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**Oxnard Man Pleads Guilty to Automobile Insurance Fraud**

*VENTURA, California* – District Attorney Erik Nasarenko announced today that Thomas Perez (DOB 03/14/74), of Oxnard, pled guilty to felony automobile insurance fraud.

On approximately November 27, 2019, Perez was in an automobile accident in Oxnard. On December 9, 2019, Perez purchased an automobile insurance policy from Progressive and failed to disclose the accident that occurred in November. Perez then reported to Progressive that he was in an accident that occurred after he had obtained insurance.

Subsequent investigation by Progressive and the District Attorney's Office Auto Insurance Fraud Unit revealed that the accident for which Perez claimed damages had occurred on approximately November 27, 2019, prior to the date Perez purchased automobile insurance from Progressive.

Perez is scheduled to be sentenced on May 6, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. in courtroom 12 of the Ventura County Superior Court. Felony automobile insurance fraud is punishable by up to five years in county jail and a fine up to \$50,000, or double the amount of fraud, whichever is greater.

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