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Man Convicted of Felony Fleeing the Scene of an Accident Involving Death and Concealing Evidence

VENTURA, California – District Attorney Gregory D. Totten announced today that after a three-day court trial, Judge Ryan Wright found Hermin Martin Trujillo Henderson (DOB 04/16/65), of Ventura, guilty of felony fleeing the scene of an accident involving death, and concealing evidence of a crime, a misdemeanor.

On February 18, 2016, just before midnight, Henderson was driving his tow truck eastbound on Telegraph Road approaching Saticoy Avenue in the city of Ventura. As Henderson entered the intersection at Telegraph Road and Saticoy Avenue, his truck struck victim Jonathan Hernandez, who was riding his bicycle southbound on Saticoy Avenue, against a red light. After the collision, Henderson momentarily applied his brakes but did not stop at the scene. The victim was killed instantly.

The next day, Henderson washed his vehicle to remove evidence from the collision. Henderson also gave false statements to police and concealed evidence of the crime. The prosecution of this case was made possible through an extensive investigation conducted by the Ventura Police Department.

Sentencing is set July 20, 2018, at 9:00 a.m. in courtroom 45 of the Ventura Superior Court, County of Ventura. Henderson faces a maximum sentence of five years in state prison.

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