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# Harrisonburg Police Arrest Suspect in Animal Cruelty Case

HARRISONBURG, VA – The Harrisonburg Police Department (HPD) has arrested David Joseph Liguori, 35, of Harrisonburg in connection to an animal cruelty case and a hit-and-run.

On April 18th, HPD officers responded to Lowe's on Linda Lane for a hit-and-run that had just occurred. On April 19th, HPD was made aware of a social media post detailing an act of animal cruelty that was associated with the same incident.

Officers then made contact with the author of the social media post who observed a male striking a dog inside a parked pick-up truck. Witnesses then attempted to intervene, and the driver fled the parking lot, striking another vehicle as he left.

Thanks to tips from the public and detailed investigatory work from HPD Animal Control, Mr. Liguori was identified as the suspect. Mr. Liguori was taken into custody without incident on the morning of May 7, 2025.

He is being charged with the following:

- 3.2-6570 Cruelty to Animals
- 46.2-896 Hit and Run
- Harrisonburg City Ordinance 15-2-5 Confinement of Animals in Vehicle Prohibited

In accordance with VA Code § 3.2-6569, Harrisonburg's Animal Care and Control took possession of the dog, Ralphie, who was then taken to the Rockingham-Harrisonburg SPCA where he is awaiting evaluation from a veterinarian.

Tips used to help identify this suspect were submitted through tip411, HPD's anonymous tipping software. Anyone with information on this case, or other active investigations, is encouraged to call Crime Solvers at 540-574-5050 or visit www.harrisonburgva.gov/tip-411. Tips may be submitted online or by texting HPDVA and your tip to 847411.

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