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CHICO MAN SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR KILLING DOG

A 23-year-old Chico man was sentenced in Butte County Superior Court this afternoon for beating and causing the death of the pet dog of a girlfriend.

Brandon Samdara Chin, 23, of Chico, had earlier plead no contest to one count of felony cruelty to an animal last month. Today he was sentenced to ten years and four months in state prison that included sentencing on prior convictions of domestic violence, kidnapping and sex with a minor.

District Attorney Mike Ramsey said the cruelty charge resulted from an incident on February 23, 2021, when Chin's girlfriend reported seeing him on her home's doorbell camera carrying the limp body of one-year-old Ginger, a male Chihuahua-Terrier mix of 14.4 pounds. She reported Chin 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 seeing Chin in his vehicle and seeing Ginger inside a dog crate. The witness saw Ginger had severe head injuries and Chin admitted he had kicked Ginger in the face. Lifesaving efforts were given to Ginger by a veterinarian, however, due to extensive injuries, it was determined the best course of action was to euthanize him. The conclusion of a necropsy found the dog's cause of death to be catastrophic blunt force trauma to the head. Ginger's trachea, esophagus, and stomach contained a large amount of blood suggesting he was alive for some time following the injury.

Ramsey said Chin's prior convictions were for misdemeanor domestic violence, felony kidnapping and felony domestic violence to an under-aged girl, and having sexual relations with another under-aged girl, a felony. He is being held in Butte County Jail until his transfer to state prison.

