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## ***NEWS RELEASE***

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### **Waxhaw Man Facing Animal Cruelty Charge**

**Brady Michael Blymiller, age 26**, of Waxhaw, is facing a charge of Animal Cruelty after he allegedly grabbed a dog by the collar and violently slammed her against his vehicle. On Monday, witnesses observed a dog standing in Waxhaw-Indian Trail Road just outside of Waxhaw. Blymiller was next to his vehicle which was pulled into a driveway just off the road. Blymiller yelled for the motorists to drive around the dog.

One of the witnesses turned around and drove back past the location where the dog was initially observed. That is when Blymiller allegedly slammed the dog against the car by its collar. The witness attempted to obtain Blymiller's license tag number but he pulled out behind the witness' car and aggressively pursued her vehicle toward Wesley Chapel. The witness contacted 911 and reported the incident to Union County Communications. According to the witness, Blymiller, at one point, pulled up next to her car and attempted to run her off the road. Union County Sheriff's Deputies located and stopped the suspect vehicle and identified Blymiller as the driver. Once stopped, deputies began piecing together what occurred.

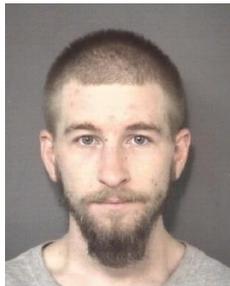
An Animal Services Deputy responded to the scene and assisted with the investigation. Deputies found two dogs inside Blymiller's vehicle. The one that was allegedly slammed against the car was curled up in the back seat when the deputy found her. Due to the allegations, Animal Services took custody of the dog and

transported her to the Union County Animal Shelter for safekeeping and to be examined by a veterinarian.

The dog, Annie, was determined to be a female Pit mixed, approximately 1 ½ years old. The examination found that Annie appeared to be sore but thankfully suffered no serious injuries or broken bones. The investigation revealed that Annie did not belong to Blymiller but rather a female acquaintance. Deputies are making arrangements for Annie to be reunited with her family.

In addition to the Animal Cruelty charge, Blymiller was also charged with Driving while License Revoked.

His court date was set for December 5, 2017 in Union County District Court.



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Point of contact for this press release is Chief Communications Officer Tony Underwood, 704-292-2707.

Citizens with information concerning criminal activity are encouraged to call:

**Union County Sheriff's Office** at 704-283-3789

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**Union County Crimestoppers** at 704-283-5600

