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Oxnard Man Pleads Guilty to Auto Insurance Fraud

VENTURA, Calif. – The Ventura County District Attorney's Office announced today that Hector Murrillo (DOB 10/14/95), of Oxnard, pled guilty on June 12, 2025, to one count of felony automobile insurance fraud.

In January 2023, Murrillo made a police report that someone had struck his vehicle overnight, causing damage. He then made a claim under his Progressive Insurance Company policy for coverage. An investigation revealed that the damage to his vehicle existed as early as October 2022, prior to the inception of the Progressive policy, and that Murrillo made false statements regarding the preexisting damage.

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

Murrillo is scheduled to be sentenced on July 30, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in courtroom 12 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. The District Attorney's Office will be seeking restitution on behalf of Progressive Insurance.

Case: 2023013589

Defendant Information:

Hector Murrillo (DOB 10/14/95)
Oxnard

Charges pled guilty to:

- PC 550(b)(1) – Insurance fraud