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Press Release

Terrell Harris Charged with Multiple Counts of Animal Abuse in the August 2023 Beating of the German Shepard “Chance”

York, PA – District Attorney Dave Sunday announced that charges surrounding the August 23rd incident of animal abuse of the German Shepard “Chance” were filed on Tuesday. The arrest of Terrell Dushun Harris, 35, of the 600 block of S. Albemarle St, follow an investigation by the York City Police Department, York County District Attorney’s Office, and a recommendation by the York County Investigating Grand Jury.

Terrell Harris has been charged with Cruelty to Animals and Aggravated Cruelty to Animals. These charges were approved by Grand Jury Supervising Judge Maria Musti Cook.

The Grand jury presentment reflected that on August 23, 2023, at approximately 9 p.m., the York City Police Department was dispatched for a disturbance in the area of 414 South Pershing Ave. Once on the scene, officers discovered a severely injured German Shepard. Witness testimony and evidence presented before the Investigating Grand Jury tied Harris to the incident in question. A medical provider testified that Chance was generally malnourished, was hemorrhaging from his mouth, was concussed and was not able to lift his head. Further, Chance suffered bilateral jaw fractures, causing permanent blindness to his right eye and several teeth to fall out.

“Thanks to everyone for stepping up and getting involved: to our community for speaking up; to the Officers for being so thorough and considerate; to those veterinarians and SPCA staff for fighting to save his life; and the District Attorney’s Office for going that extra mile to see that justice is served. The actor is being held accountable and Chance is now safe in a loving home. Well done to everyone involved in giving Chance another chance,” said York City Police Commissioner Mike Muldrow.

Thank you to the U.S. Marshals Fugitive Task Force who apprehended Harris yesterday afternoon. MDJ Morgan revoked the defendants bail in a previous active case following his arrest.

This case was investigated by the York City Police Department, the York County District Attorney's Office, and the York County 2nd Investigating Grand Jury. Assistant District Attorneys John Hamme and Kadin Brown will be prosecuting the case for the York County District Attorney's Office.

Criminal charges, and any discussion thereof, are merely allegations and all defendants are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.