

# NEWS RELEASE

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Subject: Animal Cruelty Arrest - **AMENDED**



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**Painesville, OH:** On May 3, 2016 at approx. 0800hrs., the Painesville Police Department were dispatched Washington Square Apartments at 111 E. Washington St. for a deceased animal complaint. On arrival, officers learned that the building staff had located a deceased dog in the trash compactor. During the course of investigation, officers identified the owner of the dog, who later confessed that he killed the dog by throwing it out of a 6th floor apartment building window from that apartment complex. The owner, a 23yr old Painesville resident, was subsequently arrested and transported to the Lake County Jail, where he is being held on \$500.00 cash bond. He is scheduled to appear in Painesville Muni Court on 05-04-16 at 1300hrs on Animal Cruelty Charges. The identity of the suspect will be released after his initial appearance in court. The Lake County Humane Society was called to the scene and took custody of the **remaining dog's remains** and will have an autopsy completed on the dog to establish the cause of death.

-Lt. Toby Burgett

For more information, please contact the Painesville City Police Department at (440) 392-5940.

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