



Dear Voices For Pets Supporter,

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We are making a special appeal for emergency donations to keep Voices For Pets afloat at a particularly hard time.

It was 1993 when Voices For Pets came into existence to respond to the lack of serious treatment of cruelty to animals by our culture, law enforcement and the courts. A time when arrest was rare and no one did jail time.

In 1993, the cost of gas was less than \$1.50 per gallon. The cost of printing was .02 cents a page and veterinary care was half of what it is today, etc. We started with a handful of volunteers who also paid for basic expenses. As the demand for our services has grown, so has the cost.

There have been times over the years that Voices For Pets decided that we needed to develop a Fund Raising Program. But we found that it would be a full time job and take most of our resources. And we would not be doing the things we were supposed to be doing.

In many ways Voices For Pets has grown over the years and in many ways, Voices For Pets has remained a small organization without a paid staff. We are still 100% volunteer.

In addition to responding to many Bay area incidents of pets being the victims of sadistic humans, Voices For Pets two year campaign to seek justice in the Southern California cat torture and killing cases by Timothy Kooyman has put a further strain on our resources.

In May 2009, in the San Bernardino County case, Kooyman was sentenced to five years in state prison. Voices For Pets continued our campaign asking Riverside County D.A. Rod Pacheco to file charges against Kooyman for the April 2008 torture and killing of three cats in his motel room.

In February 2010, Kooyman was charged in Riverside County. He was transported from state prison to the Riverside County jail. He is scheduled for a jury trial on Oct 13, 2010 and I feel someone should be there to speak for the victims at the sentencing. I would like to be there, but neither Voices For Pets nor myself have the travel expense money to do that.

In May 2010 Gerald Ortega of Contra Costa County beat his girlfriend and threatened to kill her and her two young children. To prove he was serious he hung her Jack Russell puppy with an electrical cord from a ceiling light fixture. When confronted by police with overwhelming evidence, Ortega broke down crying and offered to give information on other crimes involving his friends. He was originally charged with 12 Felony's and 2 Misdemeanors with plenty of evidence to support all charges that could have put him away for 20 years. Ortega was given a plea deal. He pleaded no contest to Five Felony's and sentenced Five years.

Ortega had beaten his girlfriend and terrorized her and her two young children for years. Ortega has a long criminal history and has been in and out of prison.

I feel there was much more that Voices for Pets could have done, but because of lack of funds, we were unable to mount an aggressive campaign. I was in court, but one person does not represent the community.

Five years may seem like a long time but Ortega will receive 3 days credit for every 2 days he has served in county jail. He will receive 50% time off while in prison and with the pressure to grant early release due to prison overcrowding. Ortega will be back in the community within 2 years. I can only hope his girlfriend will leave the area and not tell anyone where she is.

I did do one thing that will make Ortega very unhappy. After blacking out the parts that I did not want them to see, I handed out one page from the police report to Ortega's friends who had come to court to show support for him. SEE COPY ENCLOSED.

Another case involves Sharon Sayler of Richmond, who repeatedly beat her neighbor's 9 pound miniature Pincher named Taz with a log. Sayler placed Taz's body into a plastic bag and left him in her car trunk overnight. The next day Saul Hernandez the father of Taz's family followed Sayler to an isolated area where she attempted to dump the body. Taz was still alive and covered with blood. Hernandez rushed Taz to a veterinarian. Today Taz has trouble seeing and shows signs of brain damage. This case is currently in the court system and without public participation, could be plea bargained with no jail time.

May 2010

CITY OF CONCORD, CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

Gerald Ortega has been charged with 12 felonies and 2 misdemeanors, including beating his girlfriend and hanging her Jack Russell Terrier puppy from a ceiling light fixture.

The girlfriend said Ortega had emotionally and physically abused her for three years and threatened to kill her and her two children.

Ortega has pleaded "Not Guilty" to all charges.

Voices for Pets will follow this case as it goes through the court system and will keep you informed.

OFFENSE REPORT

call history #312, and a new case number was issued (CPD case # 10-8350). Refer to Officer Nunn's original report.

At approximately 2030 hours I saw that Officer Nunn was still on this call for service so I drove to the police department after recognizing [REDACTED] name. I know [REDACTED] from numerous past calls and arrests of her and her friends while I was a narcotics detective (2001-2006).

I contacted Officer Nunn and [REDACTED] in the CPD front lobby where [REDACTED] was crying and Officer Nunn was holding an Emergency Protective Order (EPO) and transcribed text messages between [REDACTED] and Ortega. The text messages were from 4/26/2010 where Ortega implicated himself for killing [REDACTED] dog and kicking her door in on 4/27/2010.

We brought [REDACTED] into an interview room in the CPD lobby where [REDACTED] was crying and saying things like "He said he was going to kill my two son's and my father. I don't give a shit anymore. I have never snitched on anyone before." [REDACTED] looked at me and said, "You know that." I assumed [REDACTED] was referring to my past contacts and arrests of her and her friends where she refused to cooperate with law enforcement.

Officer Nunn showed me an incoming text message (4/26/2010 at 2013 hours) from Ortega to [REDACTED] which read, "U think ima fukin j0ke h0e. Watch wen u c ur d0g hangin in ur h0use h0e fuk o. Ur fukin kids r next." I read another incoming text message (4/26/10 at 2007 hours) which read, "Ur d0g iz dead ur d0or g0t kicked in an ur t.v. Iz g0ne." It should be noted that Officer Loercher took his original report on 4/27/2010 and [REDACTED] was not at her house that evening as she was spending the night with her children at a hotel. The second text message was sent on 4/26/2010 alleging Ortega had killed the dog on this date and not on 4/27/2010.

While I was reading these text messages [REDACTED] again said, "Fuck it. I will do whatever to get him off the street. I want him arrested. Nobody should have to go through this. I'm scared that he is going to kill me! He even threatened to kill my dad." I looked at another text message (4/27/2010 at 0639 hours) which read, "I n0 suckin dat pisa dick rite n0w. Since u wana ign0re me ima let u n0 d0nt get caught slippin bitch. Ima kill ur dad watch hoe." Again, [REDACTED] was extremely upset and crying the majority of the time we were in the interview room.

[REDACTED]

It was determined that I would interview Ortega at the CPD jail while Officer Nunn began writing his domestic violence report. I walked to the CPD jail and contacted Ortega and brought him into an interview room.

At approximately 2350 hours, I read Ortega his rights per Miranda verbatim from the front of his arrest/detention form. Ortega said he understood his rights and said, "What can I do Hansen?" I asked Ortega what he meant and he said, "What can I do to help myself?" I told him that I cannot promise or guarantee anything to him and that I needed to speak to him regarding the past two (2) day's events between he and [REDACTED]. Ortega said, "I'm fucked is what you're saying?" Ortega began crying and said, "I can't go back to prison. I fucked myself man. I have a 5-year-old. I just got him back from Child Protective Services. I knew I was going get in trouble for messing with that bitch."

Ortega insisted that I promise him I could do something for him to help get him bailed out of jail tonight and I told him I could not do that. Ortega said, "I got stuff you would be interested in." I told Ortega that I would not talk to him about other law enforcement related cases until we spoke about his case. Ortega said, "What should I do

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