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## Pair Charged with Animal Cruelty

Halifax, NS (January 2019)- On December 14, 2018 at approximately 1:25 p.m. The Nova Scotia Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA) responded to a report of animal cruelty involving a young dog. The SPCA with the assistance of the Halifax Regional Police conducted an investigation leading to a 21-year-old Halifax woman and a 38-year-old Dartmouth man being arrested on December 22, 2018.

“This was a very complex and severe case of neglect so we were pleased to have the assistance and support of Halifax Police”. Chief Provincial Inspector, Jo-Anne Landsburg.

Asia Chanel Jones and Ricardo Angelo Sparks are scheduled to appear in Halifax Provincial Court on February 5 to face charges under the criminal code of causing unnecessary suffering 445(1)(a) and causing damage or injury 446(1)(b).

The NS SPCA operates on a policy of zero tolerance for animal cruelty and sets the standard of animal care for the province of Nova Scotia. The NS SPCA urges you to report acts of animal cruelty by contacting our confidential toll free hotline at: 1-888-703-7722

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