

COUNTY OF FRESNO

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## NEWS RELEASE

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## **TYRELL HARRIS SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR ABUSING "PRINCESS" THE DOG**

Deputy District Attorney Sydney Ricks is pleased to announce that today, March 16, 2016, Tyrell Harris was sentenced to prison for abusing "Princess" the dog.

Mr. Harris was convicted of a felony charge of animal cruelty after his dog Princess was found with a skull fracture in June 2015. Mr. Harris also had a prior "strike" for a robbery conviction in 2001.

Mr. Harris was sentenced to 32 months in custody at the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation. As part of his sentence, he was also ordered to pay \$13,023.25 to the CCSPCA for the treatment, care, and boarding of Princess.

As a result of his conviction, Mr. Harris now cannot own, posses, maintain, have custody of, reside with, or care for any animal for a period of 10 years.

The case was prosecuted by the District Attorney's "Animal Cruelty Unit."

The Media may contact Administrative Assistant Leslie Gillespie at (559) 600-4442 with questions.

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