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DA McMahon: Staten Island Man Indicted for Killing Wife's Pet Chihuahua

*** Jerry Moore hurled Bambi, a 2-month-old puppy, against a wall ***

STATEN ISLAND, NY – Richmond County District Attorney Michael E. McMahon today announced that JERRY MOORE has been indicted on charges including felony Aggravated Cruelty to Animals for killing Bambi, a 2-month-old Chihuahua.

"Cruelty show to animals is unacceptable. My office will continue to seek justice for our most vulnerable, including those victims who have no voice – our animals," said District Attorney Michael E. McMahon.

According to the 11-count indictment and documents filed in court, on or about and in between March 12, 2016 and March 24, 2016, inside of 81 Jersey St., in the New Brighton section of Staten Island, defendant MOORE squeezed his hands around the throat and neck of his wife's 2-pound and 2-month-old Chihuahua, named Bambi, causing difficulty breathing.

Then, on or about March 23, 2016, inside the same location, MOORE threw Bambi into a wall, causing the dog to strike the wall.

Additionally, on March 24, 2016, the defendant's wife left her residence and the defendant was alone with Bambi, who was in good condition when the wife left. Later that day, MOORE called his wife and told her that something was wrong with Bambi. The defendant's wife came home and found Bambi crying and unable to move. Bambi was brought to the Bay Street Animal Hospital where she was treated for traumatic brain injury. Because of her severe injuries, Bambi was euthanized on March 26, 2016.

On March 28, 2016, defendant MOORE was observed in the apartment.

On March 29, 2016, a necropsy of BAMBI performed by the ASPCA determined the cause of death to be traumatic brain injury as a result of blunt force trauma.

Throughout this incident, the defendant was in violation of a full stay away order of protection commanding him to have no contact his wife. He violated this order on multiple occasions.

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MOORE was arraigned in State Supreme Court, St. George before Justice Stephen J. Rooney. He entered a plea of not guilty and remains held on \$50,000 bail.

The case is being prosecuted by ADA Jane Grinberg and ADA Adam Silberlight.

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The charges contained in the attached indictment are merely allegations, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

Defendant Information: JERRY MOORE D.O.B. 11/07/1977 81 Jersey St, SI NY