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Re: Case Number # 01SC06390, **Thomas Spencer**


Dear Solicitor Smith, Solicitor Carter, and D.A. Howard,

I am deeply saddened and sick at heart after reading about the above-referenced case where the defendant, Thomas Spencer, viciously and cruelly beat a 4-month-old puppy for hours. As you know, the puppy was returned to Spencer and later disappeared.

I am writing to ask that you establish an Animal Cruelty Task Force in Atlanta, to ensure that cases such as the above-referenced one can hopefully be prevented in the future, and if not prevented, fully prosecuted and punished. I understand that Spencer has also been accused or convicted of domestic violence. I'm sure that you are well aware of the well-documented link between animal abuse and abuse toward humans.

Please do everything that you can to establish a Task Force. Humane Americans all over the country are following this case. We are all watching the outcome very closely.

Sincerely,


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