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THE RHODE ISLAND SPCA ASSISTED BY PAWTUCKET POLICE DEPARTMENT IN ARREST OF ANIMAL ABUSER

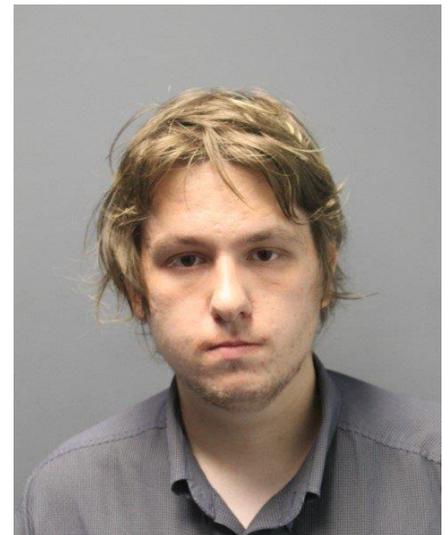
[Riverside, Rhode Island, May 25, 2022] — The Rhode Island SPCA would like to thank the Pawtucket Police Department for their assistance in the arrest of Scott Ellis yesterday. His arraignment was held this morning where he was released on \$1,000 personal recognizance and ordered to not possess any animals pending the outcome of this case. Mr. Ellis has several pending cases in the state of Massachusetts including an open felony animal cruelty complaint. The animals that were seized in April are currently being cared for by the Rhode Island SPCA.

About the Rhode Island SPCA: Founded in 1870, the Rhode Island SPCA is not only the oldest humane organization in the state of Rhode Island but the third oldest in the United States. As a private, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, we do not receive any local, state or federal funding nor are we affiliated with any national humane organization. We rely solely on donations from individuals, businesses and foundations.

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Pawtucket Police Dept. -On April 15, 2022, Pawtucket Police Detectives assisted the Rhode Island SPCA with an investigation into the cruelty of animals at 86 Lawn Ave, apt #5, Pawtucket, RI. A court ordered search warrant was executed at the property where seven (7) rabbits, one (1) parrot, one (1) lizard, and multiple rats and mice were seized.

Today, an Affidavit & Arrest Warrant was court authorized for the arrest of Scott Ellis (21) of 86 Lawn Ave, apt #5, Pawtucket, RI, for three (3) counts of Unnecessary Cruelty to Animals (4-1-3 RIGL) and nine (9) counts of Overwork, Mistreatment or Failure to Feed Animals (4-1-2 RIGL). Mr. Ellis was contacted and responded the Pawtucket Police Department. He was subsequently placed under arrest.



Mr. Ellis will be held overnight and presented to Providence District Court on May 25, 2022, at 9:00 AM for arraignment.