

'Domestic complaint' results in man's arrest for rare charge of bestiality

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A rare charge of bestiality was filed in Scott Superior Court on Thursday, October 3, against an Austin man after he allegedly had sexual relations with a pet dog.

Austin Patrolman Nathan Hall was dispatched to the residence of Steve Ray Anthony, 52, on Tuesday, October 1. He requested assistance, and deputies Joe Guarneri and Shawn Mayer responded.

Ptl. Hall said he talked to two women at the West York Street residence. The comments of one of the women, who identified herself as the wife of Anthony, were interpreted for the officers by the second woman.

The wife is alleged to have said her husband had been having sexual intercourse with the couple's pet dog. She added that the dog had stopped eating for the last few days and was acting "...strange."

That evening, she said she found Anthony with the dog in a shed behind the residence. Pornographic material was also found in the shed, the probable cause affidavit related.

In his reported comments to Deputy Guarneri, Anthony allegedly stated he was embarrassed about what he had done.

All items allegedly connected to the crime were confiscated. The dog was seized and placed with the Scott County Animal Shelter through an impoundment order filed with Superior Court. The pet received veterinary care.

Anthony will be responsible for all costs for the dog's care, including an initial \$100 bond.

When he had his initial hearing on Friday, October 4, a preliminary plea of not guilty was

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entered for Anthony. Bail was set at \$15,000 corporate surety bond/10% cash, and a jury trial date of January 14 was scheduled. The charge is a Class D felony in Indiana.

Anthony is being represented by a public defender.