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“Animal Cruelty Investigation continues, Suspect Arrested for Narcotics”

On July 14, 2014, at 8:30 pm, the Coalinga Police Department was made aware of a deceased dog at a residence in the 400 block of Baker Street.

The investigation revealed that the dog's owners, 42 year old Alicia Aguilera and 19 year old Paul Hernandez, both of Coalinga, had tethered the dog in the backyard of their residence. The animal, which was known to jump the fence, managed to get it's chain caught on a fence board during its attempt to jump the fence. The animal appears to have died from asphyxiation.

On July 17, 2014, members of the Coalinga Police Department conducted follow up at the home of Aguilera and Hernandez related to the active animal cruelty investigation.

During a search of the home, items were located related to the animal cruelty investigation. Detectives also found indicia of narcotics possession and sales in the home. Subsequently, a search warrant was sought and granted in Fresno County related to narcotics activity. The search warrant led to the recovery of hash oil, scales, and packaging material.

Paul Hernandez was taken into custody without incident on various narcotics related offenses. He was booked into the Coalinga City Jail. The animal cruelty investigation is continuing.

Anyone with information related to the animal cruelty investigation is asked to be contacted Detective Sergeant Alex Rouch at (559) 935-1525, ext. 139.

“All suspects are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law”

