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MAN WITH AN ACTIVE ARREST WARRANT AND ACCUSED OF ANIMAL CRUELTY TURNS HIMSELF IN TO THE PAWTUCKET POLICE DEPARTMENT

[Riverside, Rhode Island, July 7, 2020] — On September 19, 2020, James KELLY (DOB 7/12/1994), formerly of 100 Trenton Street in Pawtucket, Rhode Island, turned himself in to the Pawtucket Police Department on an active arrest warrant for two (2) counts violation of Rhode Island General Law 4-1-5, malicious injury or killing of an animal. KELLY's arrest was the result of a two-month long investigation by the Rhode Island SPCA Division of Law Enforcement.

In July, 2020, KELLY presented an approximately two-year-old female mixed breed canine to a local veterinarian for treatment of a severe leg fracture. During the initial examination, the veterinarian also discovered a large burn on the canine's leg. During the investigation, it was determined that the burn was the result of a hairdryer used on the canine. It was concluded that neither injury was accidental in nature.

Both counts are felonies and carry a maximum penalty of up to five (5) years in prison, up to a one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) fine and up to fifty (50) hours of community service.

The Rhode Island SPCA wishes to extend its appreciation to the Pawtucket Police Department for their assistance in this investigation.

About the Rhode Island SPCA: Founded in 1870, the Rhode Island SPCA is the oldest humane animal welfare organization in the state of Rhode Island and is also the third oldest in the United States. As a private, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, it does not receive any local or federal funding nor is it affiliated with any national humane organization. It relies on donations from individuals, businesses, and foundations to provide critical programs and services for the animals and people in the community.

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