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## **Two Brothers, 23 Others Charged In Insurance Fraud Case That Involved Staged Auto Collisions**

Two brothers and 23 co-defendants are facing insurance fraud charges as part of a ring that filed bogus auto insurance claims, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office announced.

The alleged ringleaders Edwin Antonio Bautista-Marroquin (dob 11/29/73) of Sylmar and Luis Emilio Bautista-Marroquin (dob 8/31/82) of Pacoima are each charged in case PA082837 with multiple counts of insurance fraud and grand theft.

Arraignment is scheduled today in Department S at the San Fernando Courthouse. Deputy District Attorneys Michael Fern and Leslie Kenyon with the Auto Insurance Fraud Division are prosecuting the case.

Members of the ring allegedly staged auto collisions or manufactured "paper" collisions from April 2011 to August 2013. Eighteen claims were allegedly filed with 11 insurance companies, resulting in payouts of nearly \$240,000.

If convicted as charged, the elder Bautista faces a maximum prison sentence of 21 years, while his younger brother faces up to 11 years in prison.

The case remains under investigation by the California Department of Insurance.

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