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Dear Mr. Rackauckas:

We, the directors of Animal Advocates Alliance, would like to express our gratitude for your decision to charge Justin Carrafield with animal cruelty in connection with the stabbing of Azure, the eight-month-old puppy. It is clear that Mr. Carrafield acted with the depraved, vicious intent to harm an innocent animal. This type of disturbing behavior should be decisively condemned by society. Accordingly, we respectfully request that your department seek the maximum penalty allowed under the California Penal Code.

Again, thank you for seeking justice for Azure. It is our sincere hope that your department will continue to aggressively pursue all cases of animal cruelty in Orange County, including those that may not receive such extensive coverage in the media. Please do not hesitate to contact us at info@animaladvocatesalliance.org if we can be of any assistance in facilitating the prosecution of Mr. Carrafield. All four members of our board of directors are attorneys and are more than willing to help in any way.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lee Goldberg". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lee Goldberg
Director, Animal Advocates Alliance

Animal Advocates Alliance is a California 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation dedicated to promoting the humane treatment of animals through legal advocacy, humane education initiatives, and support of animal rescue and adoption.