



# Pembroke Pines Police Department



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## MEDIA RELEASE

**ASSIGNED PIO: Sergeant Adam Feiner**

**PPPD CASE NUMBER: PPPD18OFF046637**

**DATE: 07.19.2018 TIME: 10:30 AM**

**PLACE OF OCCURRENCE: 18281 NW 19 Street, Pembroke Pines, FL 33029**

**CHARGE / INCIDENT: Aggravated Animal Cruelty**

**SUSPECT(S) - NAME, AGE, DOB, RACE, SEX, ADDRESS:**

**#1: Daniel M. Smith, 21, 11.01.1996, W/M, 18281 NW 19 Street, Pembroke Pines, FL 33029**

**VICTIM(S) - NAME, AGE, DOB, RACE, SEX, ADDRESS:**

**#1. Twelve (12) week old, male puppy, mixed terrier breed**

## **INCIDENT SUMMARY**

**On Thursday, July 19, 2018 at 2:19 p.m., members of the Pembroke Pines Police Department responded to the Lead ER Animal Specialty Hospital, located at 9410 Stirling Road, Cooper City, FL 33024.**

**A preliminary investigation conducted by Officer Michele Fanelli, and attending veterinary professionals, revealed that a puppy suffered intentional acts of cruelty and torture which resulted in unjustifiable pain and critical injury. As such, the puppy required 24/7 Intensive Care Unit treatment.**

**Officer Fanelli is connected to the Pembroke Pines Police Animal Assistance Program, and received specialized training in the field of animal cruelty. The outcome of Officer Fanelli's investigation caused the suspect to voluntarily surrender his ownership rights over the puppy, and also activated an arrest warrant for the suspect.**



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**On Thursday, July 25, 2018, the suspect was arrested and transported to the Broward County Jail. Copies of the Not In Custody Arrest Affidavit, as well as the Probable Cause Arrest Affidavit are attached to this media release.**

**The puppy remains under the professional care and treatment of the Lead ER Animal Specialty Hospital, and is expected to make a full recovery. Members of the public who wish to contribute toward the puppy's medical expenses may inquire by text message only to the hospital's secondary mobile device.**

**The Lead ER secondary mobile device (for text messaging only) is: 954.348.7849**

**The Pembroke Pines Police Department investigates all reports of animal cruelty, and would like to remind our community that there is no excuse for animal abuse.**