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Man Arrested

MELBOURNE, Fla. – A man has been arrested for felony animal cruelty following an investigation by Brevard County Animal Services & Enforcement and the Melbourne Police Department.

On the evening of February 10, a citizen contacted the Animal Services emergency call center stating they had found a puppy inside of a plastic bag with a sock inside of its mouth in the 3000 block of North Wickham Road in Melbourne. The citizen removed the sock; however, the puppy was barely responsive.

Corporal Hillary Young of Brevard County Animal Services and Enforcement responded and transported the canine to the Animal Emergency Care Center located in Melbourne, and then secured evidence from the scene.

Despite all efforts, the puppy died this morning. Due to circumstances surrounding the puppy's death, an investigation was initiated by BASE.

Officer Saccareccia of the Melbourne Police Department, along with Sgt. Christopher Robinson and Investigator Carla Mercer of Brevard County Animal Services & Enforcement, conducted a field investigation which resulted in the arrest of 20-year-old Daniel Ham on the charge of felony animal cruelty.