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NEWS RELEASE

DATE: 7/20/2026

SUBJECT: Major Banking Company Fraud Scam

LOCATION: Oxnard

VICTIM: Withheld for Investigation

SUSPECT: Jonathan Javier Castro (31-year-old male Los Angeles resident)

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On February 26, 2026, a victim reported to the Oxnard Police Department that she believed she was the victim of a scam involving suspects posing as a major banking company's fraud department. The victim withdrew nearly \$20,000 from her personal account and delivered it to a subject she believed was an undercover investigator at a location in the city of Oxnard.

Throughout the lengthy investigation, Oxnard Detectives determined that the person she delivered the money to was an uninvolved commercial ride-share driver and the money was subsequently delivered to the suspect, identified as 31-year-old Jonathan Javier Castro, in the city of Los Angeles.

On July 9, 2026, detectives from the Oxnard Police Department contacted Castro at his apartment in Los Angeles and took him into custody for a violation of 532(a) PC; obtaining money through false pretenses.

As the investigation is ongoing, investigators are seeking members of the public to come forward and report if they have also been victimized with similar circumstances. If you believe that you too may be a victim of this type of fraud, please contact Detective Corporal Dan Cosio via email at daniel.cosio@oxnardpd.org or (805) 207-7778.

The Oxnard Police Department's Property Crimes Unit is committed to reducing fraud related crimes in the City of Oxnard through the strict enforcement of laws. Anyone with information regarding this case or other criminal activity is encouraged to contact the Oxnard Police Department at [\(805\) 385-7600](tel:8053857600), or online via the Oxnard Police

Department's website: www.oxnardpd.org, and clicking on Report Suspicious Activity. You can remain anonymous if you choose to do so. You can remain anonymous by calling the Ventura County Crime Stoppers at [\(800\) 222-8477](tel:8002228477). You can also visit this site: www.venturacountycrimestoppers.org to submit a tip via text or email.