



Colorado Voters for Animals

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DA Alonzo Payne
426 San Juan Ave
Alamosa, CO 81101

Dear District Attorney Payne,

I am writing to you after having received complaints within Judicial District 12, alleging you have not been seriously pursuing cases of animal abuse, neglect, and cruelty.

As you are probably aware, there is clear and well documented evidence that animal cruelty is not confined solely to nonhumans. Many school shooters, as well as serial killers, have prior histories of animal cruelty. For some it was a step empowering them to pursue more heinous crimes towards humans. More information about the connection can be found by visiting the Colorado Link Project (<https://coloradolinkproject.com>) or the National Link Coalition (<https://nationallinkcoalition.org>).

Cases specifically brought to my attention alleging extreme leniency include: 2019-D0122019 CR000033 (CHS Case# 19-8094), 2020- M38 (CHS Case# 19-8568), 210665, C532021M104, C532021M184, 2020-M52, CHS Case #21-9906, CHS Case #21-9762, C22021M205, CHS Case# 21-9891, and CHS Case#20-8857.

Colorado Voters for Animals' mission is to identify and help elect animal-friendly lawmakers, and then work with them to pass sensible animal welfare and protection laws. As such, CVA cannot be involved in the matter beyond logging inquiries and letting others know the process for filing formal complaints.

Notwithstanding, Colorado Voters for Animals would be remiss if it did not reach out to you for comment regarding these accusations and, if true, would be obligated to encourage constituents not to vote for you in the next election cycle.

Prosecutors should be tough on crime and not ignore the connection between animal abuse and more serious crimes against humans. While I hope the accusations are unfounded, the sheer number would tend to indicate otherwise.

Respectfully,

Roland Halpern
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