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Two Men Sentenced to Prison for Police Pursuit in LA County

Two men were each sentenced yesterday to two years in state prison for breaking into a home and leading police on a pursuit that began in Cerritos and ended in South Los Angeles, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

On Sept. 14, Herschel Reynolds, 20, and Isaiah Dewayne Young, 19, each pleaded no contest to two felony counts in case VA141652: first-degree residential burglary and fleeing a pursuing peace officer's motor vehicle while driving recklessly.

Deputy District Attorney Mario Trujillo, who prosecuted the case, said on April 7 a woman drove up to her Cerritos home and saw an unknown car in her driveway. The woman began honking her horn at the car, at which point the driver pulled out and sped away.

When the woman went inside her home, the back door was smashed and there were items missing from the house, the prosecutor added.

Authorities were called and they located the car that had sped away from the Cerritos home. As police began their pursuit of the car, the suspect vehicle was driven at high speeds and weaved in and out of traffic, according to the prosecutor.

The suspect vehicle finally stopped in front of a South L.A. home, at which point the two passengers exited the car and surrendered to police, prosecutors said. The driver and passenger were later identified as Reynolds and Young, the prosecutor said.

The case was investigated by the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department.

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