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Santa Paula Man Pleads Guilty to Automobile Insurance Fraud

VENTURA, California – District Attorney Erik Nasarenko announced today that Kenneth Nathan Schilbrack (DOB 08/02/93), of Santa Paula, pled guilty to two counts of felony automobile insurance fraud.

On August 25, 2019, Schilbrack was in an automobile collision with another driver in Oxnard. At the time of the accident, Schilbrack did not have automobile insurance since his policy with Progressive Insurance Company (Progressive) had expired several days earlier. Approximately three hours after the accident, Schilbrack obtained a new insurance policy from Progressive. While securing new coverage, Schilbrack falsely represented that he had not been in an accident during the time his policy had lapsed. The following day Schilbrack filed a claim with Progressive alleging he had been in an accident after reinstating his policy. A subsequent investigation by Progressive and the District Attorney's Office Auto Insurance Fraud Unit determined Schilbrack misrepresented the time of the accident in his claim against Progressive and that he was not insured at the time of the accident.

Schilbrack is scheduled to be sentenced on March 11, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. in courtroom 12 of the Ventura County Superior Court. Felony 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.

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