



City of Middletown Connecticut Middletown Police Department



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PRESS RELEASE – ANIMAL CRUELTY ARREST

On February 23, 2022 at approximately 7:12pm the Middletown Police received a walk in complaint of animal cruelty and domestic related threatening. The complainant stated that 28-year-old Michael Bolton was abusing his 14-week old puppy and threatening to kill the dog if the complainant didn't come to his house. She then turned over a video to Animal Control. Bolton can be heard and seen in the video saying "You don't believe me? I will fuck her up". He then repeatedly abused a small puppy by hitting the animal in the head and grabbing her throat to force her onto the ground.

Animal Control and Patrol Officers responded to Bolton's residence at 59 Stoneycrest Drive in Middletown. They made contact with Bolton and confirmed that he was the same person in the video. Bolton denied abusing the puppy and stated he was disciplining the dog earlier in the day. He also denied making threats to kill the animal.

Officers arrested Bolton and charged him with Animal Cruelty and Threatening 2nd Degree. He was held on a \$50,000 bond and transported to court on February 24, 2022. Animal Control took the dog from Bolton's residence for treatment and her safety.



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