

Atlantic City Man Charged with Animal Cruelty

ATLANTIC CITY, NJ – On Tuesday, July 8, 2025, Edwin Sanabia, 26, from Atlantic City, NJ was charged with 13 counts of animal cruelty stemming from a case whereby it is alleged that he tortured, beat, and killed stray cats in his neighborhood. Acting on information received from citizens in the city, an Atlantic City Police Department Officer, who is also a trained Humane Law Enforcement Officer, investigated reports of the cruel torture and killing of cats by Sanabia in his Atlantic City neighborhood. The Officer's investigation revealed Sanabia would lure the abandoned and stray cats in his neighborhood into his residence with food. The investigation additionally revealed Sanabia would then torture, beat, and kill the cats. He disposed of the cats by throwing their bodies into a nearby dumpster.

Sanabia is also charged with other acts of animal cruelty by allegedly punching, hitting, and dragging other cats by their tail. Additionally, he is charged with allegedly beating several cats with sticks while they were hiding in a makeshift shelter on a neighbor's property.

The Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office thanks the efforts of the Atlantic City Police Department as well as those citizens who reported these offenses. We encourage our residents to report animal abuse and neglect to their local police departments.

*****These charges are merely an accusation and not proof of guilt. In all criminal cases, a charged defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.*****

Anyone with information about this incident or other crimes is asked to call the Atlantic County Prosecutor's Office at 609-909-7800 or go to the Prosecutor's Office Website at <http://www.acpo.tips> and provide information by filling out the form anonymously on the Submit a Tip page.

Crime Stoppers: People can also call Crime Stoppers at 609-652-1234 or 1-800-658-8477 (TIPS) or visit the Crime Stoppers Website at <http://www.crimestoppersatlantic.com/>. Crime Stoppers offers cash rewards for information leading to the arrest and indictment of those who commit crimes in Atlantic County.

