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**Oxnard Man Sentenced to Prison for Fatal DUI Collision**

*VENTURA, California* – District Attorney Erik Nasarenko announced today that Nelson Manuel Rivas (DOB 10/21/98), of Oxnard, has been sentenced to 5 years 8 months in prison for felony gross vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated and driving under the influence of alcohol causing great bodily injury, for killing one juvenile female and causing severe injury to another.

On June 20, 2021, California Highway Patrol officers arrested Rivas after he lost control of his car and crashed off the southbound lanes of U.S. Highway 101 in Ventura.

On June 30, 2022, Rivas pled guilty to felony gross vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated and driving under the influence of alcohol causing injury, and admitted a special allegation that he caused great bodily injury to the female victim who survived.

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