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Repeat DUI Offender Gets State Prison for Injuring Officers in Simi Valley Crash



VENTURA, Calif. – Ventura County District Attorney Erik Nasarenko announced today that Luis Fernando Piceno (DOB 08/21/96), of Moorpark, was sentenced to five years, four months in state prison for the DUI crash where he struck two Simi Valley Police Department (SVPD) officers in their patrol vehicles. Piceno previously pled guilty on June 16, 2025, to DUI with a .08% blood alcohol causing injury. He also admitted to three special allegations: causing great bodily injury (GBI) in commission of a felony, causing injury to more than one victim, and a drunk driving prior.

On October 24, 2024, at approximately 9:30 p.m., Piceno was traveling at a high speed on Tapo Canyon Road in Simi Valley when he collided with two marked SVPD patrol vehicles. Piceno admitted to driving 80 to 90 miles per hour at the time of the crash. An alcohol screening conducted two hours after the crash showed a blood alcohol level of 0.13%, well over the legal limit.

Both officers were transported for medical evaluation following the collision and continue to recover from their injuries. This is Piceno's second DUI conviction.

Deputy District Attorney Jillian Ewan, a member of the Ventura County District Attorney's Office DUI Unit, prosecuted the case.

"This case shows the devastating and lasting consequences of impaired driving," Ms. Ewan said. "We are thankful the officers are alive today. The District Attorney's Office is committed to holding impaired drivers accountable and keeping Ventura County safe."

Along with the prison sentence, Piceno's driving privilege was revoked for three years and he was ordered to pay nearly \$41,000 in restitution to the Simi Valley Police Department for damage to the patrol vehicles.

Case: 2024028854

Defendant Information:

Luis Fernando Piceno (DOB 08/21/96)

Moorpark

Charges pled guilty to:

- VC 23153(b) – Driving with a .08% blood alcohol causing injury

Special Allegations:

- PC 12022.7(a) – Great bodily injury in commission of a felony
- VC 235S8 – Cause bodily injury to more than one victim
- VC 23152SA/M – Drunk prior

