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## **Tualatin Man Found Guilty of Shooting Dog**

On March 14, 2014, the Washington County Circuit Court sentenced Mr. Gregory Michael Chupp, age 42, to 90 days in jail for First Degree Animal Abuse. Additionally, he is to serve three years of formal probation, undergo an evaluation for alcohol and substance abuse issues, and forfeit the firearm that was seized after the original incident. He will not be allowed to possess any firearms for three years or domestic animals for five years, and is to have no contact with the victim or their family. He has also been ordered to pay \$830 in restitution.

Mr. Chupp appeared in a jury trial on Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, regarding the incident that originally occurred on July 17, 2013, just after 10:00pm in the 8300 block of Ozette Court, in Tualatin. At that time, a neighbor's dog, a beagle-dachshund mix, wandered into Mr. Chupp's backyard and he shot and killed it. During the trial, Mr. Chupp claimed that he, as a human being, is considered livestock and was in danger of being hurt by another animal. He also claimed that he shot the dog in self-defense. Ultimately, the jury found him guilty of First Degree Animal Abuse.

The Tualatin Police Department wants to remind citizens that there are resources available for neighborhood disputes and animal related complaints through the Tualatin Police Department and the Washington County Animal Services. Additional information is available at [www.tualatinoregon.gov/police/code-enforcement](http://www.tualatinoregon.gov/police/code-enforcement).