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**Animal abuser ordered to pay \$22,000 in restitution**

*VENTURA, California* – District Attorney Gregory D. Totten announced today that Superior Court Judge Charles W. Campbell ordered Spencer Whitewood (DOB 05/23/1996) to pay \$22,461 in restitution after he was convicted for a felony violation of Penal Code section 597(a), Cruelty to an Animal.

On November 10, 2015, Whitewood was left home alone with his roommate's dog, an 8-month-old Chihuahua named Mayble. On that day, Whitewood notified his roommate that Mayble had gone missing. Shortly after, Animal Control contacted the dog's owner and notified him that Mayble had been located on the side of the road in Ojai with severe damage to her right eye and brain trauma. The owner then contacted the Ventura Police Department and informed them that Mayble had previously suffered mysterious injuries in the past after being left home alone with Whitewood. Whitewood admitted to kicking Mayble in the face after she tried to bite him. Whitewood also admitted to dumping the dog on the side of a road in Ojai and telling his roommate that she ran away to cover up what he had done.

On March 21, 2017, Whitewood was sentenced to three year's felony probation, a prohibition from owning or possessing animals, and 180 days in the Ventura County jail. After hearing testimony regarding Mayble's necessary medical treatment and the extent of her condition, the court ordered restitution as a term of Whitewood's probation.

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