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BRONX MAN SENTENCED FOR AGGRAVATED CRUELTY TO ANIMALS FOR BRUTAL BEATING OF DOG; STRUCK CANINE IN FRONT OF GIRL

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Bronx man has been sentenced to two years in prison for Aggravated Cruelty to Animals, the maximum sentence, for the brutalization of a small dog.

District Attorney Clark said, "The defendant was ruthless in his actions against a defenseless animal. Surveillance video captured this horror and now we have obtained the maximum sentence for this heartless crime. We emphasize our continued dedication to protecting vulnerable animals."

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, George Reid, 38, of 2414 Belmont Avenue, was sentenced to two years in prison by Bronx Supreme Court Justice Robert Neary for Aggravated Cruelty to Animals. Additionally, the defendant will not be allowed to own any pets for the next 10 years and will enroll in the Animal Abuse Registry. He pleaded guilty on May 18, 2018.

According to the investigation, on August 16, 2017 in his apartment building, the defendant repeatedly attacked his dog, punching, kicking and slamming the animal to the ground. At one point during the assault, the defendant held the small dog by the neck and punched the canine in front of a young girl. The crime was captured on surveillance video and the defendant was later seen taking out a garbage bag. The body of a small dog was observed in the building's garbage bin later that evening.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Joshua Loigman and former Assistant District Attorney Kate Christobek of the Economic Crimes Bureau under the supervision of Richard Kearney, Deputy Chief of Economic Crimes and William Zelenka, Chief of Economic Crimes, under the overall supervision of Stuart Levy, Deputy Chief of the Investigations Division and Jean T. Walsh, Chief of the Investigations Division.

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DA Clark thanked the NYPD Animal Cruelty Investigation Squad, specifically Detectives Kevin Connors and Charles Cadiz, as well as ASPCA veterinarian, Dr. Robert Reisman.