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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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Re: Elaine Rosa: Animal abuse and neglect charges filed

District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer announced that on February 15, 2019, criminal charges were filed alleging animal abuse and neglect against Elaine Rosa. The complaint alleges two criminal violations; one felony charge, and one misdemeanor. They are detailed below:

Count 1: Penal Code 597(b); a felony:

PC 597(b) prohibits anyone who has the charge or custody of an animal from: subjecting the animal to needless suffering, inflicting unnecessary cruelty on the animal, abusing the animal, overdriving, or overworking the animal.

Count 2: Penal Code 597.1(a)(1); a misdemeanor

PC 597.1(a)(1) prohibits any owner or keeper of an animal from permitting the animal to be in a city street without proper care and attention.

Count 1, the felony charge, has a maximum punishment of 3 years in the county jail and a up to a \$20,000 fine.

Count 2 is a misdemeanor, punishable by no more than 6 months in the county jail.

The criminal case is the result of investigation by the Bakersfield Police Department after receiving reports of a dog, later identified as "Zebra," being dragged by a rider of an electric scooter in Bakersfield on January 9, 2019. The incident was partially captured by video surveillance cameras and was reported to police by concerned witnesses.

The case was filed in the Kern County Superior Court under case number BF 175607 A.