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CHICO MAN ARRESTED FOR KICKING/KILLING DOG

A 23-year-old Chico man was arraigned in Butte County Superior Court this afternoon for kicking and killing the pet dog of a girlfriend last week.

Brandon Samdara Chin was charged with one count of felony CRUELTY TO AN ANIMAL. He was assigned a public defender and his case was continued to Wednesday morning to enter a plea.

District Attorney Mike Ramsey said the cruelty charge resulted from an incident on February 23, 2021, when Chin's girlfriend reported to have been seen him on her home's doorbell camera carrying the limp body of one-year-old Ginger, a male Chihuahua-Maltese mix of 14.4 pounds. She reported that Chin was seen carrying Ginger to the back patio of their residence where he rinsed the dog and the patio with water. Blood was seen in the water. A witness summoned by the girlfriend reported running into Chin in his vehicle and seeing Ginger inside a dog crate. The witness saw Ginger had severe head injuries and Chin admitted to her he had kicked Ginger in the face. Lifesaving efforts were given to Ginger by a veterinarian, however, due to his extensive injuries, it was determined the best course of action was to euthanize him.

Ramsey said Chin faces up to six years in state prison, which includes an enhancement for a previous strike conviction for Kidnapping in 2019. He is being held in Butte County Jail in lieu of \$115,000 bail.

