



# NEWS RELEASE

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## ARREST MADE IN CONNECTION WITH MAY 31, 2019 ANIMAL CRUELTY INVESTIGATION

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PATERSON, NEW JERSEY:

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Passaic County Prosecutor Camelia M. Valdes and Wayne Police Chief James Clarke announce that based upon an investigation by the Wayne Police Department, Craig J. Lam, 37 years old from Wayne, New Jersey, was arrested on July 9, 2019 in relation to an animal cruelty incident that took place May 31, 2019. Mr. Lam is charged with Animal Cruelty, a Third Degree offense.

On May 31, 2019 members of the Wayne Police Department were dispatched to the area of Knox Terrace Wayne, NJ on a report of an animal cruelty complaint. When the police arrived they were advised the dog had been taken by Mr. Lam to the Fairfield Animal Emergency Hospital in Fairfield, NJ. The police were advised by the staff of the Fairfield Animal Emergency Hospital that the dog had arrived deceased. Based on the investigation, Mr. Lam was charged.

Central Judicial Processing (CJP Court) is scheduled for July 24, 2019.

The Passaic County Prosecutor's Office asks anyone with additional information about this incident to contact us on our tips line at 1-877-370-PCPO or [tips@passaiccountynj.org](mailto:tips@passaiccountynj.org) or contact the Wayne Police Department at 973-633-3530.

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(Photo: Craig J. Lam)