

# Ardmore Police Department

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## Animal Cruelty Complaint

On Tuesday March 17, 2009, Ardmore Police Department responded to a Animal Cruelty complaint. Officer Justin Eastwood was advised by Ardmore Communications that an individual was dragging a dog behind his bicycle.

Communications advised several individuals had reported seeing the man pulling the dog in the 1900 block of Refinery Road. Officer Eastwood and Animal Control Officer Chris Miller met with the alleged suspect later identified as Antonio Ray.

Animal Control Officer Miller immediately took control of the injured pit bull and transported the dog to the Animal Shelter. The dog died before any treatment could be attempted. Officer Eastwood gathered information for the investigation.

Ray was later taken into custody by Officer Eastwood and transported to the Carter County Detention Facility. Antonio Isiah Ray, B-M, Dob: 11-30-1971 was arrested for Animal Cruelty. Charges will be forwarded to the Carter County District Attorneys office for review and determination.

It was determined during the investigation that the dog had multiple injuries on the animal's side, stomach and paws.