



Southern California Serial Cat Torture Case

August 2008

Dear Pet Lover,

On May 13, 2008 in Rancho Cucamonga, California, Timothy Kooyman lured two neighborhood pet cats with an opened can of cat food. Kooyman grabbed the cats and put them in a plastic storage container. He broke all the legs on both cats. After driving around for awhile, he parked his truck and proceeded to cut the tails off both cats with scissors. He then stabbed one of the cats in the eye and slit the throat of the other. When law enforcement arrived, they found both cats still alive, covered with blood, and gasping for air in the sealed plastic container.

Kooyman admitted to torturing a different cat earlier the same day by breaking her legs, cutting off her tail, dousing her with gasoline, and setting her on fire while she was still alive. The torture and killing resulted in a hillside brush fire.

Twenty-four year-old Kooyman has been charged in the San Bernardino County Superior Court with three counts of animal cruelty, and one count of recklessly causing a fire of a structure or forest. At the time of his arrest, he was already on probation for a similar crime he committed in November, 2007 in Upland, California.



Timothy Kooyman

We do not have enough room in this letter to describe the entire, troubling chronology of Kooyman's pattern of abuse and torture. Kooyman is in jail at this time. We don't know for how long. Interestingly, the Judge raised bail from \$50,000 to \$150,000! A Pre-Trial Hearing is scheduled in the Rancho Cucamonga courthouse for Friday, August 29, 2008.

In the meantime, you can help obtain justice for the victims in several ways. Please contact the San Bernardino County District Attorney's office concerning this case. Let your voice be heard by writing, calling, faxing, or emailing at the contact information listed below. Ask the District Attorney to please prosecute this case to the fullest extent of the law. Advise them that you believe Kooyman is most definitely a danger to society. His victims were absolutely defenseless - especially after he broke all of their legs, cut off their tails, and stabbed their eyes. Also, please request that a copy of your letter or email be attached to his probation report. Recommend that no plea bargain be allowed that does not include felony conviction on all counts. In your correspondence to the District Attorney, please make sure to include the following reference information:

Name of the defendant - Timothy Kooyman.
Court case number - FWV 801497.

Contact information for The San Bernardino County District Attorney's Office:

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Another way you can help is by collecting signatures on the enclosed petition. We don't know what turns the case will take. However, the more signatures we can gather, the better. We will use them as leverage with the judge at the sentencing when that date is set later on in the judicial process. Please complete the petitions and mail them back to Voices for Pets. Remember to include your return address on the envelope, so that we will be able to send you updates as the case progresses. Since the sentencing date is the final deadline for completing petitions, please continue to gather signatures and send us those petitions until we let you know the actual sentencing date. Please feel free to photocopy blank petitions or call us for additional copies.

Lastly, there is one more thing you can do to help. There were three additional counts of animal cruelty previously charged against Timothy Kooyman by the San Bernardino County District Attorney. However, those particular counts were discharged by the Judge on July 1, 2008, because the crimes actually occurred in the neighboring county of Riverside, which is out of jurisdiction. All we know at this time is that Kooyman tortured three cats at a motel in Corona, CA on April 23, 2008. We would like to have justice served in this matter as well.

Please contact the Riverside County DA and ask that his office bring charges against Timothy Kooyman for the torture of three cats in Corona, CA on April 23, 2008.

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We look forward to your support in this case, and thank you.

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PRESS RELEASE

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For Immediate Release

Preliminary Hearing for Animal Torturer, Timothy Kooyman

Date of Hearing: Wednesday, June 25, 2008, 8:30 a.m., Dept. R18

**Location: San Bernardino County Superior Court, Rancho Cucamonga District,
8303 N. Haven Avenue, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91730**

Re: ~~The People of the State of California v. Timothy Arie Kooyman, Case No. FWV801497~~

24 yearold Timothy Kooyman has been charged with 6 counts of animal cruelty, and 1 count of arson in the above-referenced matter. At the time of his arrest in this case, Kooyman was already on probation for a similar crime he committed in November 2007 in Upland.

On May 13, 2008, Kooyman parked his white truck on Hellman Avenue in Rancho Cucamonga. He lured two neighborhood pet cats with a can of cat food. Kooyman stated that he "had no trouble having the cats come to him." Kooyman seized the cats and put them in a plastic storage container. He broke all the legs on both cats. Kooyman proceeded to drive around for awhile, finally stopping and parking on Bramblewood Drive and Briartree Place. Kooyman cut the tails completely off of both cats with scissors. He stabbed one of the cats in the eye. The other cat's throat was slit. When law enforcement arrived on the scene, they found both cats still alive, covered with blood, and gasping for air in the clear, sealed, plastic container.

Kooyman admitted to torturing a different cat, also breaking its legs, earlier on the same day. He doused the cat with gasoline, and set it on fire while it was still alive. This action resulted in a brush fire on a hillside atop Etiwanda Avenue.

Voices for Pets is encouraging members of the community to attend Wednesday's preliminary hearing and subsequent court hearings to show their support for the victims in this case.

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