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Dog Killers in Court This Week

Two Butte County residents were arraigned in Superior Court this week charged with killing pet dogs. Butte County District Attorney Mike Ramsey announced both suspects were arraigned on felony animal cruelty charges on Tuesday, September 10, 2013.

Jose Luis Flores, 34, of Chico was charged in connection with the death of his mother's dog, a two-year miniature dachshund named "Shrek". Chico Police officers responded to a report from a neighbor on September 3, 2013, that a neighbor had discovered Shrek hanging by his neck from a shoestring tied to a shrub on Natoma Court in the city of Chico. Shrek's owner was determined to be Flores' elderly mother.

Flores had allegedly had an argument with his mother and his sister earlier that day. The mother and sister had left the residence, and left Shrek inside. When they returned a short time later, they discovered Shrek had been killed.

Flores is scheduled for a preliminary hearing in Superior Court on September 24, 2013. He remains in custody in Butte County Jail in lieu of \$15,000 bail.

Simonette Yvonne Ayala-Warr, 55, of Paradise was charged for the stabbing death of her poodle-mix dog named "Sasha." The charges stem from a September 2, 2013 incident when the Paradise Police Department received a report of a barricaded subject inside a residence. When officers arrived, they found Simonette Yvonne Ayala-Warr in her bedroom holding a knife. After a short standoff, Ayala-Warr placed the knife on the ground and surrendered claiming she had killed her dog.

Officers found Sasha covered with blood and lying dead in the bathroom shower. On the floor of the bathroom, they found a bloody five-inch fixed blade knife. Ayala-Warr was also found with a self-inflicted stab wound to her upper chest.

Ayala-Warr's case was continued to October 1, 2013 to evaluate Ayala-Warr's mental health. She remains in custody on \$40,000 bail due to the use of a knife.