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### **ELLIS COUNTY JURY CONVICTS ON ANIMAL CRUELTY**

On April 7, 2015, 30-year old Daniel Lored, of Ennis, Texas, was convicted by a jury of felony cruelty to non-livestock animal. Lored killed a dog by tying an electrical cord around its neck, which caused an infection that led to the dog's death. On April 8<sup>th</sup>, Lored agreed to a sentence of 730 days in State Jail. The sentence was suspended, and Lored was placed on community supervision for five years. As conditions of community supervision he must pay a fine of \$2,000 and serve 45 days in jail. Lored is also prohibited from owning or possessing any animals.

On July 31, 2013, animal control officers for the City of Ennis were called to 700 S. McKinney by three juveniles who saw a severely injured pit bull puppy, identified to be less than a year old. The reports and testimony linked Daniel Lored and his wife to the dog. The testimony of one of the juveniles detailed that an extension cord had been tied around the dog's neck. The cord had imbedded into the dog's neck, causing a severe laceration. The cord had been on the dog for an extended period of time and had become embedded in the dog's neck. The dog was taken to the SPCA of Ellis County where it had to be euthanized as a result of the injuries. Attached are graphic photographs that were used as evidence during the trial.

Animal cruelty is a serious matter. With summer on the horizon, the Ellis County DA's Office would like to remind people that, while the facts in this case justified the felony conviction of cruelty to non-livestock animal, criminal charges can still apply in less severe circumstances. In 2007 the Texas Legislature enacted Health and Safety Code § 821.077 – Unlawful Restraint of a Dog. An owner may not leave a dog outside and unattended by use of a restraint that unreasonably limits the dog's movements between the hours of 10 p.m. and 6 a.m., within 500 feet of a school, or during periods of extreme heat or cold, or during hurricane, tropical storm or tornado warnings.







