

# **Defendant Pleads to Felony Animal Neglect**



## Sacramento County District Attorney's Office

*Semper Justitia*

**DATE:** January 22, 2019

**CASE:** Brandon Carter Goodnight (Case #18FE020937)

**PROSECUTOR:** Supervising Deputy District Attorney Hilary Bagley-Franzoia, Animal Cruelty Unit

Brandon Carter Goodnight pled to felony animal neglect, alleging he caused needless suffering to his two dogs.

On October 30, 2018, sheriff's deputies went to Goodnight's residence looking for a woman who was wanted on a felony warrant.

In one of Goodnight's bedrooms, deputies found a deceased female dog that had obviously been starved to death. Although Goodnight initially attempted to blame someone else for leaving the dog in the bedroom for months, the animal had been microchipped to Goodnight in 2014.

In the backyard of the home, deputies found another starved dog barely alive. That dog survived and is recovering at the Sacramento County Bradshaw Animal Shelter.

Goodnight will be sentenced to the maximum allowed by law, 3 years in prison. Sentencing is set for February 13, 2019, at 8:30 a.m. in Department 61 before the Honorable Michael Sweet.