

Supv. State Attorney Devin T. Stilson
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Bantam, CT 06750

RE: Julien Hunter Torres, Docket No: L18W-CR17-0152169-S

Dear Attorney Stilson;

I am writing to you regarding the animal cruelty case of a companion pet rabbit brutally killed, crushing his ribs in Connecticut which you are handling.

According to the News and the State of Connecticut Judicial Branch website; Julien H. Torres, 23, of 660 Main Street, Torrington, was arrested Feb. 6 and charged with breach of peace, second-degree threatening of his own sister and cruelty to animals. He now has 3 Felony animal cruelty charges against him (Malicious Wund/kill Animal 1st). It is unthinkable of someone doing such a deliberate act of killing a pet; in the effort to hurt and threaten his younger sister over a cell phone.

Many studies have linked the actions of animal abusers to those who commit murders and the escalation from animal cruelty to interpersonal violence is documented. I urge you to seek a Felony jail conviction under your own state's law. This was a malicious and intentional act of Animal Cruelty, maliciously and intentionally torturing, wounding, and killing an animal.

Based on my understanding of the laws; I hope that you'll act to potentially make our environment safer; by please giving an appropriate sentencing of Felony charges in order to curb this person's violent nature. As a rabbit isn't just a rabbit; it was someone's companion animal and beloved pet. The rabbit was also a living suffering being that was tortured, brutally having it's ribs crushed, and eventually died due to Torres's actions.

Cruelty to rabbits has caused punishment and imprisonment in other states:

- * **2015** - A Florida man, Steve B. Rodd drowned his pet rabbit in a hotel swimming pool and was arrested and charged with aggravated cruelty to animals, and currently remains in the Hillsborough County Jail.
- * **2016** - Authorities in Ventura County say a Juan Lemus has been arrested on suspicion of animal cruelty after allegedly swinging a rabbit around by its ears then lighting it on fire, felony animal cruelty charges.
- * **2016** - Francisco Velasquez was found in violation of his probation for his felony animal cruelty convictions, according to a court order issued by Circuit Judge Susan Maulucci. Now Velasquez is facing five years in prison.
- * **2017** - Manasseh Walker, responsible for intentionally burning a domestic rabbit named "Thumper" has been convicted of aggravated animal cruelty and sentenced to a year in county jail.
- * **2017** - Zuehlsdorf held at the jail in lieu of a \$3,000 bond was arrested Sunday night on suspicion of two counts of cruelty to animals, Zuehlsdorf reportedly pulled the rabbit's tail off and took it from the day care center.

I understand state laws differ but; I'm sincerely hoping you'll do the same for Mr. Torres for everyone's safety while hoping you are aware and take into account the seriousness of this unconscionable act for the wellbeing of animals, as well as people.

The dead rabbit is important to show that violence, no matter what form; a dog, cat, kid or older person, all still feel scared, suffer from pain and can be killed by similar actions which this individual is accused of doing. I urge you to send a message to others in your state that violence will not be tolerated in the State of Connecticut; and give him the maximum penalties; as he has also threatened other pets in this home.

Respectfully,

Signature:

Printed:

Address:

Email: (optional)

Date Signed: