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Man Facing Murder Charge for Deadly DUI Crash

VENTURA, Calif. – The Ventura County District Attorney’s Office announced today that Nathaniel Wills (DOB 04/11/88), of Los Angeles, pled not guilty to second-degree murder, gross vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated, and other charges related to a deadly 2021 car crash in which Wills is accused of driving while under the influence of alcohol. Special allegations were also filed against Wills, including that he had prior convictions and that the collision caused bodily injury or death to more than one victim.

On January 27, 2021, Wills is alleged to have crashed at a high rate of speed into a tree stump on Rose Avenue and Cesar Chavez Drive in Oxnard. During the collision, one passenger was ejected from the vehicle and pronounced deceased on scene. Two other passengers were transported to the hospital for major injuries.

Wills, who was also transported to the hospital, was subsequently arrested by the Oxnard Police Department on March 9, 2021, for second-degree murder and driving under the influence of alcohol causing injury.

Deputy District Attorney Kelsey Einhorn, a member of the Ventura County District Attorney’s Office DUI Unit, is prosecuting the case.

Wills’ next scheduled court appearance is August 30, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. in courtroom 12 of the Ventura County Superior Court. Wills is currently in custody with bail set at \$1 million.

Case: 2021002554

Defendant Information:

Nathaniel Wills (DOB 04/11/88)
Los Angeles

Charges:

- PC 187(a) – Second-degree murder
- PC 191.5(a) – Gross Vehicular Manslaughter
- VC 23153(a) – DUI of alcohol causing injury
- VC 23153(b) – Driving with BAC .08% causing injury
- VC 14601.2(a) – Driving w/ privilege suspended for prior DUI conviction