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Lake Balboa Woman Pleads Guilty to Auto Insurance Fraud in Simi Valley Crash
Case: 2022029404

VENTURA, Calif. - District Attorney Erik Nasarenko announced today that Jessica Ayala (DOB 11/10/94), of Lake Balboa, pled guilty to one count of insurance fraud.

On January 4, 2022, Ayala was in a traffic collision in Simi Valley. Officers responded to the scene and arrested Ayala for driving under the influence of alcohol. She was later convicted of the crime. On January 12, 2022, Ayala contacted Bluefire Insurance and filed a claim for compensation under her policy. Ayala fraudulently withheld information from the insurance company about the DUI in order to get coverage for the collision.

The case was referred to the District Attorney's Office after an investigation by the California Department of Insurance. Senior Deputy District Attorney Mike Frawley, a member of the Ventura County District Attorney's Office Auto Insurance Fraud Unit, prosecuted the case.

Ayala is scheduled to be sentenced on March 16, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in courtroom 12 of the Ventura County Superior Court. 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.

Defendant Information:

Jessica Ayala (DOB 11/10/94)
Lake Balboa, CA

Charges pled guilty to:

- PC 550(b)(1) - Insurance Fraud