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Oxnard Man Sentenced for Felony Auto Insurance Fraud

VENTURA, Calif. – The Ventura County District Attorney's Office announced today that Anthony Madrid (DOB 07/06/97), of Oxnard, was sentenced on December 20, 2024, to 85 days in Ventura County Jail and two years formal probation. He previously pled guilty to one felony count of automobile insurance fraud.

On April 4, 2021, Madrid was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol. The car he was driving had major front-end damage, which Madrid claimed was there when he bought the vehicle. Five days later, on April 9, 2021, automobile insurance was purchased for the vehicle by a family member from Progressive Insurance Company, with Madrid as an excluded driver. On April 13, 2021, Madrid called Progressive to report that the vehicle had been damaged by someone else. He provided several inconsistent statements as to how the damage had occurred but maintained that the front-end damage to the vehicle happened after the insurance was purchased.

An investigation by the Ventura County District Attorney's Office and Progressive Insurance Company revealed that Madrid lied about the pre-existing damage to obtain insurance benefits from Progressive.

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

In addition to jail time and probation, Madrid was also ordered to pay \$278.34 in restitution to Progressive, and a \$300 fine to the State Restitution Fund.

Case: 2022023078

Defendant Information:

Anthony Madrid (DOB 07/06/97)
Oxnard

Charges:

- PC 550(b)(1) – Insurance fraud