agreement. His co-defendant, William James Bell (dob 11/22/96) of Santa Monica, pleaded no contest to one misdemeanor count of driving or taking a vehicle without consent in a negotiated plea agreement.

Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Norm Shapiro sentenced Hilton to three years of probation and ordered him to attend mental health and substance abuse addiction counseling. The judge also issued a three-year protective order requiring Hilton to stay away from his ex-girlfriend, her father and her mother.

Bell's sentencing is scheduled for Jan. 8 in Department 116 of the Foltz Criminal Justice Center. He was ordered to complete 26 Alcoholics Anonymous meetings and mental health counseling before sentencing.

In the early hours of May 6, 2017, Hilton and Bell took a 2007 Bentley Continental from the house of Hilton's ex-girlfriend's father and attempted to contact his ex-girlfriend, prosecutors said. He was arrested early that morning.

Deputy District Attorney Deann Rivard prosecuted case BA457148.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles Police Department, Hollywood Division.

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