



Genesee County Prosecutor's Office

David Leyton, Prosecutor



Mundy Twp. Man Sentenced in Dog Shooting Cases

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FLINT – Genesee County Prosecutor David Leyton announced today that Daniel M. York of Mundy Township, who earlier plead guilty as charged to two felony counts of killing/torturing animals for shooting his neighbor's two dogs, has been sentenced in Circuit Court.

The Court sentenced York to three years of probation, 182 days in jail, 200 hours of community service, and was banned from owning or being near animals through his probation term. York was also ordered to undergo a psychiatric evaluation and to pay court costs and fines along with restitution to the dogs' owner for medical treatment for the surviving dog.

According to police investigation and veterinary reports, on June 12, 2006 York shot a friendly chocolate lab puppy named "Paw" in the face and a 12-year-old crippled collie mix named "Christopher" as the dog was lying down in a submissive position.. Paw survived the shooting but continues to suffer from his injuries while Christopher died two days later from his wounds. The necropsy report indicated that Christopher had also suffered a blunt blow, such as a kick, to the abdomen.

"Over the past year, my office has prosecuted a number of crimes involving the torture and killing of cherished family pets. We will continue to aggressively prosecute such crimes and hold those responsible accountable for their actions," said Prosecutor Leyton.

"It is very disturbing to see so many of these cases in our community. Willful and malicious torturing and killing of animals can be a sign of underlying anger management and hostility issues that could easily elevate to abusive behavior toward people," Leyton noted.

"We must be tough on these cases and give them serious attention," he concluded.

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