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**The Honorable Nikki R. Haley  
Office of the Governor  
1205 Pendleton Street  
Columbia, South Carolina 29201**

**Dear Governor Haley,**

**Please see letter to Judge Robinson in regard to the recent animal abuse case down in Orangeburg, SC by resident Harry Leon Leviner II of 2169 Charleston Highway, Orangeburg, SC on October 15, 2015.**

**The acts against these poor defenseless dogs at the hands of its owner are criminal and evil and was done in broad daylight for others to witness. If returned to Mr. Leviner, he will continue to rain down more severe punishment on them. Judge Robinson on November 16<sup>th</sup> held a custody hearing in which Animal Control was trying to gain full custody of these 3 poor dogs in order to get them into rescue so they could receive medical attention. Judge Robinson denied the request. Also Daytona Beach German Shepherd Rescue is willing to take the 3 dogs. The female dog had ear infections, brain trauma, and heart worms. The males also both have heartworms and cannot be treated until they are released.**

**Heartworm is deadly, if left untreated. The videos all on facebook of the beatings and crying of these dogs are heartbreaking and beyond human.**

**When arrested and placed in a patrol car all he could say was "It's only a dog!"**

**If this man gets control of these dogs again, or is allowed to own another animal he will continue to hurt and torture them. I hope he doesn't have any children, if he does DSS should look into their well being. If he hurts defenseless German Shepherds like we saw in those videos, I can't even think what he would do to a child.**

**German Shepherds are the most loyal dog anyone can own, they will protect their owners to the end.**

**Please consider intervening and making this man accountable for his senseless, atrocious actions and let AC or Daytona Beach German Shepherd Rescue give these 3 dogs the chance at a loving environment that every dog/pet should have. We are their voice!**

**Thank you for your consideration.**

**Sincerely,**

*Katherine Spizzirri*

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The Honorable Judge Willie Robinson

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Dear Judge Robinson,

A local resident of Orangeburg, SC, Harry Leon Leviner II of 2169 Charlston Highway, Orangeburg, SC, has been recently charged with animal cruelty after beating his German Shepherds with a stick. It is my understanding that the abused animals are currently at the Orangeburg County shelter. I ask that you consider releasing the rights to these dogs to the Animal Control officers as soon as possible. I also ask that a court order be entered banning Mr. Leviner from owning or having control over animals in the future.

The depraved and violent actions from this man, which are seen in the videos, demonstrate his disregard for animals' lives. These poor animals are all heartworm positive and need immediate medical treatment which is not possible due to Mr. Leviner still being the legal owner. Daytona Beach German Shepherd Rescue is ready to help these dogs by placing them in loving foster homes, rehabilitating them from the abuse they have suffered and treating them for heartworm.

Please grant the decision to release these three animals to Animal Control or Daytona Beach German Shepherd Rescue. German Shepherds are known for not doing well in the shelter environment and the longer they sit there, the more impact it will have on them mentally, and not in a good way.

Please send a strong, clear message to the community of Orangeburg, SC and potential animal abusers that this Court will not tolerate animal abuse.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

*Katherine Spizzini*

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THIS JUST DOESNT STOP !!!!! ANOTHER ONE THAT TORTURED 3 SHEPHERDS  
PLEASE HELP , WE NEED TO WRITE THE COURT, CALL THE COURT AND REQUEST THE HARSHTEST  
PUNISHMENT ALLOWED , AND SEEING THE TRIAL COULD LAST YEARS, THE DOGS ARE BEING  
CONFINED AT ANIMAL CONTROL .  
THESE DOGS DID NOTHNG WRONG, EXCEPT TO BE HEINOUSLY BEATEN AND NOW THEY SUFFER.  
PLEASE CONTACT THE COURT AND ASK THAT THE JUDGE GRANT A GUARDIAN AD LITEM TO  
CARE FOR THESE DOGS UNTIL TRIAL ...

On October 15 the Times and Democrat posted this article about Harry Leon Leviner II of 2169 Charleston Highway, Orangeburg, SC 29115.

"A 45-year-old Charleston Highway man was arrested at 11:49 a.m. Tuesday after a concerned citizen saw him beat a German Shepherd with a board that had screws on both ends of it.

When deputies questioned the man, he said the dog's chain was caught in the front bumper of his van and that he struck the dog with a plastic baseball bat hoping to set him free.

He also told deputies it was common for the dog to get tangled in the bumper but he would just strike the dog hard enough to get him to move.

Two concerned citizens also spoke with deputies face to face. One of them said the man would retrieve the wooden board that was on top of the doghouse and violently strike the dog repeatedly.

Even after the dog untangled itself from the front bumper, the man would continue to violently strike the dog with a board, the citizen said.

Another concerned citizen had a video recording of the man striking the dog with the board.

Deputies watched the video and determined that the man was "repeatedly using excessive, unnecessary force by striking the dog with a board that contained screws on both ends."

Orangeburg County Animal Control arrived on the scene and took custody of the dog and two other dogs owned by the suspect.

Deputies arrested the man and charged him with one count of cruelty to animals.

According to the report, when deputies placed him in the patrol car, he said, "It's only a dog!"

Orangeburg County Magistrate Peggy Doremus set the man's bond at \$5,000 on Wednesday morning. She also ordered that he not be allowed to have animals. He must get the court's permission to leave the state and appear in court as required, Doremus told him."

We will be uploading the videos for all to see. This man's actions are pure evil.

On November 16, Judge Willie Robinson held a custody hearing in which AC was trying to gain full custody of the 3 dogs in order to get them into rescue so they could receive medical attention. Not only did Judge Robinson deny the request but also had the audacity to give the man legal advice for his criminal trial.

We are so outraged that we cannot even begin to describe our feelings. Please share this page and let the judge and this "man" know how you feel. We are anxiously awaiting the criminal trial but we're told it could be years. The female had ear infections, brain trauma, and heart worms. The males also both have heartworms and cannot be treated until they are released. Please push Orangeburg County to finally give a dog justice!!!!

Please let Magistrate Court know how you feel!

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