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D.A. McMahon: Staten Island Man Indicted for Killing Roommate's Pet Dog

***Michael McNicholas kicked Banana, an eight-month-old Yorkshire Terrier,
down a flight of stairs***

STATEN ISLAND, N.Y. – Richmond County District Attorney Michael E. McMahon today announced that **Michael McNicholas** has been indicted on charges including felony Aggravated Cruelty to Animals and Torturing and Injuring Animals for killing Banana, an eight-month-old Yorkshire Terrier.

“Those who do harm to defenseless animals must be held accountable,” said **District Attorney Michael E. McMahon**. “My office will continue to vigorously prosecute animal abusers and seek justice for these vulnerable victims.”

According to an indictment and documents filed in court, on or about May 18, 2017, inside the defendant’s apartment located at 1950 Clove Road, defendant **McNicholas** allegedly kicked an eight-month-old Yorkshire Terrier named “Banana” down a flight of stairs and into a wall, causing serious injuries.

Additionally, on May 18, 2017, Banana was brought to the South Shore Animal Hospital for her injuries, which included hemorrhaging around her brain, severe traumatic brain injury, hemorrhaging in her eyes, rib and hip joint fracture, multiple liver lacerations, and multiple contusions to her body. As a result of her injuries, Banana was euthanized.

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McNicholas was arraigned in Richmond County State Supreme Court, St. George before Judge Stephen Rooney. Bail remains set at \$1,000.

The case is being prosecuted by ADA Jane Grinberg, Chief of the Animal Cruelty Prosecution Unit. The case was investigated by D.A. McMahon’s NYPD Detective Squad.

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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:
Michael McNicholas
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1950 Clove Rd., SI, NY

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