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**PRESS RELEASE**

**ANIMAL CRUELTY CHARGED IN  
STOMPING DEATH OF PET DOG**

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A single count of animal cruelty, a violation of Penal Code section 597(a), a felony, has been filed against Laura Ann Smith of Redding for the stomping death of “Roxy”, a 9 lb., 1 foot long, miniature pinscher pet belonging to Eunice Clark. Roxy left the fenced yard of Eunice Clark and entered the neighboring property of the defendant. According to a witness, defendant approached Roxy kicked her and then stomped her once on the chest. A necropsy (an internal and external examination of the body of the dog) performed by an area veterinarian confirmed that Roxy’s injuries were caused by blunt force trauma consistent with the witness statement.

The defendant will be sent a letter notifying her of the charge and requiring that she surrender herself to the jail for booking. At that time, a court date for arraignment will be set. The defendant faces a maximum of three years in prison if convicted. The case has been investigated by Animal Regulations of the Haven Humane Society and will be prosecuted by Michael Hemker.

Contact Deputy District Attorney Michael Hemker at 245-6360 or Chief Executive Officer Dr. Ray John of Haven Humane at 241-1653 for more information.