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Attorney General Balderas Announces Man to Serve Two Years for Violating Probation for Extreme Cruelty to Animals

Albuquerque, NM – This afternoon, Attorney General Hector Balderas announced that Shaun Anaya, who was on probation for an Office of the Attorney General case and is a thirteen-time convicted felon, was found by Second Judicial District Judge Angela Jewell to have violated his probation for committing extreme cruelty to animals and possession of marijuana. The Office of Attorney General Hector Balderas asked Judge Jewell to impose the maximum penalty of 1,421 days in prison which included habitual enhancements. Anaya was sentenced to two years in the Department of Corrections for the violations.

“Violence against animals is so many times directly linked to domestic violence and can never be discounted,” said Attorney General Balderas. “My office is committed to holding violent, repeat offenders accountable.”

Shaun Anaya was arrested on suspicion of animal cruelty in June of 2017 when he was accused of brutally attacking a puppy leaving the three-month-old dog bloody, with a broken tooth and other injuries.

Please see attached for a photo of Anaya.

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