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**BRONX MAN SENTENCED TO TWO YEARS IN JAIL FOR
ANIMAL CRUELTY IN DEATH OF CAT
Defendant Posted Photos of Dead Feline on Social Media**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Bronx man was sentenced to two years in jail for Aggravated Cruelty to Animals in connection with the death of a cat he had brought into his home.

District Attorney Clark said, “This defendant committed a crime that shocked and outraged the community. For reasons known only to him he tortured and killed a cat and then posted disturbing images of the dead animal on social media. He has been held accountable for what he did.”

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, David Mosley, 26, of the Bronx, was sentenced today to two years in jail by Bronx Supreme Court Justice Laurence Busching. Mosley pleaded guilty to Aggravated Cruelty to Animals on July 10 and was immediately remanded on that day. Today was the formal sentencing. The defendant will get credit for time served since July 10. With his plea he is prohibited from owning or harboring animals for 10 years.

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.



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The case was prosecuted by Major Case Assistant District Attorney Melanie Smith of the Financial Frauds Bureau, under the supervision of Ronald Sannicandro, Deputy Chief of the Special Investigations Bureau, Craig Cecchini Chief of the Special Investigations Bureau, 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 Assistant District Attorney Mary Ann Liebowitz, Director of the Animal Cruelty Prosecution Initiative, David Cohn, Counsel to the Investigations Division, Trial Preparation Assistant Supervisor Jeanette Pol, 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 also thanked ASPCA forensic veterinarian Dr. Laura Niestat for her assistance in the investigation.