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AG Balderas Secures Conviction in Multi-Jurisdictional Organized Retail Crime Spree

ALBUQUERQUE — Today, New Mexico Attorney General Hector Balderas announced the conviction of Davina Quintana on eleven different counts of shoplifting, crimes Quintana committed in both Albuquerque and Rio Rancho. As a result of today's guilty pleas, Quintana faces up to 12 years in prison. Sentencing will be set after Quintana completes a sentencing evaluation.

“Organized retail criminals endanger innocent lives and increase costs to consumers, and we must put a stop to these repeat offenders that have been swept under the rug for years,” said Attorney General Balderas.

In a spree of crimes from 2020 to 2022, in both Bernalillo and Sandoval Counties, Quintana stole thousands of dollars of merchandise from stores including Target, Wal-Mart, Home Depot, Lowe's, and Kohl's. In one incident in Albuquerque, Quintana threatened a store employee with scissors when they attempted to stop Quintana.

These cases were investigated in a collaborative operation by the Rio Rancho Police Department, the Albuquerque Police Department, and the New Mexico Office of the Attorney General. These cases were specifically investigated by Agent Christopher Kohler, and prosecuted by Assistant Attorneys General Jesse Pecoraro and Zach Jones. This case is part of an initiative to prosecute high-level property and organized retail theft crimes in New Mexico.

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