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Man Sentenced to Two Years Prison for Fleeing the Scene of an Accident Involving Death and Destroying/Concealing Evidence

VENTURA, California – District Attorney Gregory D. Totten announced today that Superior Court Judge Ryan Wright sentenced Hermin Martin Trujillo Henderson (DOB 04/16/1965), of Ventura, to two years in state prison for felony fleeing the scene of an accident involving death, and misdemeanor concealing evidence of a crime.

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, aged 14, 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. Hernandez 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.

Henderson was found guilty at a court trial on June 7, 2018. The prosecution of this case was based upon an extensive investigation by the Ventura Police Department.

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