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Santa Paula Police Officer Charged with Auto Insurance Fraud

VENTURA, California – District Attorney Gregory D. Totten announced today the filing of a felony complaint against Matthew Arthur Alonzo (DOB 09/28/1979), of Ventura, for committing auto insurance fraud by making a false statement to an insurance company. Alonzo, a Santa Paula Police Officer, is charged with one felony count of violating Penal Code section 550(b)(1). The charges are the result of an investigation by the District Attorney's Bureau of Investigation.

On January 8, 2018, Alonzo told the Automobile Club of Southern California that he witnessed a car accident in the city of Ventura. He fraudulently stated that he did not personally know any of the involved parties when, in fact, one of the parties was a former Santa Paula Police officer with whom he had worked.

Alonzo will be arraigned on January 4, 2019, at 8:15 a.m., the Ventura County courthouse. He faces a maximum sentence of five years in the Ventura County jail.

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