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Date: June 26, 2015

Nature of Incident: Animal Abuse

Case Number: 15127610

Incident Date: June 15, 2015

Incident Time: 0255 hours

Incident Location: Black Bear Casino, Carlton, MN

By: Chief Deputy Brian Belich / County Attorney Thomas Pertler

On June 15, 2015 at approximately 3:00 a.m., Carlton County Sheriff's Office responded to a call for assistance from the Black Bear Security Office.

Security staff advised the Deputy that the casino had security video of an incident regarding animal cruelty by an individual that was staying at the hotel and casino.

Security staff advised Deputies that they had been called to the Cobalt Lounge earlier in the evening to ask the individual to leave the premises. As they followed him with security video, they observed him go back to his hotel room, then exit approximately five minutes later with his canine partner.

He walked his canine to the casino parking lot where, after a period of time, he was observed scolding the canine, and become upset with the dog. Video then shows the individual pick up his dog by the collar and throw it to the ground, thereafter the dog runs from him, back to the casino, runs through the first set of doors, but is trapped in the vestibule. The individual then catches up to the dog in the vestibule and repeatedly strikes the dog. The individual is approached later in the morning and identified as BRETT ARTHUR BERRY, DOB 06-24-1967. BERRY is a Ramsey County K-9 handler that was in town with numerous canine handlers for training and certification purposes.

BERRY was charged with two misdemeanor counts. One count is in violation of MN Statute 609.596, subd. 2a, for assaulting a public safety dog. The second count is in violation of MN Statute 343.21, subd. 7, for animal cruelty.

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