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BOYFRIEND CHARGED WITH ONE COUNT OF MALICIOUS INJURY TO AN ANIMAL AFTER ADMITTING HE “STRUCK” HIS GIRLFRIENDS CAT THAT HAD SUBSTANTIAL INJURIES AND REQUIRED HUMANE EUTHANASIA

[Riverside, Rhode Island, November 12, 2020] — On November 10, 2020, the Rhode Island Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Division of Law Enforcement was contacted by a local veterinary clinic regarding an injured domestic short-haired cat that had been presented for care on November 7, 2020.

The veterinary clinic stated that upon presentation it was noted that the cat was suffering from substantial injuries including a skull fracture. Staff at the veterinary clinic became concerned when the description of how the injury occurred did not fit the extent of the injuries. The veterinary clinic attempted extensive lifesaving measures before it was determined that the cat required humane euthanasia.

After speaking with the vet, officers from the Division of Law Enforcement responded to the owner’s address and met with the owner and her boyfriend. The boyfriend, later identified as COREY HOURAHAN, DOB 11-6-1994, admitted to officers that he had “struck” the cat, causing the injuries.

HOURAHAN was taken into custody without incident and later turned over to the Cranston Police Department for booking and charging. HOURAHAN was charged with one count of malicious injury to an animal, a felony, in violation of Rhode Island General Law 4-1-5. He was later released on \$10,000 personal recognizance.

For further information, please contact Rhode Island SPCA Special Agent Earl Newman at 401-438-8150 x 2.

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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