



COUNTY OF FRESNO

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JOVOHANNA MORRIS PLEADS GUILTY TO ANIMAL CRUELTY

Deputy District Attorney Lynette Gonzales and Senior Investigator Mario Leal are pleased to announce that today, June 13, 2016, Jovohanna Morris entered a guilty plea to a felony charge of animal cruelty.

On July 21, 2015, investigators with the CCSPCA found three small dogs on the defendant's concrete porch in high heat without food, water, or shade. Two dogs were located in a small crate in the direct sun, one of which was deceased. The third dog was also located on the porch, also without food or water. The dogs rescued from the porch were found to be suffering from heat exposure. A fourth dog located inside the residence was also seized.

The defendant faces a sentence of up to three (3) years in the custody of the Fresno County Jail when she is sentenced on July 27th by the Honorable Judge Brian Alvarez.

This case was investigated by the Central California Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (CCSPCA), and was prosecuted by the DA's Animal Cruelty Unit. DA's Animal Cruelty Unit is dedicated to being a voice for animal victims who cannot speak for themselves.

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

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