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NEWS RELEASE
February 9, 2015

VPD Report Number: 15-01872 Date/Time Occurred: February 9, 2015, 1722
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Type of Incident: Felony Cruelty to Animals, Felon in

Possession of a Firearm, Terrorist Threat arrest

Location: 1500 Blk N. Turner

Name of Business (if applicable):

Suspect:Age:Arrested:1. Manuel Mesa35Yes

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Details: 2-9-2015, 1722 hrs, Officers responded to the 1500 block of N. Turner in regards to a man with a gun call. Upon arrival, Officers observed a male subject on the front porch of a residence, who ran inside. This subject was later identified as (S)Manuel Mesa, 35 years. A witness reported observing (S)Mesa stomp and kick a small dog, and throw it into the street. A deceased dog was located in the street. Officers contacted (S)Mesa inside his residence, where he was taken into custody. During a search of the residence, a loaded 12 gauge shotgun was also located. (S)Mesa was transported and booked at the pre-trial facility for felony charges of Cruelty to Animals, Felon in Possession of a Firearm, and Terrorist Threats.

Arresting / Investigating Officer: Patrol Supervisor: Sgt. Pree

