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Oxnard Man Pleads Guilty to Automobile Insurance Fraud

VENTURA, California – District Attorney Erik Nasarenko announced that Jose Ramos Solis (DOB 05/11/84), of Oxnard, pled guilty to felony automobile insurance fraud.

On October 15, 2020, Solis was involved in a traffic accident in Oxnard. Solis did not have automobile insurance at the time of the accident. Approximately one hour after the accident, Solis purchased automobile insurance from Sentry Insurance. Two days later, Solis called Sentry to report the accident and file a claim; however, he stated the accident occurred on October 17, 2020.

The other driver involved in the accident reported the collision to the Oxnard Police Department and his insurance company, Progressive Insurance. Subsequent investigation by the California Department of Insurance, the Oxnard Police Department, Sentry and Progressive Insurance determined Solis's insurance claim for coverage was fraudulent since he was uninsured at the time of the accident.

Solis is scheduled to be sentenced on September 20, 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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