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ELGIN MAN ACCUSED OF SEVERELY BEATING DOG, REQUIRING EUTHANIZATION JUDGE SETS BAIL AT \$200,000

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Kane County State's Attorney Joe McMahon has charged 27-year-old **Gonzalo Villagomez** with the offenses of:

- Animal torture, Class 3 felony
- Aggravated cruelty to animals, Class 4 felony

Kane County prosecutors allege that July 9-10, 2020, Villagomez inflicted severe and extensive injuries to a 2-year-old female Rottweiler mix that was in his care for about a day. The dog was in good health at the time her owner left Villagomez with it. When the owner returned home the dog wasn't moving and had blood coming from her mouth and ears. Elgin police took the dog to an animal clinic, where veterinarians euthanized her to prevent further suffering.

A necropsy revealed that the dog suffered injuries to its abdomen, throat and head, had a lacerated liver and fluid in its lungs consistent with blunt force trauma, and had burns over 25 percent of her body.

Villagomez appeared today in Kane County bond court. Kane County Circuit Judge Michael Noland set name's bail at \$200,000, with 10 percent (\$20,000) to apply for bond. Judge Noland set Villagomez's next court appearance for 1 p.m. Aug. 14, 2020, in Courtroom 217 at the Kane County Judicial Center.

The charges against Villagomez are not proof of guilt. Villagomez is presumed innocent and is entitled to a fair trial in which it is the state's burden to prove his guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

Gonzalo Villagomez: Age 27 (d.o.b. 8-6-1993), of the 200 block of Villa Street, Elgin, Illinois. Case No. 20CF1411.