



COUNTY OF FRESNO

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## NEWS RELEASE

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### MARK GRAHMANN SENTENCED FOR ANIMAL CRUELTY

Today, January 10, 2018, Mark David Grahmann (age 28, of Fresno) was sentenced to 180 days in Fresno County Jail for repeatedly abusing his significant other's dog. In addition to serving time in custody, Grahmann will also be on three (3) years of formal felony probation and was ordered to undergo mandatory counseling by a professional experienced in the treatment of sadistic behavior and sexual crimes. Grahmann cannot own, possess or care for an animal during the time of his probation. As an additional condition of felony animal cruelty, California law imposes a statutory prohibition on Grahmann from owning, possessing, having custody of or residing with animals for a 10-year period following his conviction.

Mr. Grahmann pled No Contest to a felony charge of Animal Cruelty by Torture on October 18, 2017 before the Honorable Judge Michael Idiart pursuant to a judicial indicated sentence of felony probation. Criminal charges were filed after Central California SPCA Humane Officers responded to a complaint in May of 2016 that Mr. Grahmann had repeatedly abused a dog by tying it up, suspending the animal off the ground and then photographing and videotaping the torture. The victim dog suffered no long term physical injury and remains safe in the care of his owner.

The case was prosecuted by the Animal Cruelty Unit of the Fresno County District Attorney's Office.

The Media may contact Administrative Assistant Leslie Gillespie at (559) 600-4442 with questions.

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