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Oxnard Man Sentenced for Falsely Portraying Others on the Internet

VENTURA, California – District Attorney Erik Nasarenko announced today that Edgar Castrejon (DOB 10/03/77), of Oxnard, was sentenced to serve 180 days in jail, placed on probation for one year, and ordered to pay victim restitution. Additionally, Castrejon’s internet use during the term of probation is limited to work, school, and volunteer purposes only. Castrejon previously pled guilty to two counts of misdemeanor false personation, one count of identity theft and one count of credible impersonation on the internet.

In July 2020, Castrejon created false and misleading posts on Facebook. In these posts, he “spoofed” the accounts of four people and a local organization called the We Have Rights Corporation. By fraudulently impersonating four individuals and this organization in social media posts, Castrejon made it appear that the victims had posted racist and violent comments, which was false. Due to Castrejon’s criminal actions, one residence and a business were vandalized.

This case was investigated by the Ventura County Sheriff’s Office and prosecuted by the District Attorney’s Office Fraud and Technology Crimes Unit.

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