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Press Release

To: Area media outlets

From: Hampton Police Department

Re: Arrest of Beth Bessemer

The Hampton Police Department has arrested and charged a Hampton woman in connection to an incident involving the death of a dog in her care.

On Saturday August 28, 2018, the Hampton Police Department received a complaint from a woman who alleged that her dog had died while in the care of a local pet groomer on June 21, 2018.

The Hampton Police Department conducted an investigation into the matter, and after reviewing relevant evidence and witness accounts, applied for and was granted an arrest warrant for two counts of Cruelty to Animals, both Class A Misdemeanor offenses, against Bessemer.

Police allege that on June 21, 2018 that Bessemer negligently permitted or caused a golden retriever that was in her possession or custody to be subjected to unnecessary suffering of any kind by leaving the dog unattended in a crate with a heated dryer blowing on him, and with a noose around his neck, which caused his death. Additionally, police allege an alternative theory that on the same date, that Bessemer negligently deprived the dog of necessary care and sustenance by leaving him unattended in conditions that were detrimental to his wellbeing, which caused his death.

On September 19, 2018, Bessemer turned herself into police on the open warrant. She was released on her own recognizance by a bail commissioner and is scheduled to be arraigned on October 30, 2018 at 8:00am in the 10th Circuit- Seabrook District Court. As part of her conditions of bail, Bessemer has been prohibited from contact with any other person's pets.

Anyone with information on this or any other incident occurring in the Town of Hampton is urged to contact the Hampton Police Department at 603-929-4444. Anonymous tips can be made through the Crimeline for the Hamptons at <https://www.tipsubmit.com> and selecting **Hamptons** as the region or by texting to the word CRIMES (274637) with the keyword **Hamptons**.

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