

## Suffolk County SPCA

### SUFFOLK COUNTY SPCA CHARGES FORMER BRENTWOOD STUDENT WITH ANIMAL CRUELTY

Detectives from the Suffolk County SPCA charged a Brentwood male on March 3, 2024 with animal cruelty for a brutal, sadistic, and heinous beating of a black cat with a metal bar at Brentwood High School which he and his friends videoed and uploaded to social media.

Roy Gross, Chief of the Suffolk SPCA, said that its detectives charged a former Brentwood High School male student with animal cruelty for the incident after an extensive investigation following an initial complaint in September of 2023, when a complainant who was also a former Brentwood High School student at the time, recognized the location of the incident as the school and the 17-year-old male as a student when the video was taken. The male can be seen beating a black cat who was yelping after being struck with the metal bar for no apparent cause, and resulted in severe traumatic injuries to the cat.

Any member of the public, after seeing this video, who has any additional information relevant to this disturbing incident against a defenseless animal, by this individual or his friends, is urged to contact the Suffolk County SPCA detectives at 631 382-7722.

The video can be viewed at <https://youtu.be/Glxma6aAdng?si=-gYdF-E7Zbr427Nd>.

WARNING: This video contains Graphic Content and may be disturbing for some viewers.

Animal cruelty will not be tolerated in Suffolk County. If you witness any incident of animal cruelty or neglect in Suffolk County please contact the Suffolk County SPCA at (631) 382-7722.

A criminal charge is an accusation. A defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.