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Oxnard Woman Pleads Guilty to Auto Insurance Fraud

VENTURA, Calif. – The Ventura County District Attorney's Office announced today that on October 2, 2023, Natasha Monique Villegas (DOB 03/19/84), of Oxnard, pled guilty to one count of felony automobile insurance fraud.

On March 13, 2020, Villegas was involved in a traffic collision, and she was uninsured at the time of the collision. The following day, she purchased a policy from Esurance. Villegas failed to disclose at that time she had been involved in a traffic collision the day before. On March 20, 2020, Villegas filed a claim on Esurance, alleging that she had been in an accident on March 19. An investigation revealed that Villegas reported a false date of the traffic collision to Esurance to have the insurance company pay the cost of damages sustained in the March 13 accident.

The case was investigated by Esurance and the Ventura County District Attorney's Office.

Senior Deputy District Attorney Mike Frawley, a member of the Ventura County District Attorney's Office Auto Insurance Fraud Unit, prosecuted the case.

Villegas is scheduled to be sentenced on December 1, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in courtroom 12 of the Ventura County Superior Court. Automobile insurance fraud is punishable by up to five years in county jail and a fine up to \$50,000, or double the amount of fraud, whichever is greater.

Case: 2020021347
Defendant Information:
Natasha Monique Villegas (DOB 03/19/84)
Oxnard

Charges pled guilty to:

• PC 550(b)(1) – Insurance Fraud