

Press Release

Incident Type: Animal Abuse

Reported Date/Time: August 16, 2011 at 8:56 p.m.

Incident Location: Spruce Terrace Apartments
710 N. Spruce St.
Mt. Angel, OR 97362

Narrative:

On August 16, 2011 at 8:56 p.m. the Mount Angel Police Department received a report of animal abuse occurring at the Spruce Terrace Apartments. It was reported there was a Hispanic male juvenile seen in the area of an apartment that was kicking and using a stick to stab a cat.

Personnel from the Mt. Angel Police Department responded and began investigating the complaint. The responding officer determined the victim animal appeared to have suffered severe injuries. The officer was unable to locate the cat's owner. He was also unable to catch the animal due to it appearing feral. Through the officer's investigation he was able to locate three involved male juveniles, ranging in age from 5 to 9 years old. The parents of the involved children were notified of the incident.

On August 17, 2011 at 1:13 p.m. a neighbor in the area of the Spruce Terrace apartments found a deceased cat believed to be the victim cat from the evening before. The cat had been found curled up on an air vent along the side of one the apartment buildings. The cat's body was seized as evidence, pending a necropsy to determine the exact cause of death.

Due to the involved children's age and the on-going investigation their names will not be released. Once the investigation is complete it will sent to the Marion County Juvenile Department and the Oregon Department of Human Services.

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