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Charges Filed in Death of Pedestrian in Oxnard

VENTURA, California – District Attorney Erik Nasarenko announced today that Luis Armando Ayala (DOB 12/01/01), of Oxnard, has been charged with felony gross vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated, with an enhancement of fleeing the scene of an accident involving death. He is also charged with driving under the influence of alcohol causing great bodily injury and driving without a valid driver's license.

On July 17, 2022, at approximately 3:30 a.m., Ayala was driving a vehicle when he struck a pedestrian near Rose Avenue at Tiesa Lane. After the collision, Ayala fled the scene. Oxnard Police Department officers and emergency medical personnel responded to the scene and found the pedestrian had succumbed to his injuries. Officers located Ayala a short distance from the scene and determined he was under the influence of alcohol. Ayala was arrested for the pedestrian's death.

On July 19, 2022, Ayala appeared for arraignment in the Ventura County Superior Court. The case was set for an early disposition conference on August 2, 2022, at 1:30 p.m. in courtroom 23 and for a preliminary hearing on August 9, 2022, at 8:15 a.m. in courtroom 14. Ayala is currently in custody with bail set at \$50,000.

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