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Ventura County Resident Found Guilty of Hate Crime

VENTURA, California – District Attorney Erik Nasarenko announced today that on April 15, 2021, Sheila Hernandez (DOB 12/08/77), of Oxnard, pled no contest to battery and a hate crime. Hernandez was sentenced to 12 months probation, 20 days jail, and 10 hours community service by Judge Gilbert Romero.

On January 14, 2021, in Camarillo, Hernandez approached a 35-year-old female victim of Middle Eastern descent, yelled racial slurs, and shoved the victim. Bystanders called 911, and the Ventura County Sheriff's Office responded and investigated the incident.

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