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**Subject:** Petition to charge : Joseph Afamefuna Olunwa with a felony Case# D-08-CR-24-002175

**Defendant: Joseph Afamefuna Olunwa**  
**Case# D-08-CR-24-002175**

Dear State Attorney Scott D. Shellenberger,

We are Janelle Babington and Penny Eims animal welfare petitioners with [Animal Victory](https://animalvictory.org). Attached you will find a petition which we created with our intentions regarding Joseph Afamefuna Olunwa.

<https://animalvictory.org/petition/sign-hold-man-accountable-for-brutalizing-neighbors-kitten-with-rocks/>

We are extremely grateful for the police department who arrested and charged Olunwa on July 29, 2024. We are confused as to why a misdemeanor charge and not a felony charge?

At this time, I am sending you our petition with **14311 supporters** who demand Joseph Afamefuna Olunwa receive the maximum sentencing allowed by law for his violent, cruel actions. This man sadistically brutalized and tortured a family's innocent cat, causing him severe pain and immeasurable suffering to the cat physically and emotionally, as well as extreme emotional and financial distress for Grayson's family; which goes way beyond his charges cited as "General Cruelty."

<https://law.justia.com/codes/maryland/2010/criminal-law/title-10/subtitle-6/10-604/>

**Charge and Disposition Information**

Charge No: 1 CJIS Code: 1-0501 Statute Code: CR.10.604.(a)(4)

Charge Description: ANIMAL CRUELTY CAUSE/AUTH Charge Class: Misdemeanor

Probable Cause: YES

Offense Date From: 05/22/2024 To: 05/22/2024

Agency Name: Officer ID:

Page 15 of The Animal Protection Laws of Maryland as referenced by Animal Legal Defense Fund indicate and define this type and nature of crime as “torture” and guilty of a felony.

Animal Victory has collaborated with [In Defense Of Animals](#) on this case. I believe now the supporters are well over 30,000 combined and they will continue to get higher as the public will continue to follow the case. I am also including two of our recent victory’s regarding cat abuse from June 2024 and the felony’s each of these abusers received as a result. One is in New Jersey and one is in North Dakota. Both of these abusers were sentenced to five years in jail for torturing cats.

<https://us4.campaign-archive.com/?u=702c16c47a775e62e8662aa57&id=7588ec0348>

We are extremely hopeful you will examine the current charge along with the information I have provided and change Olunwa’s charge to a felony. Thank you for your time and hard work on this case.

Very Sincerely,

*Janelle Babington and Penny Eims  
CEO & Petitioners*

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