



Southeast Area Animal Control Authority
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Montebello Man Sentenced in Animal Cruelty Case

A 35 year-old Montebello man identified as Kris Michael Fuentes was convicted in Los Angeles Superior Court on animal cruelty charges. Mr. Fuentes was sentenced to 365 days in jail and ordered to pay fines and attend counseling for causing severe injury to a 10 pound, elderly poodle.

The poodle was walking on the public sidewalk on the 300 block of Via Miramonte and turned into Fuentes' walk-way. Neighbors reported that he became enraged and forcefully kicked the dog in her face. After a long recovery period under the care of a local veterinarian, the poodle has recovered from her injuries.

SEAACA animal control officials investigated and presented the case to the district attorney for prosecution and are pleased at the outcome of the case.

“Recognizing and reporting animal cruelty is everyone’s responsibility, one that actually helps makes our communities safer,” Captain Aaron Reyes, director of operations for SEAACA, stated. “Unchecked acts of animal cruelty often lead to crimes against people. We must all remain vigilant and make that call when we know (or suspect) animal cruelty.”

Please report animal cruelty to SEAACA’s Investigation Department at (562) 803-3301 x224 or online at www.seaaca.org.