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El Paso, Texas

**Another Pet Owner Arrested in Heat Related Death of German Shepherd**

Date: July 7, 2020

Location: 2531 Morehead Ave

Arrested: 24 –year old Miguel Angel Valencia of the 2500 block of Morehead Ave  
Victim: 1 –year old male German Shepherd—“Eddie”

24 –year old Miguel Angel Valencia was arrested yesterday and charged with Cruelty to Animals. Valencia’s was the second arrest made yesterday in a trend the El Paso Police Department’s Animal Cruelty Investigations Unit has recently seen. Animal Services was called to 2531 Morehead Ave on July 7<sup>th</sup> after 1 –year old German Shepherd, Eddie, was found tangled around a clothesline pole in direct sun, deceased. Eddie did not have access to shade or water. Valencia had been previously cited by Animal Services for failure to provide shade/shelter, animal neglect and unlawful restraint of an animal. An examination by a veterinarian determined Eddie likely died of heat stroke and dehydration. Valencia was booked into the El Paso County Detention Facility on a \$5000 bond. Eight heat related animal deaths were reported to the ACIU recently, in less than a two week span. Pet owners are reminded, those who fail to provide adequate shelter, food and water can be prosecuted. Please don’t wait until it’s too late. Call 311 if you see an animal in distress.

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