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Oxnard Man Pleads Guilty to Automobile Insurance Fraud

VENTURA, Calif. – The Ventura County District Attorney's Office announced today that Eric Ramirez (DOB 08/02/91), of Oxnard, pled guilty on May 2, 2024, to one felony count of automobile insurance fraud.

In August 2022, Ramirez was uninsured when he was involved in a traffic collision. After the collision Ramirez obtained automobile insurance from Progressive Insurance Company. Approximately 11 days after he purchased the coverage, Ramirez filed a claim for damages with Progressive falsely claiming that the collision occurred on a date after he had obtained insurance.

An investigation by the California Department of Insurance and Progressive Insurance Company revealed that Ramirez lied about the date of the collision to obtain insurance benefits from Progressive.

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

Ramirez is scheduled to be sentenced on June 5, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in courtroom 11 of the Ventura County Superior Court. 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: 2022031733

Defendant Information:

Eric Ramirez (DOB 08/02/91)
Oxnard

Charges pled guilty to:

- PC 550(b)(1) – Insurance fraud