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Defendants Sentenced in Auto Insurance Fraud Scheme

VENTURA, California – District Attorney Erik Nasarenko announced today that Kyle Duval (DOB 03/09/94), of Ojai, and Karon Vereen (DOB 05/05/77), of Los Angeles, were sentenced for their respective roles in an automobile insurance fraud scheme. Duval was sentenced to 30 days in jail and Vereen was sentenced to 15 days in jail. Both were placed on probation for one year and ordered to pay restitution. Duval and Vereen previously pled guilty on March 23, 2021, to felony auto insurance fraud.

On October 4, 2017, Duval and Vereen collided in a traffic accident in Ojai. At the time of the collision, Duval was driving without auto insurance. Duval and Vereen agreed to falsely report that the accident occurred on October 5, because of Duval's lack of auto insurance on October 4. Shortly after the accident on October 4, Duval purchased an insurance policy from Esurance. The next day, Duval filed an accident report with Esurance falsely claiming the accident occurred on October 5, 2017. Esurance then called Vereen who also claimed the accident occurred on October 5, 2017. Subsequent investigation by Esurance and the District Attorney's Office Auto Insurance Fraud Unit determined Duval and Vereen conspired to lie about the date of the accident so Esurance would cover the vehicle repair costs which exceeded \$12,000.

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