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Princeton Man Indicted in Dog's Death

TRENTON – A Mercer County grand jury returned an indictment Wednesday charging a 31-year-old Princeton man with animal cruelty, Mercer County Prosecutor Joseph L. Bocchini Jr. announced today.

The indictment charges Michael G. Rosenberg (DOB 11/30/81), of Birch Avenue, with one count of third-degree animal cruelty. A third-degree crime carries a maximum penalty of five years in state prison and a \$15,000 fine.

It is alleged that, on or about August 26 – 28, 2012, in Princeton Township, Rosenberg purposely, knowingly or recklessly, tormented, tortured, or unnecessarily or cruelly beat Shyanne, a three-year-old German Shepherd-mix breed dog, which resulted in Shyanne's death. As a result of Rosenberg's abuse, Shyanne suffered four broken ribs, one that punctured a lung, and hyperthermia.

According to the complaints signed by Animal Control Officer Mark Johnson on November 16, 2012, Rosenberg hit Shyanne with a crop whip, picked Shyanne up and slammed her on the ground, jabbed his fingers into the dog's ribs, and did not seek medical attention for Shyanne.

Deputy First Assistant Prosecutor Doris M. Galuchie presented the case to the grand jury.

Despite having been indicted, every defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in a court of law.

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