



Judge Larry W. Allen
State of California Superior Court, San Bernardino County
Victorville District
14455 Civic Drive
Victorville, CA 92392

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Judge Allen,

As you should be well aware, a murderer was just apprehended in Germany after a viscous killing and cannibalistic act that was filmed and posted online.

The videos of Luka Magnotta torturing and killing animals shows similar methods of torture and dismemberment as those seen in his murder video. Luka Magnotta forewarned the media that his crimes were going to progress from those specific to animals onto those of humans as well. He was quoted in an interview 6 months ago saying:

"Well, I have to say goodbye for now, but don't worry, in the near future you will be hearing from me again. This time, however, the victims won't be small animals."

"I will, however, send you a copy of the new video I'm (sic) going to be making.... Once you kill, and taste blood, it's (sic) impossible to stop."

An article about this can be found at <http://www.ctv.ca/CTVNews/TopStories/20120601/uk-tabloid-warned-of-voilent-magnotta-120601/>.

It has been known for a long time there is a direct correlation and progression from crimes committed to animals to those on humans and the Magnotta case solidifies that fact. If crimes and cruelty committed against animals was properly monitored and investigated, such horrendous crimes such as Magnotta's could be avoided.

It is extremely important that any cases of animal abuse or cruelty are **not dismissed lightly**. The recent light sentencing you gave to Valentine's minor abuser of one year probation and 45 hours of community service - for such an atrocious act - is ridiculous. Furthermore, he should **NEVER** be able to own a dog (or any animal) for the rest of his life - not just for 1 year.

We will continue to monitor the abuser of Valentine for any escalation in criminal offenses as well as your rulings on any similar cases.

With respect for all life,

Chris DeRose
President & Founder, Last Chance for Animals