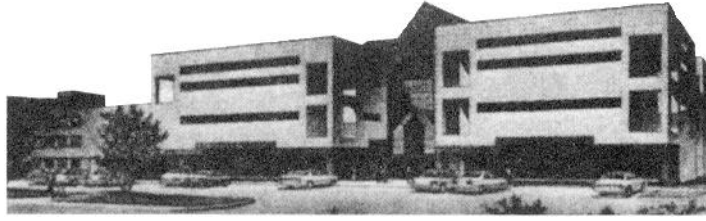




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Mistreatment of Animals Arrest

On Friday, January 26th, 2024, at 1:35pm, the Waukesha County Communications Center was notified of a family dog that was found deceased inside of the owner's residence in the Village of Sussex. Upon arrival of deputies, they observed the deceased dog to have an injury consistent with a stab wound and a plastic bag had been placed over the dog's head. The family had a babysitter at the home on January 25th and suspected she had killed the dog, Batman, an 8-year-old Chihuahua.

The 18-year-old female babysitter was interviewed at her residence in Washington County about the incident. She was subsequently arrested for mistreatment of animals, a violation under WI State Statute 951.02, and placed in the Waukesha County Jail. Because the mistreatment led to the death of the animal, she has been held on the felony charge until her initial court appearance.

While the victims of this incident grieve the loss of a beloved family pet, the Waukesha County Sheriff's Department fully recognizes the severity of this crime. We are continuing to process evidence that was gathered at the scene in support of a criminal prosecution.

The Waukesha County Sheriff's Department was assisted by the Washington County Sheriff's Department.

No additional information is available at this time.

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