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Settlement Reached in Illegal Disposal Near Ventura Harbor

VENTURA, California – District Attorney Erik Nasarenko announced today that Ocean Angel II, LLC has entered a settlement following an unlawful deposit of toxic substances into state waters.

On December 3, 2021, the commercial fishing vessel Ocean Angel II was observed by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) traveling just outside the Ventura Harbor, and illegally disposing squid wastewater, which is harmful to aquatic life due to its high concentration of ammonia.

Under the terms of the settlement, Ocean Angel II, LLC will pay \$8,000 in civil penalties to the CDFW, \$1,000 in civil penalties and \$7,000 in investigative costs to the District Attorney’s Office. The settlement also requires compliance with all applicable laws related to California Fish and Game Code section 5650.

In regard to this settlement, District Attorney Nasarenko stated, “Safe and clean waterways are crucial to the health of marine wildlife. It is important to hold those accountable for not following the law and placing our local wildlife at risk.”

This settlement is the result of a joint investigation conducted by the CDFW and the District Attorney’s Office Consumer and Environmental Protection Unit.

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