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Moorpark Woman Pleads Guilty to Auto Insurance Fraud

VENTURA, Calif. – The Ventura County District Attorney's Office announced today that on October 6, 2023, Ana Jasmine Vaca-Velazquez (DOB 03/13/86), of Moorpark, pled guilty to one count of felony automobile insurance fraud.

In December 2019, Vaca-Velazquez's vehicle was insured by Mercury Insurance. Her husband, Jose Castro, was not a covered driver on the policy. Mr. Castro was driving the car on December 2, 2019, when he was involved in a traffic collision. Later that day, Vaca-Velazquez filed a false claim with Mercury Insurance, alleging that she was driving the car at the time of the collision. Subsequent investigation by Mercury Insurance and the California Department of Insurance revealed that Vaca-Velazquez was not the driver when the collision occurred.

Senior Deputy District Attorney Mike Frawley, a member of the Ventura County District Attorney's Office Auto Insurance Fraud Unit, prosecuted the case.

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.

Case: 2023005995

Defendant Information:

Ana Jasmine Vaca-Velazquez (DOB 03/13/86)
Moorpark

Charges pled to:

- PC 550(b)(1) – Automobile insurance fraud