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BRONX MAN INDICTED FOR ANIMAL CRUELTY IN DEATH OF CAT
Defendant Posted Photos of Bloody Feline on Social Media

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Bronx man has been indicted on Aggravated Cruelty to Animals and Torturing and Injuring Animals in connection with the death of a cat.

District Attorney Clark said, “This defendant is accused of the torture of a stray cat that he took into his home. The defendant’s alleged shocking behavior included posting images of a dead cat on social media and bragging about what he had allegedly done.”

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, David Mosley, 26, of the Bronx, was arraigned today on Aggravated Cruelty to Animals and Torturing and Injuring Animals before Bronx Supreme Court Justice George Villegas. He pleaded not guilty. He is due back in court on March 17, 2026.

According to the investigation, on or about October 11, 2025, the defendant posted a photo on Instagram of himself and a live cat. On or about October 22, 2025, a photo of a cat lying motionless in a pool of what appeared to be blood was posted on Instagram. Detectives searched Mosley’s apartment on October 29, 2025, and observed dried biological material on the floor that was later determined by the ASPCA to be feline blood. With the assistance of the ASPCA it was determined that the live cat pictured with Mosley in the October 11th social media post was the same animal pictured in the October 22nd Instagram post. Detectives also obtained surveillance video from Mosley’s apartment building that shows him carrying the cat into his apartment on October 9th while it was still alive. When questioned by detectives Mosley said he had found the cat after it died.

The case is being prosecuted by Major Case Assistant District Attorney Melanie Smith of the Investigations Division, under the supervision of Ronald Sannicandro, Deputy Bureau Chief, Special Investigations Bureau and Craig Cecchini, Bureau Chief, Special Investigations Bureau



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and under the overall supervision of Denise Kodjo, Deputy Chief of the Investigations Division, and Wanda Perez-Maldonado, Chief of the Investigations Division.

District Attorney Clark thanked Intelligence Analyst Gabrielle Aarons of the Bronx District Attorney's Crime Strategies Bureau; and NYPD Sergeant Louis Meade and NYPD Detectives Sandy Nunez and Brian O'Neill of the Bronx DA's Squad for their work in the investigation.

District Attorney Clark thanked Sergeant Timothy Cecchine and Detective Jean Seder of the NYPD Animal Cruelty Investigation Squad for their work in the investigation.

District Attorney Clark thanked ASPCA forensic veterinarian Dr. Laura Niestat for her assistance in the investigation.

An indictment is an accusatory instrument and not proof of a defendant's guilt.