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Animal Cruelty Charge Filed for Death of German Shepherd

VENTURA, California - District Attorney Erik Nasarenko announced today that Miles Matthew Berry (DOB 02/21/89), of Newbury Park, has been charged in Ventura County Superior Court case number 2022024848 with the burglary of Paw Works and the resultant death of German Shepherd puppy "Pretty Girl." The complaint charges Berry with four felony violations including two separate second-degree burglaries, grand theft, and animal cruelty.

On or about June 9, 2022, Paw Works was burglarized, and a German Shepherd puppy, "Pretty Girl," was taken. "Pretty Girl" was later discovered at the U.S. Highway 101, gravely injured. Due to those injuries, "Pretty Girl" was euthanized.

On or about September 4, 2022, Paw Works was again burglarized, though no additional animals were taken.

After a thorough investigation by the Ventura County Sheriff's Office, deputies identified and arrested Miles Berry on September 28, 2022, in connection with these crimes.

Berry appeared for arraignment in the Ventura County Superior Court on September 30, 2022. Berry is scheduled to appear for a bail review hearing on October 4, 2022, at 1:30 p.m. in Courtroom 13 of the Ventura County Superior Court. The case was also set for an early disposition conference on October 11, 2022, at 1:30 p.m. in Courtroom 12. Berry is currently in custody with bail set at \$50,000.