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CLARK COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE RESPONDS TO COMMUNITY CONCERN IN ANIMAL ABUSE CASE

The Clark County District Attorney's Office has received an overwhelming response from community members regarding the criminal case State of Nevada vs. Angel Ayala. The Henderson man is charged with animal abuse after video allegedly shows him throwing a kitten first against a wall and later into a parking lot. The video was then posted to social media.

The volume of emails, calls and messages reflects the deep concern our community has for animals and accountability in cases like this. The District Attorney's Office appreciates the community's engagement and concern.

"My office takes animal abuse cases seriously. We almost always get convictions and the appropriate punishment, depending on the facts and circumstances of this case," said Clark County District Attorney Steve Wolfson. "I have received many, many emails concerning the case of the State vs Angel Ayala. I have personally spoken with the assigned prosecutors, and I'm confident that we will achieve the appropriate amount of justice in this case."

Animal abuse cases are not taken lightly. Reba's Law, which went into effect at the start of this new year, is specific about using an animal to threaten, intimidate or terrorize another person. It enhanced and strengthened a convicted person's punishment to a category B felony which carries a prison sentence of one to six years and a possible fine of up to \$10,000.

"I am an animal lover as well. I have three dogs whom I care for deeply. I'm involved in almost every animal abuse case personally. I've received many of the emails asking for justice, and I'm very sensitive to the community's desire for justice in this case."

While the District Attorney's Office values and appreciates community input and engagement, we want to remind the community that the case is pending and working its way through the judicial process. A preliminary hearing is currently set for Wednesday, February 11 at 9:30am.