



MEDIA RELEASE

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Ames Man Charged with Animal Abuse

On January 14, 2025, Ames Animal Control responded to a report of an injured dog (A.K.A.-Good Boy) found near Lark Avenue and SE 16th Street. Good Boy was transported to a vet clinic, where bullet fragments were found in his skull. Good Boy received veterinarian care and medical treatment until January 21 when he was released to the Animal Shelter. Good Boy continues to recover at his foster care home.

A police officer and animal control officers located the owner of the dog, Zachary B. Bale, age 33, of Ames. The owner admitted to shooting the dog and leaving it in a field near SE 16th Street. Bale was arrested for Animal Abuse, an aggravated misdemeanor and Animal Neglect Resulting in Serious Injury, an aggravated misdemeanor on February 21.

Anyone with information regarding this incident is asked to call the Ames Police Department at (515) 239-5133 or the anonymous tip line (515) 239-5533. You may also contact Crime Stoppers of Central Iowa at (515) 223-1400. Online anonymous tips may be submitted to www.crimestoppersofcentraliowa.com.

Questions regarding this press release may be directed to Major Jason Tuttle, Ames Police Department, at (515) 239-5312 or (515) 239-5133.

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