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Driver Who Killed Oak Park Couple Sentenced to One-Year in Jail Over Family and Prosecutor Objection

VENTURA, Calif. – Ventura County District Attorney Erik Nasarenko announced today that Neil Liam Reb (DOB 11/07/03), of Oak Park, was sentenced to 365 days in Ventura County Jail, over the objection by prosecutors. Reb previously pled guilty on August 28, 2026, to two counts of felony gross vehicular manslaughter in connection with the deaths of Alejandro and Maria Ramirez. Reb also admitted the special allegation that the crime is a serious felony.

Family members of Alejandro and Maria were present for the sentencing and delivered emotional victim impact statements describing the devastating loss of their parents.

Their oldest daughter described the pain of losing both parents without the opportunity to say goodbye in her statement.

“The pain of losing my parents this way was and still is unbearable,” she wrote. “There was no time to comfort them, hold their hand, to say goodbye, see them, or tell them I love them one last time. Those moments were taken from us.”

Another daughter urged the court in her statement to impose the strongest possible sentence, expressing the family’s anguish over the outcome.

“Your Honor, a maximum sentence of 365 days in county jail is devastating to our family,” she wrote. “My parents were worth infinitely more than that. Their lives mattered.”

Under California law, the maximum sentenced allowed for the filed charges is 7 years 4 months in state prison. Prosecutors were seeking 3 years 4 months in state prison for guilty pleas to both counts of vehicular manslaughter prior to a trial. The court instead imposed one year in county jail.

“A one-year county jail sentence for taking the lives of Alejandro and Maria Ramirez is inconsistent with the gross negligence of the crime,” said Chief Deputy District Attorney Paul Nuñez. “The

defendant was driving nearly twice the posted speed limit, and two people lost their lives as a result. Our office sought a state prison sentence that reflected the gravity of these crimes and the devastating impact on the victims' family."

On May 6, 2025, at approximately 4:00 p.m., Reb was driving a 2024 Jeep Wrangler when he broadsided a Volkswagen Tiguan at the intersection of Via Las Brisas and Calle Del Prado in Newbury Park. The crash resulted in the deaths of Mr. and Mrs. Ramirez. Reb was driving recklessly by traveling 89 mph on Via Las Brisas, which has a posted speed limit of 45 mph. Reb was arrested on June 30, 2025, after an investigation by the Ventura County Sheriff's Office.

Case: 2025016279

Defendant Information:

Neil Liam Reb (DOB 11/07/03)
Oak Park

Charges:

- PC 192(c)(1) – Vehicular Manslaughter-non alcohol-gross negligence (2 counts)

Special Allegations:

- PC 1192.8(a) – Serious felony

