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- I. DATE OF PRESS RELEASE: July 25, 2013
- II. TYPE OF INCIDENT: Animal Neglect

In June, Livermore Animal Control responded to a call at 1087 Murrieta Blvd. to check the welfare of animals living in the apartment. The caller reported that there was an overwhelming odor of feces and urine coming from the apartment and it appeared that no one lived in the apartment.

Animal Control attempted to contact the owner to the apartment but no one would answer. Animal Control could see a French Bull dog that was on the porch of the apartment balcony as well as a cat that was inside the sliding glass door. They could see an accumulation of feces on the balcony. There was also an overwhelming odor of feces and urine permeating the hallway in front of the apartment. Animal Control began an animal abuse investigation. They left a notice on the door for the homeowner to call, so that they could check the welfare of the animals.

The home owner was identified as Jerry Ramos, a 49 year old Livermore resident. Animal Control attempted numerous times to meet with Ramos at the apartment but each time Ramos would cancel the agreed to appointment times.

Due to the fact that Ramos refused to comply with Animal Control's repeated requests to check the welfare of the animals, there was still an overwhelming odor of feces and urine coming from the apartment, and now there were concerns that something had died inside of the apartment, Livermore Animal Control authored a search warrant.

The search warrant was signed by the honorable Judge Allen of the Livermore/Pleasanton/Dublin Superior Court. The search warrant authorized a search of the apartment for possible felony Penal Code (PC) 597 (b) - Animal Neglect.

On July 24, 2013, at 11:55 a.m., the Livermore Police Department served the search warrant. Ramos was inside the apartment at the time, but initially refused to answer the door so the door was breached. Inside the apartment was a 1 year old French Bull dog, a 14 year old Yorkshire terrier and a white Persian cat.

Officers were immediately overcome by the smell of urine and feces. The entire apartment was covered in filth and garbage. The apartment doorways were blocked with garbage filled bags and clutter. The animals were allowed to urinate and defecate all over the apartment, so the entire surfaces of the floors were covered in waste. Due to the fact that Ramos was clearly not caring for his animals and allowing them to live in deplorable conditions, he was arrested per 597 (f) PC and booked at Santa Rita Jail. The apartment was condemned by code enforcement.

The animals were taken into protective custody. They were treated at a local veterinarian hospital and then transported to the East County Animal Shelter in Dublin.

The Livermore Animal Control wants to remind citizens that animals are helpless, dependent

creatures and if you suspect any animal neglect or abuse to please call your local police department.



Suspect Jerry Ramos

III. CONTACT PERSON: PIO Officer Traci Rebiejo
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