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### **D.A. McMahon: Staten Island Man Found Guilty of Animal Cruelty 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 found guilty of felony Aggravated Cruelty to Animals for killing Bambi, a 2-month-old Chihuahua.

**Moore**, 39, was convicted today of the top count against him, as well as three additional counts including Overdriving, Torturing and Injuring Animals, Criminal Contempt in the Second Degree, and Intimidating a Victim or Witness in the Third Degree. The verdict came following a week-long bench trial in Richmond County State Supreme Court before Justice William E. Garnett. The defendant faces a maximum of two to four years in prison when he is sentenced on April 26.

“This defendant mercilessly abused a defenseless puppy named Bambi over several weeks, causing such severe injuries that a veterinarian was forced to euthanize the two-month old Chihuahua. Today’s top-count felony conviction holds Mr. Moore accountable for his brutal actions and ensures that he will be put behind bars,” said District Attorney Michael E. McMahon. “Animal cruelty is a disgraceful and cowardly crime that must be punished as it often leads to acts of domestic violence. My office will continue to zealously defend all of our victims, including animals. I commend ADA’s Jane Grinberg and Antonia Assenso for their tireless work on this case.”

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. On that same day, he also threatened his wife, telling her to watch what she says to the police.

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 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 with his wife. He violated this order on multiple occasions.

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The case was prosecuted by ADA Jane Grinberg, Chief of the Animal Cruelty Prosecution Unit, and ADA Antonia Assenso.

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Defendant Information:

**Jerry Moore**  
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