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South Gate Man Gets 180 Days

Starved Dog Case Lands Owner in Jail

South Gate, Calif 37 year-old Jorge Gonzalez Sr. of South Gate was convicted of animal cruelty in Downey Superior Court and received 180 days in jail, 3 years probation and counseling for starving his 3 year-old German Shepherd dog named "Oso".

In early July, SEAACA officers investigated a complaint of a possible sick dog living in a backyard of a residential property on the 8600 block of San Luis Avenue in South Gate. "What they found was very disturbing," said Dan Morrison, Executive Director for SEAACA. "Our officers found a lethargic Shepherd laying in its dog house, weighing in at only 34lbs. and unable to move due to apparent muscle atrophy," Morrison said. "This guy was in bad shape." Morrison exclaimed.

SEAACA officers transported the dog for immediate veterinary care where it was humanely euthanized due to the severity of its condition. Upon determining ownership and further investigation, SEAACA presented the case to DA prosecutors at the Downey Superior Court, where the case was filed. Gonzalez Sr. accepted a plea agreement in lieu of putting the case before a jury. He is currently incarcerated in the county jail system.

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