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### Woman Charged After Police Investigation

#### Update 10/04/21:

On Wednesday, September 29, 2021, 32-year-old Shaymeshia L. Washington was served with one count of felony animal cruelty. This is after an investigation into an incident in which promoted a response by the Henrico County Police Animal Protection to the 1900 block of Betner Court, where a dog was in the dumpster.

Ms. Washington is being held at the Henrico County Sherriff's Office without bond.

#### Update 09/14/21:

Officer Drinkwater with the Henrico Police Animal Protection Unit continues to investigate this incident. One Crime Stopper tip has been received and more information is needed. To the community member who submitted **Tip#517-C9110**, please contact **Officer Drinkwater at (804) 501-5000**. Additional details may also be submitted through Crime Stoppers – (804) 780-1000.

#### Original Release:

On Saturday, August 21st, community members contacted Henrico Police around 1100 to report a dog in the dumpster along the 1900 block of Betner Court. Henrico Police Animal Protection responded to the scene, rescuing the dog, an adult Boston Terrier from the dumpster. The officer transported the dog to a local emergency veterinary clinic for treatment and care where the terrier unfortunately had to be euthanized due to his condition.

The Henrico Police Animal Protection Unit investigates all reports of animal neglect and cruelty. Officers assigned to follow up on this tragic incident that claimed an animal's life need additional information. Officers believe this occurred between Thursday, August 19th, after 2:00 pm, and Saturday, August 21st, before 1100 am, when Henrico Police received the call for assistance.

If you have information about this incident, please call Crime Stoppers at 804-780-1000 or submit tips online at [www.P3Tips.com](http://www.P3Tips.com). In both methods, you may remain anonymous.



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