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## ***NEWS RELEASE***

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### **MAN GUILTY IN CRUELTY TO ANIMALS CASE**

A Denver jury has returned a guilty verdict in the case of a man accused of killing a family member's dog with a shovel.

**Joseph B. Trujillo** (dob: 10-16-63) was found as charged with one count of aggravated cruelty to animals, a class 6 felony.

On November 4, 2007, Denver police officers responded to the 100 block of South Bryant Street to assist animal control officers on a report of a dead dog. Further investigation revealed that Trujillo had become upset with a Chihuahua that belonged to a family member and had beat it to death with a shovel.

Trujillo, who is also facing habitual criminal charges, is scheduled to be sentenced June 20, 2008 at 1:30 p.m.