



OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY
P. DAVID SOARES
6 LODGE STREET
ALBANY, NEW YORK 12207
(518) 487-5460
(518) 487-5093 FAX

CONTACT: ALBANY COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE (518) 487-5460
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: AUGUST 26, 2015

Sentencing For Man Who Abused a Dog



ALBANY, NY - District Attorney P. David Soares announced today that LARRY FULLER, 37, of Albany, was sentenced to 8 months in Albany County Jail for abusing his dog. FULLER must also relinquish the rights to the two dogs he owned and he will not be able to own, reside with, or possess any animals. In addition, FULLER will be required to register on the Albany County Animal Abuser Registry.

On July 2, FULLER pleaded guilty to (1) Count of Torturing or Injuring Animals by Failure to Provide Proper Sustenance, a misdemeanor under NYS Agriculture and Markets Law 353 before

the honorable Judge Carter in Albany City Court.

On May 15, 2015, between the times of 2:10 and 2:20 p.m. in the area of Western Avenue and Thurlow Terrace, FULLER picked up a small, black dog above his head and slammed it to the ground. He then proceeded to strike the dog several more times, causing it to yelp loudly. FULLER then lifted the dog off the ground by the dog's neck and slapped and punched the animal in the head and face numerous times, still holding it off the ground by the dog's neck.

“Animal abuse is one of the more senseless crimes we see. It happens with more frequency than we'd like to think,” said DA Soares. “People who abuse vulnerable animals are especially dangerous because there is a link between animal abuse and domestic violence. Thankfully, this defendant will have some time to think on his actions and the registry will prevent him from abusing other animals.”

Assistant District Attorneys Jennifer McCanney and Caroline Murray of the Special Victims Unit prosecuted this case.

For more information please contact the Albany County District Attorney's Office at (518) 487-5460.

###